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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Bill Tomhave called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., requested board member roll call, and led everyone in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mark Altenburg, Cindy Fagerlie, Laurie Johnson, Bill Tomhave, Matt Valan, and Brandon Lunak.

Members Absent: Lisa Erickson and Scott Steffes.

PREVIEW OF AGENDA: Assistant Superintendent Lunak recommended approval of the agenda to proceed with a revision to page 78.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Fagerlie moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 5-0.

WE ARE PROUD:

We Are Proud of Moorhead High boys cross country team member Elijah Herrick for qualifying for the 2015 Class AA state tournament. Cross country coaches are Jeremy Blake, Dan Dooher and Tom Dooher.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High girls swimming and diving team members who qualified for the 2015 Class AA state tournament. Kenya Arends qualified in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle, Katelin Winter qualified in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly, and Tabby Roman qualified in 1 meter diving. Winter placed 14th in the 200-yard individual medley at state, and Roman placed 16th in diving at state. Coaches are Pat Anderson and Jana Hedstrom, and assistant coach is Anneliesse Bruns.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School football team for winning the Minnesota Class 5A Section 8 championship to advance to the state tournament. Moorhead defeated Andover in the state quarterfinals to advance to the semifinals. Moorhead was defeated by St. Thomas Academy in the state semifinals. Nate Stich was selected as 1st Team All State - Linebacker, and Brody Jerome was selected 2nd Team All State - Offensive Line.

Team members are Brady Leach, Cole O'Connell, Hunter Seminole, Landon Overbo, Mike Duginski, Carter Howell, Mathew Jenkins, Thomas Klein, Jack Stetz, Chris Ronning, Bailey Life, Brendan Stoetzer, Devante Delbrune, Tristen Nelson, Ethan Hoff, Jayce Johnson, Evan Bloom, Matt Bye, Grant Connelly, Malique Delbrune, Sam Entzion, Brodie Sanders, Clay Hall, Otis Weah, Josh Holman, Hunter Hall, Luke Gulbranson, Zech Klindt, Ben Houseman, Jacob Viou, James Helgeson, Noah Fairfield, Leante Baldwin, Mattheau Pickar, Kole Nichols, Preston Hoaganson, James Eggert, Hunter Brandt, Duncan Benedict, Jack Lien, Sam Grove, Blake Martel, Logan Swaser, Nate Stich, Aaron Jensen, Justin Keller, Logan Mark, Gunnar Olstad,

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Garrett Brooks, Cole Mayer, Cody Williamson, Joseph Grove, Ryan Letness, Deion Larry, Marty Roesler, Tanner McBain, Gabe Evenson, Kevin Beganovic, Sam Shaw, Zach Spaeth, Aaron Nygaard, Brady Halvorson, Jonny Mark, Daniel Kunze, Justin Monroe, David Wichmann, Brandon Christianson, Garrett Landsem, Michael Vasek, Abdul Younis, Muhamad Abdi, Ethan Gangl, Owen Randklev, Kaleb Liebl, Brody Jerome, Vicente Amoles, Seth Anderson, Seth Lawrence, Brennan Meyer, Remi Hauger, Carter Wolf, Jack Connelly, Cole Crompton, Alex Erickson, Mitch McKaig, Sam Kjos, Alex Gruver, Hans Engen, Nathan Walter, Coltan Krier, Chris Almendarez, Jared Kopiec, Shane Williams, Brayden Osland, Doyle Bossany, Nic Ochoa and Cordel Toppen. Head coach is Kevin Feeney, assistant coaches are Paul Cragg, Jacob Purrier, Cory Herrmann, Eric Stenehjelm, Alex Greenway, Eric Paul, Justin Behm and Brandon Yoney.

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: Valan moved, seconded by Fagerlie, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes - Approve the January 11, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

Retirements

Lisa Gail - Administrative Assistant, Community Education, effective January 27, 2016.

Gayle Sprenger - Paraprofessional, Moorhead High School, effective January 29, 2016.

Resignations

Falyn Myers - Bus Driver, Transportation, effective January 15, 2016.

Alyssa Purrier - Technology Projects Coordinator, effective January 29, 2016

Change in Contracts

Alicia Scholz - Community Education Administrative Assistant, B21 (5) \$17.28 per hour to Property Services Administrative Assistant, B22 (4) \$17.59 per hour, effective January 18, 2016 (replaces Lynn Mueller).

Family/Medical Leaves

Stephanie McNab - Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, Family/Medical Leave (FMLA), effective January 12, 2016 through approximately January 22, 2016.

Jaymie Krsnak - Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, Family/Medical Leave (FMLA), effective February 1, 2016 for approximately 6-8 weeks.

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Gail Ferguson - Paraprofessional, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, Family/Medical Leave (non-FMLA), effective February 9, 2016 through approximately February 19, 2016.

Sarah Brendemuhl - Teacher, Early Intervention Services, Family/Medical Leave (FMLA), effective in March 8, 2016 through approximately April 10, 2016.

Cassandra Waggoner - Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary, Family/Medical Leave (FMLA), effective on or about April 11, 2016 through the remainder of the school year.

New Employees

Kristina Johnson - Paraprofessional, Robert Asp Elementary, 1.0 FTE, B21 (0-2) \$15.74 per hour, 6.75 hours per day, effective January 11, 2016 (new position).

Laura Kowatch - Paraprofessional, Robert Asp Elementary, B21 (0-2) \$15.74 per hour, 6.75 hours per day, effective January 13, 2016 (new position).

Jessica Hansen - Food and Nutrition Server, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, 2.75 hours per day, \$10.25 per hour, effective January 12, 2016 (replaces Larry Rurup).

Isaiah Helland-Davis - Lunchroom Supervisor/Crossing Guard, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, 4.25 hours per day, \$10.25 per hour, effective January 14, 2016 (replaces Khalisa Yasin).

Danny Stillwell - Web and Application Developer, Probstfield Center for Education, C44 (7) \$32.54 per hour, 8 hours per day, effective January 18, 2016 (replaces Mark Gorde).

Rachael Wessman - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School, 1.0 FTE, B21 (0-2) \$15.74 per hour, 6.75 hours per day, effective January 20, 2016 (replaces Jarrod Pahl).

Termination

Lisa Thompson - Administrative Assistant, Community Education, effective January 19, 2016.

Student Teacher Agreement - Approve the agreement with St. Mary's University of Minnesota Student Teaching Agreement as presented.

Resolution Directing Administration to Make Recommendations for Reduction in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore - Approve directing administration to recommend reductions in programs and positions as needed to reduce expenditures as a result of declining enrollment and financial limitations.

Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2016A

Joel Sutter, Ehlers and Associates, the district's financial adviser, reported on the bid results of the bond sale. He said low interest rates will reduce the tax impact of the new school construction for taxpayers in the Moorhead Area Public Schools.

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In December, the School Board approved the sale of general obligation school building bonds. Bonds with a principal amount of \$74.6 million sold at 2.78 percent interest, in part because of the district's Aa3 rating from Moody's Investors Services. Seven bids were received, and the School Board accepted the low bid from Bank of America Merrill Lynch, New York.

Sutter said the total principal and interest over the life of the bonds will be almost \$18 million less than what was estimated last summer. Ehlers and Associates used a conservative 4.2 percent interest rate for estimates prior to the district's Nov. 3 bond referendum. Those estimates called for taxes to increase \$105 annually on a home valued at \$150,000.

The tax impact for taxes payable in 2016, which was set in December based on estimates, will be less than the estimate provided prior to the November 2015 election. A home valued at \$150,000 will see an increase of \$96 annually, a decrease of \$9 for taxes payable in 2016.

The tax impact for 2017 decreases further as a result of the low interest rate. A home valued at \$150,000 will see an increase of only \$79 annually, a reduction of \$26 less than estimates prior to the election.

For taxes payable in 2017, agricultural land valued at \$5,000 an acre will see an increase of only \$3.13 an acre annually, a reduction of \$1.03 an acre less than estimates prior to the election.

The bonds will finance the construction of a K-4 elementary school and a grades 5-6 addition to Horizon Middle School and renovation projects, including upgrading and constructing secure entrances, at other district sites.

Fagerlie moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the resolution awarding the sale, determining the form and details, authorizing the execution, delivery, and registration, and providing for the payment of the general obligation school building bonds, series, 2016A. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT: Lunak explained the resolution giving authority and responsibility to invest and manage excess building bond funds to PFM Asset Management, LLC on behalf of Moorhead Area Public Schools.

Fagerlie moved, seconded by Altenburg, to approve the resolution for investment of excess funds giving authority and responsibility to PFM Asset Management, LLC. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2016 REVISED BUDGET, FISCAL YEARS 2017, 2018 and 2019 PROJECTED BUDGETS: Lunak reviewed the district's revised fiscal year 2016 budget and projected fiscal year 2017, 2018 and 2019 budgets. Revenues were decreased by \$1.7 million due to change in when property tax is received; decrease in teacher development and evaluation state aid (one-year commitment); and a more conservative adjustment of special

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education based on FY2015 audit results. Revenues increased \$44,592 for participation fees, out-of-state tuition and third-party billing revenue. Expenditure increases of approximately \$3 million include administrative expenditures; regular and vocational instruction and pupil support due to an increase in student enrollment; and capital outlay due to increase in technology, classroom setup costs, parking lot improvements, JDP building setup, and PCE remodel.

According to current projections, the district is projecting expenditures to exceed revenues by approximately \$1.5 million for fiscal year 2017, \$233,361 for fiscal year 2018 and \$2 million for fiscal year 2019.

Discussion was held related to projected fund balances and the need to be conservative.

Valan moved, seconded by Fagerlie, to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Revised Budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES: The board conducted a first reading of policies, Instruction and Curriculum Advisory Committee 231, Community Education Advisory Council 237, Staff Development 446, Curriculum and Instruction Goals of Moorhead Area Public Schools 601, Title I Policy Governing Comparability 606, Inclusive Educational Program 609, Relationship Between Nonpublic Educational Organizations and Moorhead Area Public Schools 920, and Community Education 930.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES UPDATE: Lunak reported the Michael J. Burns Architect group would provide an update on the remodeling projects at the first or second board meeting in February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Brief reports were heard related to the Policy Review Committee, Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Committee, Moorhead Schools Legacy Fund Committee, Staff Development Committee, and Instruction and Curriculum Advisory Committee meetings and the Clay County Joint Powers 47th Annual Intergovernmental Retreat and MSBA Annual Leadership Conference.

OTHER PERTINENT ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: Lunak noted the January 26 Activities Advisory Council meeting was canceled.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Matt Valan, Clerk