

Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kallweit with members: Kallweit, Zach, Preister, Meyer, Brandl, Huettner, Korth, Schemek, and Baumgart.

Open meetings act is posted in the Humphrey Public School Music room #107

The meeting was legally advertised for public notice in the Humphrey Democrat.

Visitor present was Patrick Murphy, from the Humphrey Democrat.

The minutes from the January 11, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The January Financial report was reviewed by the Board.

It was moved by Meyer and seconded by Brandl to approve the February general fund, and special building fund bills and claims as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

Ron Krings, Head Maintenance/Custodial gave his report. Ron shared that the electrical problem on the second floor will be finished on Friday, February 12, 2021. The final work on the alarm system should also be taken care of also on Friday, Feb. 12.

Brice King, Principal gave his report. Congratulations to Paige Nolan, Ashley Pfeifer, Coach Christensen and Coach Stone for qualifying for the State Bowling Tournament. Paige and Ashley competed in the individual competition on Monday, February 8. Ashley finished 27th and Paige finished 37th in the individuals competition. Elementary teachers and Mr. Osborn attended our curriculum writing workday in Stanton on Friday, February 5. Elementary teachers reviewed textbook bundles and then started working on writing the science curriculum. Junior High and High School teachers identified common courses and then started the same process. Grades 5 & 8 will take the science field test this spring. There will not be any results shared with us. They are simply testing the questions. The regular NSCAS (reading & math) will be taken by grades 3-8. We will receive scores, but scores will not be shared with the public or parents. They are testing test items to prepare for the switch through the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Graham and the FFA program will be celebrating FFA week the week of February 22-26. We have been working together to provide activities for students to learn more about agriculture education. We held our in-service today, February 8, 2021. Staff updated their Marzano instructional goal, we completed a team building activity, Mrs. Luedtke provided training on the new Clevertouch boards, and then we split elementary and secondary staff to discuss various topics at each level. The Booster Club recently completed a Wish List for each teacher in the building. Teachers were able to request certain items for their classrooms and the Booster Club was able to purchase quite a few items for them. The teachers greatly appreciate the support. Mr. King thanked everyone for stepping up and serving on our school board. You may not hear it as much as you should, but the students and staff greatly appreciate your support.

Greg Sjuts, Superintendent gave his report. Mr. Sjuts also thanked the current and past school board members for their time, dedication and commitment to improving education for ALL students and supporting our entire staff and administration. Mr. Sjuts is working on a date from John Weidner, Superintendent at Twin River, Renae Van Driel, Softball Coach at Twin River and Spencer Zysset, Athletic Director from Twin River, Andy Bishop, Principal from Lindsay Holy Family, Kandee Hanzel, Athletic Director, and Mr. Sjuts to meet and discuss all the information necessary to cooping softball next year with Lindsay Holy Family and Twin River. Also Mr. Sjuts is working on the 2021-2022 PK-12 School Calendar with Jennifer Dunn and Andy Bishop and will have it as an agenda item in March or April. We are also updating forms and want to post the Preschool registration forms in the Wednesday, March 10th or 17th Humphrey Democrat and on our school website. The current DHM of 50% for indoor activities is still in effect but Mr. Sjuts has heard that it will most likely change to 75% capacity for district competitions. Mr. Sjuts will send out our updated COVID-19 protocols via the Connect 5 related to winter activities. With the Board approval, Mr. Sjuts would like to propose that we allow the elementary age students /coaches the opportunity to use the gymnasium for games starting Sunday, February 14, or 21 as long as someone is present to enforce the wearing of masks at activities. We host a Speech meet on Saturday, February, 13, 2021 in Humphrey so it may or may not be cleaned in time for use that Sunday afternoon for elementary students. Mr. Sjuts updated the Board on the 2021 Legislature and bills that impact the district. Congratulation to our 2021 State Girls Bowling qualifiers, Paige Nolan

and Ashley Pfeifer along with Coaches Nathan Stone and Dustin Christensen. State for Girls Bowling is Monday, February 8, 2021.

Mrs. Kande Hanzel, CLOSE-UP sponsor, updated the Board on how the Close-Up trip that was postponed last summer to this summer is going. Mrs. Hanzel talked the the Close-Up representative who lines up flights and other details, she shared this information with the board and after a lengthy discussion about possible opportunities for this summer 2021, the board along with Mr. Sjuts, Mr. King and Mrs. Hanzel, decided due to the large registration amount and the possibility of losing the registration if we choose not to attend Close-Up this summer in Washington DC, decided that Humphrey Public would NOT be attending Close-Up this summer and would refund students their fundraising money and put a letter together for students and parents outlining this information. Mrs. Hanzel is looking into the possibility of having students (current sohpomores & juniors) attend Close-Up in the summer of 2022.

Information from the Monday, February 8, School Improvement Committee meeting was shared with the Board by Mr. Sjuts and Mr. King and is included above.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Zach to approve the 2021-2022 Application for Distribution of Funds for the Textbook Loan Program according to Rule 4. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Preister and seconded by Korth to approve the proposed ESU #7 Levy/Core Services plan for the 2021-2022 school year as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Brandl and seconded by Baumgart to approve the request from Mrs. Weldon to have (6.5) six and a half semester credit hours approved for future advancement on the salary schedule as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Meyer to go into closed sessions for the board at 8:19 p.m. for the purposes of discussing personnel, Superintendent and Principal salaries for the 2021-2022 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Meyer and seconded by Schemek to come out of closed session at 8:29 p.m. where personnel, Superintendent and Principal salaries for the 2021 2022 was discussed. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Meyer and seconded by Korth to approve a 3.5% salary increase for Mr. Sjuts for the 2021-2022 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Brandl and seconded by Baumgart to approve the Grades 7-12 Principal contract for Brandon Kirby for the 2021-2022 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Zach and seconded by Brandl to approve a 3.5 salary increase for Mr. King for the 2021-2022 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Meyer to adopt the 2021-2022 Negotiated Agreement presented by the Negotiations Committee as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

The next regular school board meeting is Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Korth to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE:
Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, ABSENT; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES;
Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES.
Motion Carried 9 YES 0 NO

Julie Preister, Board Secretary