

Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-President Zach with members: Zach, Tasa, Huettner, Brandl, Baumgart, and Preister. Excused absence for Kallweit, Beller, 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 was Aaron Korth.

The minutes from the November 9, 2020 board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The November Financial report was reviewed by the Board.

It was moved by Brandl and seconded by Tasa to approve the December general and special building fund bills and claims as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, ABSENT; Beller, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSENT; Tasa, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 6 YES 3 ABSENT 0 NO

Ron Krings, Head Maintenance/Custodial gave his report. Some LED Lighting will be done at the bus barn for \$1,998.08. This will be done over the Christmas break. There is one heat pump that needs to be replaced to keep the temperature regulated. This will cost \$4,000.00. On December 22, some insurance work will be done also during Christmas break on the emergency generator panel and reprogram the system in the 2nd floor mechanical room.

Brice King, Principal gave his report. We currently have eight seniors that have completed or are completing college courses. As a total they have completed 110 credit hours. We have five juniors doing the same. They have completed 24 credit hours. On Tuesday, November 24, we held our teacher in-service. Otis Pierce from ESU presented online resources that teachers could utilize. He also, along with Mitzi Luedtke worked with staff individually to provide technology assistance with Zoom or other items to prepare for the remote learning day. Brooke Kavan also presented on assigning purposeful homework and grading practices. The staff enjoyed this presentation a lot. Thank you went out to Mitzi Luedtke for her work in getting students that needed the jetpacks (internet access) for our remote learning day ready. She also put together the surveys that we sent to parents, students, and staff. For the most part, the feedback was positive and it went better than expected. Things that came up as concerns was internet lagging, parents not home to help if needed, families that have more than one child zooming was more difficult for them to focus and there was some sound interference. Older siblings that were responsible for their younger siblings were more stressed out, parents expressed concern that learning from home isn't the best learning experience for them. Parents and staff would agree that having students in the building is best. There are no changes to the state assessment this year. Students will complete the assessment, but there will not be any student results given to the school districts. The science assessment is the field test that was supposed to be given last spring. They are expecting the science test to be the longest. The reading and math assessment will be between 30-40 questions. There is no remote option if we are in a remote learning environment. This would be similar to MAP testing, but would add a winter test, unlike the spring and fall that the students currently do. Mrs. Whited will be recording each elementary class and will be sending the recording out to parents using the student school Google Account. Mr. Bertrand will be having his concert in-person on Monday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Two tickets will be given to each family that has a student in band or choir. Those attending must be family members and wearing masks.

Greg Sjuts, Superintendent gave his report. Congratulations to our two incumbents, Tim Meyer and Mike Brandl on being re-elected to the Board of Education. Also congratulations to our two new members, Aaron Korth and Paul Schemek. Mr. Sjuts received the certified copy of the election results in the mail from Platte County Election Commissioner, Connie Sebourm. Mr. Sjuts talked on Thursday, November 19, with John Weidner, Superintendent, from Twin River, about cooping softball next year with Humphrey and Lindsay Holy Family. Mr. Weidner told him that he also sent an invite to Fullerton, but does know that HLHF is very interested in cooping softball with Twin River. Mr. Weidner is going to discuss this with his school board, the softball parents, and their softball coach Renae Van Driel to make sure they understand the cooperative. Governor Ricketts put out a new DHM that went into effect on December 12, 2020, going to 50% for indoor activities but the NSAA is still requiring schools to stay at 25% thru January 3, 2021 while allowing household members and grandparents only into activities. Our Risk Dial for the East Central Health District including Platte County has moved into the Orange color which is down

from the previous week which was red. We still want to remain vigilant to the coronavirus and do the right things so we can get this virus under control for everyone involved. We are continuing to work with EMC, our insurance company on a claim. The repairs for the emergency generator panel and reprogram the system in the mechanical room on the 2nd floor have not yet been completed. Mr. Sjuts discussed not having school on Tuesday, December 22, which is a 12:00 dismissal for students. Mr. Sjuts would have teachers work the morning as an in-service, from home or at school. The school board approved the request from Mr. Sjuts and he will communicate this information with the staff, students and parent tomorrow. Mr. Sjuts is also working with the ESU#7 and the East Central District to put a list of staff member together who would like to take the COVID-19 vaccine in phase 1b of the vaccine.

School Improvement Committee meeting was on Tuesday, November 24. Mr. King and Mr. Sjuts will share the information with the Board in their individual announcements.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Tasa to approve the Local Substitute Teaching Certificate request for Samantha Zoucha as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, ABSENT; Beller, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSENT; Tasa, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 6 YES 3ABSENT 0 NO

It was moved by Tasa and seconded by Baumgart to approve the Local Substitute Teaching Certificate request for Tyra Reardon as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, ABSENT; Beller, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSENT; Tasa, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 6 YES 3ABSENT 0 NO

It was moved by Preister and seconded by Tasa to approve the Local Substitute Teaching Certificate request for Haley Pasonault as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, ABSENT; Beller, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSENT; Tasa, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 6 YES 3ABSENT 0 NO

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Tasa to go into closed session of the Board at 8:10 p.m. for the purposes of discussing personnel, certified staff salaries, and negotiation updates for 2021-2022. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, ABSENT; Beller, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSENT; Tasa, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 6 YES 3ABSENT 0 NO

It was moved by Tasa and seconded by Baumgart to come out of closed session at 8:37 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, ABSENT; Beller, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSENT; Tasa, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 6 YES 3ABSENT 0 NO

The next regular school board meeting is Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Tasa to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, ABSENT; Beller, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, ABSENT; Tasa, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 6 YES 3ABSENT 0 NO

Julie Preister, Board Secretary