

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #775 SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Independent School District #775
KMS Public Schools
Monday, September 10, 2018

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
7:30 p.m. KMS High School

Members present: Steve Collins, Jeremy Winter, Pam Mansfield, Philip Hauge, Amber Doering, Tom Walsh, Harmon Wilts and Martin Heidelberger. Members absent: none.

Also present: Annette Fernholz, Ted Almen, Ted Brown, Jeff Keil, Chris Rear, Diane Gronseth, Gary Gronseth, Joel Gronseth, Ingrid Gjerde, Mike Gjerde, Tara Olson, Jennifer Gjerde, Tiffany Collins, Janet Demuth, Becky Carlson, Matt Fragodt, Stephanie Helms, Chris Forsell, Angie Rudningen, Trista Larson and Kyle Anderson.

Chairman Tom Walsh called the meeting called to order 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Jeremy Winter and seconded by Harmon Wilts to approve the September 10, 2018 school board meeting agenda. Voting aye: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Public Comment: Kyle Anderson approached the board and mentioned that he and the public present appreciate the sensitivity of a student matter and the legalities involved. He expressed concern for the students involved and thanked the board for putting the safety of students first and foremost.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Steve Collins to approve the board minutes of August 13, 2018. Voting aye: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Amber Doering to approve payment of the bills. Roll Call: Winter, Hauge, Mansfield, Doering, Collins and Walsh. Motion made by Steve Collins and seconded by Phil Hauge to approve electronic payment of bills. Voting aye: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Gifts & Donations: None.

Chris Rear of ICS led the POC report. Elementary cafeteria is essentially complete with temporary occupancy and up and running. Project remains under budget with costs yet to be paid. Training is ongoing with Culinx and the kitchen staff.

Harmon Wilts let the Strategic Partnered Leadership Committee Report. The expanded committee had met in August and broken into groups to work on goal items.

Harmon Wilts led the Activities Committee report informing the board of his meeting with the Kerkhoven city council and agreement to go ahead with the ball field fence and agralime. Also touched on removal of old play equipment and will need to meet again about future play space needs. Pam Mansfield brought up speaker Cindra Kamphoff and thought the coach, parents, student and teacher sessions went very well and will now plan what to move forward with. Board members also mentioned their presence at the open house went well.

The board reviewed the September 4, 2018 enrollment numbers. Student numbers are still in flux but higher than the projection. Preschool student numbers were in excess of 93.

Motion made by Pam Mansfield and seconded by Amber Doering to approve a leave request for Hilary Clemenson from approximately mid-December to early March. Motion made by Jeremy Winter and seconded by Harmon Wilts to approve Kendra Thorson as preschool teacher, Sherrie Rakowski as HS paraprofessional, Andrea Olson as elementary paraprofessional and Jordan Helms HS interventionist. Voting aye: Unanimous, motion carries.

Mr. Keil led the principal reports of elementary field trips, safety drills, service dog presentations, preschool screening, new lunchroom and full-time social worker. Mr. Brown spoke of high school phone policies, 7th grade transition, PLT-Student Achievement and Engagement, Homecoming, Social Worker position and testing schedules. He also mentioned that there are teachers working on student data and achievement and a tutoring program and that he will monitor boys and girls state timelines.

Mr. Heidelberger presented the 2018 Payable 2019 levy and informed the board of truth in taxation timeline requirements and changes in levy amounts. Motion made by Jeremy Winter and seconded by Steve Collins to approve the 2018 Payable 2019 levy at Maximum. Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Jeremy Winter to set the Truth-In-Taxation meeting for December 10 at 7:30pm during the regular board meeting. Voting aye: Unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Heidelberger informed the board of projects continuing of the elementary football field and softball field sound system. ALICE training that had been held during fall workshop days and continued future training. He reminded the board that the October 8 board meeting is scheduled to take place in the KMS Elementary school.

Amber Doering mentioned teacher responses to fall training speakers and sessions. Spoke of the Strategic Partnered Leadership meeting, administrator presence in classrooms and providing feedback. She mentioned a community picnic to be held September 14 at the city park. Harmon Wilts reiterated the student incident challenges and the legal process involved. He reassured the board that working hard to assure the safety of students and staff and that we have a lot of good supporting people. Tom Walsh added the board, administrators and teachers are doing their best.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Walsh at 8:35 pm
