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

Members Present: Mark Altenburg, Cassidy Bjorklund, Melissa Burgard, Cindy Fagerlie, Scott Steffes, Bill Tomhave, Matt Valan and Dr. Lynne A. Kovash.

Member Absent: None.

PREVIEW OF AGENDA: Superintendent Kovash recommended approval of the agenda to proceed with revisions to pages 6 and 24.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Fagerlie moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 7-0.

WE ARE PROUD:

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School weightlifting team members who qualified for the 2017 Minnesota High School State Weightlifting Championship. They are Hunter Brandt, Jordan Nichols, Fabiana Sara Perez, Lexi Thomas, Maci Hart, Tierra Becker, Rebekah Nelsen, Hailey Sonnenberg, Aric Cai, Terrance Weah, Chrisanto D'Agostino, Ali Younis and Jameson Cozad. Hunter Brandt placed first in the Varsity 94 kilo weight class. The Moorhead Junior Varsity team (based on age) placed third in Minnesota. In Junior Varsity, Jameson Cozad placed first in the 94+ kilo weight class, Terrance Weah placed first in the 85 kilo weight class and broke the State Clean and Jerk record (127 kilos equal to 280 lbs.), Chrisanto D'Agostino placed second in the 94 kilo weight class, Ali Younis placed third in the 94 kilo weight class, and Aric Cai placed third in the 69 kilo weight class. Coaches are Cory Herrmann, Heather Hvezda, Kristen Davis and John Lubitz.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School SkillsUSA team members for their success at the state competition. Kody Chromey placed third in the mechanics dexterity competition, and the team of Kody Chromey, Adam Kahler and Zach Johnson placed third in the welding fabrication competition. Mikayla Sailer placed first in the welding sculpture contest, and Zach Johnson placed first in the power equipment troubleshooting competition. Sailer and Johnson will compete among the top 50 students from across the country at the national competition in June. Team advisor is Jeff Schneider, Moorhead High industrial technology teacher.

We Are Proud of Kevin Anderson, Moorhead High School occupational therapist and special education teacher, who was recognized as Advocate of the Year by the Metro Area Mayors' Committee for People with Disabilities in April. The award is given to an individual who has contributed to supporting people with disabilities and reduced barriers for inclusion.

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We Are Proud of the Ellen Hopkins Elementary School Destination Imagination Team Unicorn Rainbow Ninjas for placing third at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the elementary level fine arts challenge Vanished. Team members are Maxwell Grise, Rosie Hobbie, Lucy Noonan, McKinley Paul, Oscar Peterson and Hannah Waagen. Team managers are Melissa Peterson and Matt Peterson.

We Are Proud of the S.G. Reinertsen/Ellen Hopkins/Robert Asp Elementary School Destination Imagination Team Fantasy Animals for placing second at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the elementary level fine arts challenge Vanished. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on April 22. Team members are Madeleine Grise, Lily Heskin, Brooke Hoogland, Chani Johnson, Annika Skunberg and Avery St. Louis. Team manager is Liz St. Louis.

We Are Proud of the Ellen Hopkins Elementary School Destination Imagination Team The Geodashers for placing third at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the elementary level scientific challenge Top Secret. Team members are Jillian Kalvoda, Samuel Li, Jackson Meissner, David Slattery, Ava Sticka-Jacobs, Gunnar Thomasson and Rylen Wohlfeil. Team managers are Jaclyn Knutson and Pam Thomasson.

We Are Proud of the S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School Destination Imagination Team Pink Legos for placing first at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. The team was awarded the High Instant Challenge Award for critical thinking during the Instant Challenge. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on April 22. Students competed in the elementary level scientific challenge Top Secret. Team members are Aiden Dufault, Megan Hartwig, Nevaeh Kellerman, Charlie Stenehjelm, Caiden Velgersdyk and Aaron Volk. Team manager is Carrie Hartwig.

We Are Proud of the S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School Destination Imagination Team Flying Magical Narwhals for placing third at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the elementary level technical challenge Show and Tech. Team members are Carson Olschlager, Jack Dauner, Ashlann Haneca, Quinn Henschke, Hailey Krieg, Addie Lange and Celia Nelson. Team managers are Karen Henschke and Denelle Dauner.

We Are Proud of the S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School Destination Imagination Team Pass the Gravy for placing first at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the elementary level technical challenge Show and Tech. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on April 22. Team members are JahNay Walker, Logan Olschlager, Molly Darling, Connor Henschke, Isabella Kelly and Dawson Neznik. Team managers are Shana Olschlager and Nicole Darling.

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We Are Proud of the Horizon Middle School Destination Imagination Team The Mystic Ninja Pirates for placing third at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the middle level technical challenge Show and Tech. Team members are Sophia Altenburg, Cassie Biselx, Scout Holding Eagle-Bushaw, Lillian Kolehmainen and Sophia Long. Team manager is Chrissy Long.

We Are Proud of the Horizon Middle School Destination Imagination Team Howling Owls for placing first at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the middle level fine arts challenge Vanished. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on April 22. Team members are Lewis Long, Amelia Bailly, Julia Smithmeyer, Aiden Williams, Gabriele Mutschelknaus, Nona Harrison and Christopher Sween. Team managers are Kenyon Williams and Amy Anderson.

We Are Proud of the Horizon Middle School Destination Imagination Team Howling Owls for placing first at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the middle level improv challenge 3-PEAT. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on April 22. Team members are Lewis Long, Amelia Bailly, Julia Smithmeyer, Aiden Williams, Gabriele Mutschelknaus, Nona Harrison and Christopher Sween. Team managers are Kenyon Williams and Amy Anderson.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School Destination Imagination Team Snrocinu Wobniar for placing first at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the senior level improv challenge 3-PEAT. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on April 22. Team members are Maren Twedt, Emma Craig, Rachel Craig and Lydia Flaspohler. Team manager is Heidi Twedt.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School Destination Imagination Team Snrocinu Wobniar for placing first at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament held March 25. Students competed in the senior level project outreach challenge Ready, Willing and Fable. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on April 22. Team members are Maren Twedt, Emma Craig, Rachel Craig and Lydia Flaspohler. Team manager is Heidi Twedt.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School Destination Imagination Team Snrocinu Wobniar for placing fourth at the Minnesota Destination Imagination Affiliate Tournament held April 22. Students competed in the senior level improv challenge 3-PEAT. The team is an alternate to Global Finals. Team members are Maren Twedt, Emma Craig, Rachel Craig and Lydia Flaspohler. Team manager is Heidi Twedt.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School Destination Imagination Team Snrocinu Wobniar for placing first at the Minnesota Destination Imagination Affiliate Tournament held April 22. Students competed in the senior level project outreach challenge Ready, Willing and Fable. The

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team qualified to advance to Global Finals on May 24-27 in Knoxville, Tenn. Team members are Maren Twedt, Emma Craig, Rachel Craig and Lydia Flaspohler. Team manager is Heidi Twedt.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School freshmen Maren Twedt, Emma Craig, Rachel Craig and Lydia Flaspohler for receiving the Distinguished Leaders Award at the 2017 Destination Imagination Minnesota Affiliate Tournament on April 22. The Distinguished Leader Award, which is typically earned by high school seniors, recognizes exceptional accomplishment, dedication, innovation, leadership and performance in service of Minnesota's Destination Imagination program. The award is Minnesota's highest recognition of teamwork, leadership and creative problem-solving abilities.

We Are Proud of the Horizon Middle School Science Olympiad team for successes at the regional and state competitions. Horizon students earned several first and second place finishes at the regional competition held at MSUM. At the state competition held at St. Olaf, Lila Stanley and Mackenzie Neuhalfen placed second in Rocks and Minerals. All team members who competed at state placed in the top 10 in at least one of their events. The team also won the Spirit Award at state. Team members are Nathan Helgeson, Ethan Crompton, Taylor Luikart, Lila Stanley, Mackenzie Neuhalfen, Scout Holding Eagle, Ethan Sculthorpe, Torii Guertin, Emma Pranger and Erika Stanek. Christine Berg is the Science Olympiad coach.

We Are Proud of the Horizon Middle School Knowledge Bowl Team for an outstanding year. The three teams of grades 6-8 students competed in three meets during the regular season. At least two of the three teams placed in the top three at each meet. The eighth-grade team also participated in a junior varsity meet where the team placed sixth in competition with high school teams. Team members are Blessing Braaten, Zaine Braaten, Kale Erickson, William Hallman, Kira Hegg, Makayla Hegg, Nathan Helgeson, Ava Holmes, JerriLane Hutt, Olivia Kelly, Lanie Leines, Emma McDonnell, Hunter Morehouse, Seema Mustafa, Emma Pranger, Gabriell Schuetz, Infinity Shores, Lila Stanley and Andrew Taylor. Karen Taylor is the Knowledge Bowl coach.

We Are Proud of Horizon Middle School student Lila Stanley for winning the Horizon Geography Bee held January 18, 2017. Second place went to Riley Swenson, and third place went to Emma Pranger. Stanley took the qualifying test for the opportunity to compete in the Minnesota State Geographic Bee. Mike Benson, Horizon social studies teacher, coordinates the Geography Bee.

We Are Proud of Horizon Middle School student Lila Stanley for qualifying to compete in the 2017 Minnesota State Geographic Bee. After winning the school-level geography bee, Stanley took the qualifying test. Students with the top 100 scores statewide qualified to compete at the 2017 Minnesota Geographic Bee held March 31, 2017 in St. Cloud. Mike Benson, Horizon social studies teacher, is the Geography Bee coordinator.

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

Minutes - Approve the April 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Claims - Approve the May Claims, subject to audit, in the amount of \$4,661,088.12.

General Fund: \$1,390,375.09
Food Service Fund: \$163,465.43
Community Service Fund: \$49,560.59
Post Employment Irrevocable Trust Fund: \$2,800.00
Construction Fund: \$3,054,887.01
TOTAL: \$4,661,088.12

Approve the April Wire Payments, subject to audit, in the amount of \$1,956,909.60.

General Fund: \$1,955,376.41
Food Service: \$347.19
Post Employment Irrevocable Fund: \$1,186.00
TOTAL: \$1,956,909.60

Pathway II Early Learning Scholarship Grant - Approve the Pathway II Early Learning Scholarship Grant for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. The total award is \$233,683.04 for Moorhead Area Public Schools pre-kindergarten program.

Family/Medical Leaves

Linda Pederson - Paraprofessional, Moorhead High School, intermittent Medical Leave (non-FMLA) beginning March 1, 2017 for the remainder of the school year.

Shari Krchnavy - Teacher, Horizon Middle School, Family/Medical Leave (FMLA) beginning April 18, 2017 through April 21, 2017.

Chad Olson - Teacher, Moorhead High School, Family/Medical Leave (FMLA) beginning April 27, 2017 through May 11, 2017.

Resignations

Katie Doan - Paraprofessional, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, effective June 2, 2017.

Matthias Valan - Teacher, Horizon Middle School, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

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Skip Toops - Physical Education Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Skip Toops - Head Wrestling Coach, Moorhead High School, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 season.

Skip Toops - Assistant Baseball Coach, Moorhead High School, effective at the 2016-2017 season.

Jessica Molstre - Kindergarten Teacher, Probstfield Elementary, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Marisa Bengtson-Loerzel - Paraprofessional, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Leaves of Absence

Kim Brosdahl - Teacher, Moorhead High School, effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Kelsey Jenkins - Teacher, Moorhead High School, effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Change in Contracts

Victoria Schemp - Food Server, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary to Night Custodian, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, 1.0 FTE, A12, (0-2), \$15.68, 8 hours per day, effective April 7, 2017 (replaces Clifford McBeain).

Mike Engelking - Pool Operator, Moorhead High School, to Lead Custodian, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, C42 (3) \$22.00 per hour, 8 hours per day, effective June 5, 2017 (new position per 2017-2018 staffing plan).

Cani Adan - Night Custodian, Horizon Middle School to Night Lead Custodian, Horizon West Middle School, B21 (3) \$17.42 per hour, 8 hours per day, effective June 5, 2017 (new position per 2017-2018 staffing plan).

Evan Youngs - Night Lead Custodian, Horizon Middle School to Night Custodian, Horizon Middle School, salary will be frozen until it catches up to A12 salary (replaces Cani Adan).

Kathy Martinez - Office Administrative Assistant, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary to Principal Administrative Assistant, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, B23 (4) \$18.99 per hour, 8 hours per day, effective July 1, 2017 (replaces Heather Hedlund).

New Employees

Justin Hanfeld - Lunchroom Supervisor, Probstfield Elementary, \$10.25 per hour, 2 hours per day, effective April 18, 2017 (replaces Lydia Alfaro).

Tammy Cooper - Bus Assistant, Transportation, \$14.08 per hour, 5 hours per day, effective April 25, 2017 (replaces Damara Boatright).

Bezan Berwari - Lunchroom Supervisor/Crossing Guard, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, \$10.25 per hour, 5 hours per day, effective April 13, 2017 (replaces Jodee Peterson).

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Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Agreement - Approve the agreement with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Social Work Student Teaching/Internship as presented.

Motion carried 6-1; Valan abstained.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: Steve Gehrtz and Dan Kleist, Gehrtz Construction Services, provided an update on construction of Dorothy Dodds Elementary and Horizon Middle School campuses. Dorothy Dodds Elementary School will be fully finished in time for classes to start, while the grades 5-6 addition to Horizon Middle School will have enough completed to accommodate classes.

BAND MAJOR MAGNITUDE FIELD TRIP TO DISNEY WORLD REPORT: Pam Redlinger, Moorhead High School band teacher, provided a report and shared highlights of the March 22-27, 2017 major magnitude field trip to Disney World. Moorhead High students participated in an adjudicated festival performance and a performing arts workshop (recording session) with a Disney teaching artist.

MAJOR MAGNITUDE FIELD TRIP REQUEST - HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL ASTRONOMY TRIP TO GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA: Ira Bailey, Christine Berg and Mary Colson, Horizon Middle School science teachers, provided information related to a proposed Major Magnitude Field Trip for Horizon Middle School grade 8 students during the 2016-17 school year. Students will travel to Grand Island, Nebraska, August 20-21, 2017, for a rare opportunity to experience a total solar eclipse so close to home. The most recent nearby eclipse was in 1979 and the next will be 2024. Students will be funding the trip using their own resources. The anticipated cost per person is \$200.

Altenburg moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the Major Magnitude Field Trip request for Horizon Middle School students to travel to Grand Island, Nebraska, on August 20-21, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 544 ACTIVITIES FUNDRAISING: Fagerlie moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the policy, Activities Fundraising 544, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 608 HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS: Bjorklund moved, seconded by Altenburg, to approve the policy, Home Schooled Students 608, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 702 EQUAL ACCESS TO MOORHEAD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES: Steffes moved, seconded by Fagerlie, to approve the policy, Equal Access to Moorhead Area Public Schools Facilities 702, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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POLICY 714 HEALTH AND SAFETY: Fagerlie moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the policy, Health and Safety 714, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 721 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY: Bjorklund moved, seconded by Valan, to approve the policy, Student Transportation Safety 721, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 801 DISTRICT FISCAL MANAGEMENT: Valan moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the policy, District Fiscal Management 801, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 805 CREDIT CARD USAGE AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER: Altenburg moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the policy, Credit Card Usage and Electronic Funds Transfer 805, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 824 REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL, PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES: Steffes moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the policy, Reimbursement for Travel, Professional Meetings and Conferences 824, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 831 RENTAL OF DISTRICT MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Burgard moved, seconded by Fagerlie, to approve the policy, Rental of District Musical Instruments 831, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 907 REWARDS: Steffes moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the policy, Rewards 907, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 101 NAME AND LEGAL STATUS OF MOORHEAD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Fagerlie moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the policy, Name and Legal Status of Moorhead Area Public Schools 101, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 211 OPEN AND CLOSED SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: Altenburg moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the policy, Open and Closed School Board Meetings 211, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 212 SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS: Valan moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the policy, School Board Public Hearings 212, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 214 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Bjorklund moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the policy, School Board Meeting Minutes 214, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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POLICY 230 MOORHEAD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEES: Steffes moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the policy, Moorhead Area Public Schools Committees 230, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 310 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Fagerlie moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the policy, School Superintendent 310, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 312 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC): Burgard moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the policy, Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC) 312, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 499 POLICIES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR EMPLOYEES/PERSONNEL: Altenburg moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the policy, Policies Incorporated by Reference for Employees/Personnel 499, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 552 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT: Bjorklund moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the policy, Corporal Punishment 552, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 570 PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE: Valan moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the policy, Prohibition of Harassment and Violence 570, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 572 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE/DRUG-FREE SCHOOL: Steffes moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the policy, Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School 572, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 578 BULLYING PROHIBITION: Altenburg moved, seconded by Fagerlie, to approve the policy, Bullying Prohibition 578, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY 599 POLICIES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR STUDENTS: Steffes moved, seconded by Fagerlie, to approve the policy, Policies Incorporated by Reference for Students 599, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: Chair Tomhave presented the negotiated recommendation with Dr. Kovash for a one-year contract, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, and the option to renew with mutual agreement of the School Board and Superintendent. The overall settlement is 2.98 percent for a total increase of \$7,145.

Tomhave moved, seconded by Fagerlie, to approve the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 Superintendent's Contract for Dr. Lynne A. Kovash as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Brief reports were heard related to the Ellen Hopkins PTAC, Safe and Healthy Learners Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Indian Education Parent Committee, District Technology Committee, and Joint Powers Committee meetings and new construction tours of Dorothy Dodds Elementary School and Horizon Middle School East and West Campuses and tours of high schools in Alexandria, Burnsville and Chaska. The death of William Franklin, Ellen Hopkins Elementary counselor, was noted.

OTHER PERTINENT ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: Board members were reminded of the upcoming Moorhead High School Graduation on June 4 at 2 p.m. at MSU-Moorhead and other school district activities included in the calendar of events.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Matt Valan, Clerk