

## Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by President Kallweit with members: Kallweit, Zach, Preister, Meyer, Brandl, Huettner, Schemek, and Baumgart. Excused absence for Korth.

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 April 12, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The April Financial report was reviewed by the Board.

It was moved by Meyer and seconded by Schemek to approve the May 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, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, YES; Korth, ABSENT; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES.

Motion Carried 8 YES 0 NO 1 ABSENT

Ron Krings, Head Maintenance/Custodial gave his report. Ron has a summer schedule that he is working with Service Master and Charlie Moser.

Brice King, Principal gave his report. Staff and Teacher appreciation week was May 3-7. We greatly appreciate all of our staff for their dedicated work in getting us through a school year of unknowns. Each member plays an important role in our school and we as administrators are thankful for them. On Tuesday, May 11, we will be hosting a class registration night for students currently in grades 8-11. This will allow Ms. Oelsligle and Mr. King to discuss course offerings, dual credit courses, graduation requirements, and the importance of the student's GPA. Our HLHF awards night was held on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and our high school academic night was held on Thursday, April 29. It was great to recognize all of our students for their achievements throughout the year. We had another successful graduation. Thank you Julia Preister for representing the board and presenting diplomas. Elementary Awards day will be held on Tuesday, May 11. Teachers will present awards to students for their achievements throughout the year. District golf will be held on Monday, May 17, in Humphrey. District track will be held on Wednesday, May 12, in Hartington. The JH/HS music concert was held on Thursday, April 29, after our academic awards night. This seemed to work well in having both the same night as the majority of JH/HS students are in choir or band. Our K-12 Social Studies curriculum has arrived. Michelle will be marking them and then we will get them into the teacher's hands so they have time over the summer to look over the materials. I will be meeting with the Principal from Stanton this week to discuss setting up training for teachers at our April in-service. We went through a variety of announcements and worked with our elementary teachers in finalizing our Summer Flex program.

Greg Sjuts, Superintendent gave his report. Mr. Sjuts thanked Tim Howard, Elliot Zach and Bank of the Valley for their financial support to Humphrey Public School. At the Thursday, April 29, Awards Ceremony, Bank of the Valley presented a check from the School Pride Card Program in the amount of \$2,029.03. To date, our school with the School Pride Card Program has raised over \$7,088.64. Mr. Sjuts thanked all the teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation week for their dedication and commitment during a very difficult school year, we are very thankful for having awesome teachers. Mr. Sjuts discussed his reasons for the recommendation to the School Board to end the Mask Mandate at the end of the school year. Mr. Sjuts thanked the School Board for their support throughout the past year and a half during the Pandemic Together I believe we have made sound decisions based on the medical data and facts. We have been able to be in-person learning without interruption and have not missed one activity due to Humphrey Public's students/staff COVID outbreak and that is something very few schools can say. Most every adult that wanted to be vaccinated, has had the opportunity to do so, every student 16 years and older have also had the opportunity to be vaccinated. Based on the medical information from the ECHD, it appears that students 12 years and older will also have the opportunity to be vaccinated very soon. The DHM effective May 6 has lifted the quarantine for students. We have accomplished our goals of keeping our staff and students safe and healthy. We have been able to stay with in-person teaching/learning, we have not had to go to remote learning and we have been able to keep our students in activities all school year long. We have achieved a lot of success during a very difficult year because we have had the mask mandate in place. I believe we can now move forward in a safe manner and remove the mask mandate after the school year ends for students and staff. Mr. Sjuts also shared that if something medically changes with the Pandemic, there is new information or COVID outbreaks over the course of

the summer, we can put the mask mandate back into effect. Mr. Sjuts will monitor and make recommendations to the school board similar to this school year for the upcoming summer and school year. Summer Flex Funding will be held in June and July for grades K-3 students taking part in the Math and Reading interventions program. I have three staff, Mrs. Baumgart, Mrs. Weldon, and Mrs. Tara Korth that will be teaching. The dates for the summer program were communicated with parents in May. I have received resignations from three paras'. Mary Classen announced that she will be retiring, Haley Pasonault is leaving to pursue her degree in education and substitute teaching while going to college, and Makayla Hamling is resuming her college career in pursuit of her OT degree. They all did a great job for us and will be missed. As you are probably reading and hearing, the Health Standards are very controversial in the current draft form. I want our patrons to know and I want to go on record saying exactly what I said last month, that Mr. Sjuts is opposed to them as well and doesn't believe they are appropriate for our students and school. My belief is that we should have fewer standards, standards that are age appropriate and written by educators. There are many administrators and schools that believe the same as Humphrey Public School. There have been 9,490 responses and additional 2,500 emails shared with the NE State Board of Education about their thoughts with the Health standards currently in draft form. There are also state senators and educators around the state that are unhappy with the first draft of standards. NDE is currently working on the second draft and hopefully will have that available to the public to view and again provide feedback. Mr. Sjuts would like to thank Mitzi Luedtke for providing Live Streams during the 2020-2021 school year. She streamed 8 volleyball games, 14 basketball games, 3 Football games, 1 one act performance, and 1 concert. Mr. Sjuts discussed a stipend to Mrs. Luedtke for all her time and willingness to provide live streaming for Bulldog fans everywhere!! Mr. Sjuts received a letter and check from CVA on behalf of member-owners as part of Hometown Choice program. CVA donates \$1.00 for every gallon purchased of select fungicide to the school of their choice. Donating funds were Dennis Martensen, Tim Baumgart, Kevin Kallweit, Dean Pfeifer, Tom Preister, and Steve Sjuts. The check amount was for \$73.92. Thank you to our awesome supporters. Next month Mr. Sjuts will try to have information and prices to determine the 2021-2022 school breakfast/lunch prices. Mr. Sjuts discussed the 2021 Legislative updates with the board.

It was moved by Zach and seconded by Brandl to approve the request from Mr. Hesse to have (9) nine 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, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, YES; Korth, ABSENT; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 8 YES 0 NO 1 ABSENT

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Huettner to approve the request from Mrs. Weldon to have (2) 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, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, YES; Korth, ABSENT; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 8 YES 0 NO 1 ABSENT

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Meyer to approve the Additional Employment Agreement for Robyn Graham to complete 2021 Summer FFA services as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, YES; Korth, ABSENT; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 8 YES 0 NO 1 ABSENT

The next regular school board meeting is Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Schemek to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kallweit, YES; Schemek, YES; Huettner, YES; Brandl, YES; Zach, YES; Meyer, YES; Korth, ABSENT; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES. Motion Carried 8 YES 0 NO 1 ABSENT

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Julie Preister, Board Secretary