**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

**June 21, 2021**

A regular school board meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756,

Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center on June 21, 2021 at

7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.).

**OPEN FORUM:**  No comments.

**I. CALL TO ORDER –CHAIRPERSON**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL - CLERK** Melissa Stoen, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten,

Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent of Schools, Elementary School Principal,

High School Principal, Associate Principal, School Patrons,

Member of the Press

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jon Sunde

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the June 18, 2021 payroll amount. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Reports given by Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Worke, and Ms. Mach

**VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED**

1. **Minutes, Bills, Treasurer’s Report, Resignations, Donations**

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the school board minutes, bills, treasurer’s report, resignations/termination and donations. Motion carried. (6 Aye/

0 Nay)

1. **Employment**

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the employment of

Camden Heimerman as an elementary music teacher for the 2021-2022 school year with a start date of August 23, 2021. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the employment

of Cameron Rutledge as head boys’ basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the employment of Ross Reishus as the One Act Play Director for the 2021-2022 school. Motion carried. (6 Aye/

0 Nay)

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the employment of Kristine Smith as an elementary secretary. Official start date of August 16, 2021 with sporadic dates starting May 26, 2021 being worked up until that time. Regular duties/hours start on August 16, 2021 with approximately 32.5 hours worked per week. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

1. **Reassignments**

Motion Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the reassignment of Sarah Burkhart from a second grade classroom to a kindergarten classroom. She is replacing Rhea Carlson as the “Bridges” teacher. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the reassignment of

Stacey Busho from a kindergarten classroom to a first grade classroom using ESSER II funds. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the reassignment of Alexis Kath from a second grade classroom to a sixth grade classroom using ESSER II funds. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the reassignment of Lauren Nelson. She will have .33 of her position reassigned to STEM duties with this portion of her salary being paid with ESSER II funds. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the reassignment of Briana Goskesen. She will have .14 of her position reassigned to math intervention using ESSER II funds. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the reassignment of Kurt Foster. He will have .14 of his position reassigned to reading intervention using ESSER II funds. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the reassignment for Monica Anderson. Her duties as a high school secretary will change from approximately 20 hours per week to 32.5 hours per week along with assuming additional MARSS/EDFI duties. The official start date of this change will be August 16, 2021. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

1. **Volunteer Coaches**

No additional volunteers at this time.

1. **Return to In-Person Safe Learning Plan**

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the district’s “Return to In-Person Safe Learning Plan” which is a requirement in order to access ARP ESSER funding. The plan is currently posted under the “COVID-19 Related Information” tab on the school website. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY:**

1. **Presentation of Long-Range Planning Committee Meetings**

Vaughn Dierks from Wold Architects along with three members of the committee gave a

report which was very insightful.

Kelly Braaten made a motion which was seconded by Dean Meshke to approve hiring the

Morris Leatherman Company to conduct a phone survey to engage the general public to determine what needs should be addressed. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

1. **Committee Reports**

Committee report updates were given for the following committees: Education Foundation, Negotiations and ZED.

1. **Enrollment Data**

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year as of June 4, 2021 is 427 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 362 at the high school (grades 7-12) (351 attending BPHS and the equivalency of 11 full-time attending PSEO).

**D. Dates to Note**

The Board noted dates of importance.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Thank you to the administration, staff, parents and students for their work during the COVID-19

pandemic.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Pam Hameister to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried. (6Aye/0 Nay)

**Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday,**

**July 15, 2021, at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Media Center.**

**Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be Monday, July 19, 2021, at**

**7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.)**

**A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent’s office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Hameister

Clerk of the School Board

Independent School District #756

Blooming Prairie, Minnesota