

## **Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting**

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

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 were Patrick Murphy, from the Humphrey Democrat, Randy, Kitty and Matt Gronenthal, Allie Goering, Brandon Kirby, Nicki Gronenthal, and Michelle Brandl.

Randy and Kitty Gronenthal were in attendance to talk about three different topics, masking protocols that were in place last year at Humphrey Public, the proposed state health standards and critical race theory as well as the state of our current sports cooperative with Lindsay Holy Family. They shared with the school board that they attended the town hall meeting with Governor Ricketts about Health standards. They had questions about the sports cooperative we have with Lindsay Holy Family. The family asked the school board where they stood on the health standards along with the Critical Race Theory. Mr. Sjuts and the Board explained that Humphrey Public Schools are not in favor of the current draft proposal of health standards and that Humphrey Public does not teach the Critical Race Theory as is is not part of the state standards and is not included in our current curriculum. Mr. Sjuts explained that there is no state requirement to teach the Critical Race Theory.

Nicki Gronenthal and Michelle Brandl spoke about sending letters to the State Commissioner stating we are against the proposed state health standards.

The minutes from the June 14, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The June Financial report was reviewed by the Board.

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

Ron Krings, Head Maintenance/Custodial gave his report. Roofing projects are about 95% complete. Press box expansions are on hold until January. Vinyl posts for \$2,650.00 down at the football field around the bleachers should be completed by end of July. The city will be bringing white rock to the complex. The fire alarm system will be finished in a few days. Ron discussed about some spots on the track that needs to be attended to.

Brice King, PK-6 Principal gave his report. Mrs. Goering, Kindergarten teacher, will be having her baby in August. Her maternity leave sub will be Michelle Kotas. She was a student teacher in Stanton this past spring. She was part of our curriculum days with Stanton and Michelle is familiar with our teachers and curriculum. Teachers have been attending various workshops throughout the summer for teachers to attend in their field including MANDT training. Mrs. Luedtke has moved her office by the gym to the DL room off the library. There will be one to two periods that her room may be used for DL students. Mr. Kirby's office is in Mrs. Luedtke's old office. We are in the process of creating a space on the second floor on the elementary side for a "Sensory" room. The flex summer school for grades k-3 has wrapped up. Progress reports will be sent out this week. Mrs. Weldon and Mr. King will be going over the reports before we get them mailed.

Greg Sjuts, Superintendent gave his report. Mr. Sjuts welcomed Mr. Kirby, grades 7-12 Principal to the Bulldog Family. Mr. Sjuts was able to finalize the three para positions with quality candidates. Morgan Siedschlag, Jordyn Borer and Jacqueline (Jackie) Weidner are all set to start Monday, August 9. We are looking at the possibility of adding a 3-day Para depending on our case load and need. Mr. Sjuts would like to go back to past years of allowing students into the school building at 7:30 a.m. Last year, due to COVID-19, the school changed to the doors opening up at 7:45 a.m. The board agreed and approved Mr. Sjuts recommendation to allow students to enter school at 7:30 a.m. and have the opportunity to eat breakfast and visit with their peers and teachers. Mr. Sjuts would like to transfer \$40,000.00 into a CD that will stay in the Special Building fund to pay for future track/new turf at the track-football complex. The 2021-2022 annual Bus Training meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, at 6:40 p.m. Brad Mead, trainer from Mid-States School Bus will be coming out again this year to complete the Mandatory Rule 91 which is a 2-hour training and dexterity test. Mr. Sjuts is currently working on the Budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Service Master is proposing a large increase (\$10,884.00) for their 2021-2022 custodial services. This along with adding a 7-12 Principal, the insurance /salary increase will obviously increase our budget with these figures. Mr. Sjuts visited with Sam Fisher with Fisher Tracks in Boone, IA. They are having a

difficult time getting the black structural spray to put on the track surface. Fischer Tracks will keep us posted on the arrival of the spray from the manufacturer. FFA is wanting to travel to the 2021 National FFA Convention October 27-30, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The group would leave Columbus late on October 26, and return early morning on October 30. The Humphrey FFA plans to go with the Nebraska Group on the buses as they have in the past. The board agreed with Mr. Sjuts recommendation at this time to permit the FFA group to attend the National Conference with the understanding that if there are health concerns due to COVID variants, that we can make the final decision to attend once we get closer to the conference date.

There was no School Improvement Committee meeting held since our last board meeting.

It was moved by Brandl and seconded by Baumgart to approve the Student/Parent handbook changes for the 2021-2022 school year as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Meyer, YES; Brandl, YES; Huettner, YES; Zach, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Schemek, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Korth and seconded by Huettner to approve the Teacher's Handbook changes for the 2021-2022 school year as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Meyer, YES; Brandl, YES; Huettner, YES; Zach, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Schemek, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Meyer and seconded by Korth to approve the updated 2021-2022 Classified Employee handbook as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Meyer, YES; Brandl, YES; Huettner, YES; Zach, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Schemek, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Preister and seconded by Baumgart to approve the updated 2021-2022 Humphrey Public Schools Pupil Safety Security and Transportation Plan as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Meyer, YES; Brandl, YES; Huettner, YES; Zach, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Schemek, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Kallweit to approve the August 2021 Bond Fund payments as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Meyer, YES; Brandl, YES; Huettner, YES; Zach, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Schemek, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO

The next regular school board meeting is Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Schemek to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Meyer, YES; Brandl, YES; Huettner, YES; Zach, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES; Baumgart, YES; Schemek, YES. Motion Carried. 9 YES 0 NO

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Julie Preister, Board Secretary