

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #152
PROBSTFIELD CENTER FOR EDUCATION
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Altenburg, Lisa Erickson, Cindy Fagerlie, Scott Steffes, Bill Tomhave, Matt Valan, and Brandon Lunak.

MEMBER ABSENT: Laurie Johnson and Dr. Lynne A. Kovash.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Fagerlie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led everyone in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK: Chair Fagerlie appointed Matt Valan to serve as clerk for the meeting.

PREVIEW OF AGENDA: Assistant Superintendent Lunak recommended approval of the agenda to proceed with revisions to pages 21, 22 and 49.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Erickson moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the agenda as corrected. Motion carried 6-0.

WE ARE PROUDS:

We Are Proud of Horizon Middle School students Megan Markert and Tor Kartenson who were selected for membership in the Minnesota Band Directors Association Grades 6-8 Honor Band for the 2014-2015 school year. Markert and Kartenson were two of the 78 students selected from 227 who auditioned. Their band directors are Olivia Schlotman and Denise Pesola.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School student Hannah Papenfuss for being selected a winner in the Barnes and Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest. Her winning poem, "A Teacher's Soul," is about Chris Lien, Moorhead High School language arts teacher. The contest asked students to write an essay, poem or letter sharing how a teacher has influenced their lives and why they appreciate and admire them.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High students Kendall Johnson and Maren Krugler who qualified for the 2015 Class AA state gymnastics meet. Johnson qualified in vault, and Krugler qualified in balance beam. Krugler received all-state honors for bars and all-state honorable mention on vault, beam, floor exercise and all-around. Johnson received all-state honorable mention on vault. Head coach is Toni Kleber, and assistant coach is Dave Valeski.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School gymnastics team for earning a Gold Academic Award for having a 3.824 team grade point average. Team members are Kendall Johnson, Kylie Olson, Maren Krugler, Tabatha Roman, Lesley Buegel, Hannah Jastram, Caylie Gilbertson and Amaya Cromwell. Head coach is Toni Kleber, and assistant coach is Dave Valeski.

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We Are Proud of Kari Yates, program manager for literacy and English learners, for writing the book “Simple Starts; Making the Move to a Reader-Centered Classroom,” published by Heinemann and released in March. Yates used her experience with literacy as a teacher, reading interventionist and principal to write her book, which is targeted toward elementary teachers with strategies for helping teachers manage and structure a reader-focused classroom where students develop a love of reading.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School Freshman Orchestra for receiving a Superior with Distinction rating at the Tier I Middle Level Orchestra Festival in Alexandria on February 11. The orchestra was accepted to perform at the Tier II Middle Level Orchestra Festival at Orchestra Hall on March 30. Anthony Eddleston directs the Moorhead High Freshman Orchestra.

We Are Proud of Moorhead orchestra students Samuel Stein and Kenan Stoltenow for being selected by audition for the 2015 MNSOTA Middle Level Honors Orchestra sponsored by the Minnesota String Orchestra Teachers Association. The honors orchestra is composed of the top grades 7-9 string students in Minnesota. The Middle Level Honors Orchestra performed at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Feb. 14. Anthony Eddleston is their Moorhead High orchestra teacher.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School students Abbie Clapp, Ana Nelson and Elisabet Samonides-Hamrick who were selected to perform with the 2014-15 Minnesota All-State Orchestra on Feb. 14 at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. The Minnesota All-State Orchestra is a highly competitive ensemble comprised of the top high school musicians from the state. Jon Larson is their Moorhead High orchestra teacher.

We Are Proud of the Horizon Middle School Science Olympiad team for placing third overall in the JV level at the regional competition at MSUM. Team members finished first in four events. At the state competition, team members placed in the top ten in three of their events and the top half in two other events. Team members are Jonathan Bartle, Calvin Darling, Margaret Dickey, Austin Goble, Andrew Gullickson and Bianca Turman. Christine Berg is the Science Olympiad coach.

We Are Proud of the Horizon Middle School Knowledge Bowl Team for completing an outstanding season. During October and November, the three teams from Horizon competed in three meets. At least two teams placed in the top three at each meet. Knowledge Bowl team members are Jonathan Bartle, Sutter Colborn, Rachel Craig, Austin Goble, Andrew Gullickson, Molly Hauf, Eric Hawley, Tor Kartenson, Ethan Kirkey, Terry Kreps, Lanie Leines, Lila Stanley, Bryant Stenberg, Bianca Turman, Zachary Van Raden, Erica Wenzel and Nicholas Wenzel. Karen Taylor is the Knowledge Bowl coach.

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MATTERS PRESENTED BY CITIZENS/OTHER COMMUNICATIONS: (Citizens who wish to address a non-agenda item have the opportunity to speak by raising their hand and being recognized by the School Board chair. Speakers must state their name and will be limited to three minutes. Speakers must complete the sign-up form, which outlines the public input process, and submit it to the School Board secretary.) None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Tomhave moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes - Approve the April 13, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Donation - Accept the donation of acrylic paints for the Red River Area Learning Center's arts program and direct administration to send a thank you. The donation is from K and Krafts and the value of the donation is \$130.00.

New Employees

Maisa Mabrouk - Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, Probstfield Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA (6) \$42,824.00, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (new position).

Becky Cutler - Learner Support Services Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary, 1.0 FTE, MA+30 (10) \$63,412.00, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (replaces Barb Osvold).

Jenna Hartkopf Math Teacher, Moorhead High School, 1.0 FTE, BA+30 (1) \$41,359.00 effective with the 2015-2016 school year (replaces Karen Schumacher).

Change in Contracts

Jim Smith - Operations Coordinator D61 (8) to Director of Property Services, D63 (8) \$75,354.00, effective July 1, 2015.

Robin Grooters - Director of Early Learning E82 (9) to Elementary Principal, E82(6) \$99,838.00, effective July 1, 2015.

Melissa Eidsness - Executive Director of School Improvement and Accountability E83(8) to Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Accountability, F10-2 (4) \$115,963.00, effective July 1, 2015.

Carla Smith - Assistant Principal, D71 (4) to Principal, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, E82 (0-4) \$95,804.00, effective July 1, 2015.

Family/Medical Leaves

Katie Boer - FCS Teacher, Moorhead High School, Family Medical Leave (FMLA), effective September 8, 2015 through approximately October 23, 2015.

Tim Truscinski - Mechanic, Facilities/Transportation, Family Medical Leave (FMLA), effective March 31, 2015 through approximately May 12, 2015.

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Resignations

Hope Wilson - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School, effective April 9, 2015.

Ricky Balboa - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School, effective April 10, 2015.

Mary Dominguez - Lunchroom Supervisor, Horizon Middle School, effective April 15, 2015.

Travis Henry - Web and Application Development and Virtualization Engineer, effective May 1, 2015.

Rebecca Linn - Jump Start Teacher, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Other Leave of Absence

Kristi Cameron - Teacher, Horizon Middle School, effective for the 2015- 2016 school year.

Retirement

Jeffrey Ensrud - Bus Driver, effective September 30, 2015.

Motion carried 6-0.

PRE-SALE REPORT FOR LEASE PURCHASES: Greg Crowe, Ehlers Financial Advisor, reported on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for lease-purchase to finance an addition of 17,260 square feet to S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, including four classrooms, a gymnasium, a storage room, bathrooms, and PE and Music education offices. Ehlers received proposals from three lending institutions: Klein Bank, Kinetic Leasing and Capital One Public Funding.

Ehlers recommended approving the proposal from Klein Bank based on two primary factors: the 2.40 percent interest rate and the upfront cost that the district would incur to execute the lease purchase. Also Klein Bank has the most favorable prepayment terms.

Valan moved, seconded by Altenburg, to approve the Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement, a Ground Lease Agreement with Klein Bank from Chanhassen, Minnesota for \$3,410,000 at an interest rate of 2.40 percent. Motion carried 6-0.

PaY STUDENT PRESENTATION: Moorhead High School students Amanda Blanchard, Megan MacFarlane, Shantel Gnahn, Hannah Papenfuss, Elizabeth Schafer, Haley Ludwig, Aamaria Mason, and Laura LeGare presented information about Philanthropy and Youth (PaY). PaY is designed to introduce local high school students to the importance of leadership and service through grants to nonprofit organizations in the community. The project is an extracurricular club activity in schools and began with student-led committees identifying areas of focus, researching community nonprofits and visiting organizations before deciding how to award the grant money.

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Since its inception in 2008, 2,500 PaY participants from 21 area high schools have distributed over \$600,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations. Moorhead High School and Red River Area Learning Center students have been involved in PaY since 2008. In addition to grantmaking, the Moorhead High School Philanthropy and Youth committee has dedicated numerous hours toward leadership projects aimed at enhancing school climate.

MAJOR MAGNITUDE FIELD TRIP REPORT - ORCHESTRA TO ORLANDO,

FLORIDA: Jon Larson, orchestra teacher, provided information regarding the Moorhead School Orchestra Major Magnitude Field Trip to Orlando, Florida, in March and displayed their awards for “Best in Class” and an excellent rating.

MAJOR MAGNITUDE FIELD TRIP REQUEST - MOORHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

WORLD LANGUAGES: Lana Suomala, Melissa Campbell and Lisa Ferguson, MHS Spanish teachers, provided information related to MHS Spanish students traveling to Spain June 7-22, 2016. The anticipated cost for the trip is \$4,000. Students will fund the trip using their own resources. Financial aid for a portion of the cost may be available to eligible families from the travel company Intercultural Student Experiences.

Valan moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the Major Magnitude Field Trip request for Moorhead High School World Language students to travel to Spain June 7-22, 2016. Motion carried 6-0.

DRAFT DISTRICT PROFILE FOR 2009-10 THROUGH 2013-14: Missy Eidsness, executive director of school improvement and accountability, presented the district document containing trend data on demographic and student achievement. The data covers a five-year period: 2009-10 through 2013-14. The draft of the District Profiles will be expanded to include similar data for each school site by July 2015.

2015-2016 CALENDAR REVISION: Missy Eidsness, executive director of school improvement and accountability, explained the 2015-16 calendar was approved at the February 22 School Board meeting. A revision to the calendar is necessary due the state precinct caucuses now being held on March 1, 2016, instead of February 2, 2016. The caucus dates were moved from February to March to meet the requirements of the 2016 Presidential nominating process as outlined by the national party committees. According to Minnesota Statute 202A.19 school districts are restricted from holding public meetings after 6 pm.

On the approved 2015-16 calendar K-8 parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 1. March 3-4 had been set as vacation days, with March 3 serving as the first emergency makeup day. Tuesday, March 8 remains the Township Election Night. No activities may be held from 6-8 p.m. on election nights.

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The recommended revision moves February 29 and March 1 K-8 conferences to March 21-22. The March 3-4 vacation days (and March 3 possible emergency makeup day) move to March 23-24 (attached to the March 25-28 vacation).

Altenburg moved, seconded by Tomhave, to approve the 2015-16 revised calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES UPDATE: Lunak provided updates for the S.G. Reinertsen addition and the Probstfield kitchen commenting both projects were moving ahead favorably.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Lunak requested board members to contact Michelle if they were planning to attend the Education Moorhead Dinner and Milestones' event on May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Brief reports were heard regarding the Health/Safety/Wellness Committee, Robert Asp PTAC, Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, Moorhead Legacy Fund, Health Insurance Committee, Community Education Advisory Council Appreciation Event, and Horizon PTAC meetings.

OTHER PERTINENT ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Matt Valan, Clerk Pro Tem