

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Independent School District #599
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
7:00 p.m., January 8, 2019
Fertile-Beltrami School Conference Room

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2019. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch, Paul Stromstad, Ryan Opdahl, April Swenby, Donna Genereux, Principal Messick, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Whitney Rupprecht, Joan Kronschnabel

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers

Rasch nominated member Stuhaug for chair, member Stuhaug being the only candidate nominated for chair was declared elected by acclamation.

Strem nominated member Erickson for vice chair, member Erickson being the only candidate nominated for vice chair was declared elected by acclamation.

Erickson nominated member Strem for clerk, member Strem being the only candidate nominated for clerk was declared elected by acclamation.

Stem nominated member Rasch for treasurer, member Rasch being the only candidate nominated for treasurer was declared elected by acclamation.

Rasch moved, Erickson seconded to set the board appointments and committees as follows:

Board Appointments:

Minnesota State High School League – Nathan Stuhaug
Legislative Liaison – Paul Stromstad, April Swenby
Pine to Prairie Vocational Board – Matt Erickson
Polk County Family Services Collaborative—Ryan Opdahl

Board Committees:

Staff Development – Nathan Stuhaug, Kylie Strem
Technology – April Swenby, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch
Community Education – Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug
Transportation – Nathan Stuhaug, Ryan Opdahl & Matt Erickson
Facilities – Nathan Rasch, Kylie Strem & Matt Erickson
Negotiations – Nathan Stuhaug, Nathan Rasch & Matt Erickson
Policy/Meet & Confer – Nathan Stuhaug, Matt Erickson & Nathan Rasch
Discipline – Nathan Rasch, Kylie Strem & April Swenby. UC

Swenby moved, Strem seconded to designate the Fertile Journal as the official school newspaper and the Red River State Bank of Fertile and the PMA Financial Network, Inc. as the official depositories. UC

Opdahl moved, Rasch seconded to delegate the authority to make electronic transfers to the Superintendent, the bookkeeper will initiate electronic transfers upon approval of the superintendent. UC

Stromstad moved, Erickson seconded to set the school board meetings and informational meetings for Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m., and March mtg on Monday (due to Township Elections), Informational Meetings- the 4th Tuesday of each month. UC

Erickson moved, Opdahl seconded to set the board per diem as

\$85 per meeting, \$100 for meetings over 4 hours & board chair stipend of \$500. UC

Rasch moved, Strem seconded to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 regular meeting, and Facilities Committee December 17, 2018. UC

Erickson moved, Rasch seconded to approve the agenda as presented/amended. UC

The following made public comments: none.

Cash balances for December were reviewed.

Erickson moved, Rasch seconded to approve payment of the January bills in the amount of \$748,393.65, for checks 61851-61937, and 2902-2922. UC

Teacher report: Mrs. Rupprecht reported on upcoming Science Fair activities in Feb.

Principal Messick reported on the following: elementary fund raiser for Ronald McDonald house, Arn Kind presented info to WWI for 7th/10th gr classes. Elem Christmas program held December 17th, January 21st staff development day will include Google Classroom training, Business Activities Day January 31st. Northwest Mental Health will present March 22 on Trauma Informed Learning.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: facility update, Phase II planning with Architect, GVTV numbers, Voluntary Pre-K program, Vex Robotics.

Member Rasch introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND
POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditures must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers; contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 599, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce

expenditures and, as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Opdahl and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Opdahl, Swenby, Stromstad, Strem, Rasch, Erickson, Stuhaug.

and the following voted against the same:
whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Erickson moved, Strem seconded, to authorize the continued use of the 2018 check signature plate until a new one can be obtained. UC

Second reading of Policy #533 Wellness

Rasch moved, Stromstad seconded, to accept a letter of resignation for Joanne Bannister-custodian. UC

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., February 12, 2019

An Informational meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., January 22, 2019

Chairman Stuhaug adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

_____ Chairman _____ Clerk