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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Chair Steffes 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: Cassidy Bjorklund, Melissa Burgard, Kara Gloe, Scott Steffes, Rachel Stone, Matt Valan, Keith Vogt and Brandon Lunak.

**PREVIEW OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Lunak recommended approval of the agenda to proceed with revision to item 7, a resolution amending the resolution providing for a public hearing to consider granting a proposed property tax abatement.

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

**WE ARE PROUD:**

This is the time during the meeting to recognize outstanding achievements of students, staff and community members. After an honorees name has been read they accept their certificate(s) and a photo is taken.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School student Ethan Lemke for qualifying for the 2019 Class AA boys swimming and diving state tournament in the 500-yard freestyle. Head coach is Anneliese Bruns and assistant coaches are Kjersten Frey, Josh Seaburg and Josh Starkweather.

**We Are Proud** of the Moorhead High School boys swimming and diving team for earning the Silver Academic Award for achieving a team cumulative GPA of 3.59. Team captains are Zach Anderson and Erik Dougherty. Head coach is Anneliese Bruns and assistant coaches are Kjersten Frey, Josh Seaburg and Josh Starkweather.

**We Are Proud** of the Ellen Hopkins Elementary Destination Imagination Team The Survivors for competing in the K-2 Rising Stars challenge, Pop Up, at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. Team members are Samuel Bohmer, Escher Sticka-Jacobs, Caleb Kazeck, Chuyler Kesler, Maverick Tornell, Donovan Loween and Roderick Niebeling. Team manager is Kate Bohmer.

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**We Are Proud** of the Ellen Hopkins and S.G. Reinertsen Elementary Destination Imagination Team Narwhalicornamermasaures for competing in the K-2 Rising Stars challenge, Pop Up, at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. Team members are Ryan Baukol, Kajer Schmidt, Serena Moran, Alex Gibb and Noah Schaefer. Team manager is Terese Schaefer.

**We Are Proud** of the S.G. Reinertsen Elementary Destination Imagination Team Ultimate Fre-Sha-Voc-Ado for placing fourth at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. Students competed in the elementary level fine arts challenge Game On. Team members are Nolan Knutson, Ryder Offerdahl, Henry Wellman, Tristan Price, Ellie Eidsmoe, Audrey Kelly and Emily Greiff. Team manager is Shannon Knutson.

**We Are Proud** of the Ellen Hopkins Elementary Destination Imagination Team The Adventures of the Candy Girls for placing third at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. Students competed in the elementary level fine arts challenge Game On. Team members are Kennadi Berg, Claire Gibb, Hazel Schmidt, Ella Lammers, Isabelle Loween, Lela Hultgren and Rachel Leiseth. Team manager is Kate Bohmer.

**We Are Proud** of the Ellen Hopkins Elementary Destination Imagination Team Bananers on the Ocean for placing second at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. Students competed in the elementary level scientific challenge Medical Mystery. Team members are Edda Peterson, Max Hendrickson, Liam Dunlap, Claire Froslic, Elise Froslic, Madelyn Ray and Kale Olson. Team manager is Melissa Peterson.

**We Are Proud** of the Ellen Hopkins Elementary Destination Imagination Team Scary Shoes for placing first at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on March 23. Students placed 10th at state in the elementary level engineering challenge Monster Effects. Team members are Rebekah Moran, Amber Maki, Micah Mack and Lennon Belcher. Team manager is Tasha Boehland.

**We Are Proud** of the Horizon Middle School West Campus Destination Imagination Team Unicorn Rainbow Ninjas for placing second at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on March 23. Students placed 10th at state in the middle level engineering challenge Monster Effects. Team members are Rosie Hobbie, Lucy Noonan, McKinley Paul, Oscar Peterson and Gracin Vogt. Team manager is Matt Peterson.

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**We Are Proud** of the Horizon Middle School West Campus Destination Imagination Team Shadow Coyotes for placing second at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on March 23. Students placed 10th at state in the middle level fine arts challenge Game On. Team members are Liam Hjelmstad, Rilyn Myxter, Kendra Machart, and Michael Ray. Team manager is Amy Hjelmstad.

**We Are Proud** of the Horizon Middle School West Campus Destination Imagination Team We're Indecisive for placing first at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on March 23. Students placed seventh at state in the middle level scientific challenge Medical Mystery. Team members are Samuel Schaefer, Vivian Ming, Evan Froslic, Karson Vogt, Sadie Kolehmainen, Skyla Bergin, and Shawn Kazeck. Team manager is Terese Schaefer.

**We Are Proud** of the Horizon Middle School East Campus Destination Imagination Team [Insert Name Here] for placing first at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on March 23. Students placed fifth at state in the middle level engineering challenge Monster Effects. Team members are Logan Olschlager, Dawson Neznik, Connor Henschke, Molly Darling, JahNay Walker, Izzy Kelly and Annie Hagen. Team manager is Shanna Olschlager.

**We Are Proud** of the Horizon Middle School West Campus Destination Imagination Team The Big Butter Sticks for placing first at the Destination Imagination Lakes and Prairie Regional Tournament held March 16. The team qualified to advance to the state tournament on March 23. Students placed second at state in the middle level improvisational challenge Heads Up! to qualify for Global Finals for the second year in a row. Team members are Megan Hartwig, Aaron Volk and Nevaeh Kellerman. Team manager is Carrie Hartwig.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School's fall musical "Newsies" for being recognized for outstanding achievement in musical theatre with Hennepin Theatre Trust's highest honors in the 2018-19 Spotlight Musical theatre Program. The company was awarded outstanding achievement in musical theatre, outstanding overall performance, outstanding overall production, outstanding student orchestra, outstanding performance by an ensemble, outstanding vocal performance by an ensemble, outstanding acting performance by an ensemble, outstanding movement/dance performance by an ensemble, outstanding overall technical team, outstanding technical crew, outstanding A/V board operators, and outstanding costume crew.

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Individual Spotlight acting awards went to Kaden Moszer and Sophia Klindt for outstanding performance in a leading role and to Jonah Hanson for outstanding performance in a supporting role. Anna Larson and Alex Seigel received honorable mentions. Awards for outstanding technical leadership went to Maren Twedt, Ethan Bates and Sophie Hamre. MacKenzie Neuhalfen received an honorable mention in technical leadership. Rebecca Meyer-Larson directed “Newsies.” Moorhead High students will be recognized at the Spotlight Showcase on June 10, 2019, at the historic State Theatre.

**We Are Proud** of the Moorhead High School speech team for being named the Section 8AA champions for the 25th consecutive year and advancing 21 entries to the 2019 state speech tournament on April 13. State qualifiers were Regan Hart, Riley Stallman, Lily Kjos, Beth Teiken, Dylan Stage, Meghan Johnson, Greta Almlie, Sophia Klindt, Cassidy Wendt, Jonah Hanson, Katherine Leiseth, Emma Pranger, Neva Miller, Molly Hauf, Anika Drees, Anna Larson, Margaret Dickey, Zoe Stein, Thalia Christenson, Mya Pfiefer, Stella Mehlhoff, Alex Seigel and Alyssa Haagenson. Head coach of the Moorhead speech team is Rebecca Meyer-Larson.

At the state tournament, the Spuds earned 12 medals, including two gold medals, and won a fourth consecutive MSHSL Class AA State speech championship. The following students were medalists at state: Anna Larson placed first in informative; Neva Miller placed first in great speeches; Alyssa Haagenson placed second in storytelling; Margaret Dickey placed second in oratory; Stella Mehlhoff placed second in prose; Regan Hart placed third in creative; Molly Hauf placed third in great speeches; Sophia Klindt and Greta Almlie placed third in duo; Dylan Stage placed fourth in drama; Katherine Leiseth placed sixth in extemporaneous reading; Thalia Christenson placed sixth in poetry; and Cassidy Wendt and Jonah Hanson placed eighth in duo.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High speech head coach Rebecca Meyer-Larson for being named the 2019 Section 8AA Coach of the Year.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School students who have qualified for the National Speech and Debate Association’s national tournament in Dallas, Texas, in June. National qualifiers are: Sophia Klindt in dramatic duo and humor, Anna Larson auto-qualified as a 2018 national finalist in informative, Alyssa Haagenson in program oral interpretation, Jonah Hanson in dramatic duo, Cassidy Wendt in dramatic duo, Katherine Leiseth in dramatic duo, Jack Entzion in dramatic duo, Dylan Stage in dramatic interpretation, Greta Almlie in dramatic duo and drama interpretation, Margaret Dickey in drama interpretation and oratory, Stella Mehlhoff in dramatic interpretation, Maret Holm in humor, Emma Pranger in extemporaneous speaking, and Grace Halvorson in informative speaking. Head coach of the Moorhead

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speech team is Rebecca Meyer-Larson.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School student Tor Kartenson, who was selected by audition for the Minnesota All-State Band for the 2018-19 school year. Kartenson attended All-State Camp in August with top musicians from around Minnesota. The All-State Band performed Feb. 16, 2019 at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis under the direction of Betsy McCann, associate director of bands for the University of Minnesota. Kartenson is a student of Moorhead High band teacher Pam Redlinger.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School student Kenzie Dalrymple, who was selected by audition for the 2019 Minnesota Band Directors Association Grades 9-10 Honor Band. The Honor Band worked under the direction of Dr. Scott Jones, associate director of bands at The Ohio State University, April 6-7 in Shakopee, Minn. Dalrymple is a student of Moorhead High band teacher Pam Redlinger.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School students Isaac Homuth, Tor Kartenson, and Zach Chromey, who were selected by audition for the 2019 Concordia College High School Honor Band, which is made up of students from a five-state region. Their band teacher is Pam Redlinger. The students worked April 5-7 under the direction of Dr. Peter Haberman, Concordia College, and composer/conductor Carl Holmquist.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School student Rachel Craig, who was selected by audition for the 2019 MSUM Honors Percussion Ensemble. Her band teacher is Pam Redlinger. The Honor Ensemble worked under the direction of Dr. Kenyon Williams at Minnesota State University Moorhead on March 1-3.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School students Isaac Homuth, Jaxon Dewald and Jacob Rolle, who were selected by audition for the NDSU Honors Jazz Band. Their band teacher is Pam Redlinger. The Honors Jazz Band performed Nov. 29, 2018, under the direction of NDSU's Jeremy Brekke.

**We Are Proud** of Moorhead High School band students Jacob Rolle and Tor Kartenson, who earned Best in Site in the MSHSL Section 8AA Solo and Ensemble Music Contest on March 27 in Moorhead. Their band teacher is Pam Redlinger.

**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

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must complete the sign-up form, which outlines the public input process, and submit it to the School Board secretary.) None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Vogt moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

*Minutes* - Approve April 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

*Family Medical Leave*

Chip Lyslo - Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, medical leave (FMLA) beginning March 25 through April 29, 2019.

Nidar Muhammed - Paraprofessional, Moorhead High School, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning April 1 through approximately April 17, 2019.

Alyson Erickson - Administrative Assistant, Horizon Middle School West Campus, medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 2 through April 5, 2019.

Amy Sharpe - Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen, family medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 5th through approximately April 19, 2019.

Rachel Lerum - Counselor, Horizon Middle School East Campus, family medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 18 through April 26, 2019.

Mary Jo Good - Teacher, Vista Center for Education, medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 30 through June 11, 2019.

Tara Lindberg - Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen, family medical leave (FMLA) beginning May 6 through May 9, 2019.

Alison Bendickson - Teacher, Early Intervention Services, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning May 13 through approximately June, 2019.

*Resignations*

Kassondra Kruckeberg - Girls Lacrosse Coach, Moorhead High School, effective April 2, 2019.

Christopher Friese - AVID Tutor, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective April 8, 2019.

Matthew Tri - Hall Monitor, Moorhead High School, effective April 11, 2019.

Kennedy Hartwell - Paraprofessional, Moorhead High School, effective April 15, 2019.

Molly Eckley - Paraprofessional, Moorhead High School, effective April 17, 2019.

Mohamed Mohamud - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective April 17, 2019.

Ann Lysne - Paraprofessional on Leave of Absence, Ellen Hopkins Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

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Luke Peterson - Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Karina Schwindt - Teacher, Ellen Hopkins Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Lexy Steinle - Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

*Leave of Absence*

Allison Paul - Lunchroom Supervisor/Crossing Guard, Robert Asp Elementary School, effective April 1, 2019 through the remainder of the school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

**TNT FITNESS PRESENTATION:** Ryan Williams and Dylan Burger from TNT Fitness presented information about their collaboration with Moorhead Area Public Schools. TNT Fitness provides opportunities for students with disabilities to experience a variety of physical activities. TNT Fitness also works with school staff to develop a broad understanding of integrating physical activities into the school day for students with disabilities.

**APPROVAL OF REVIEW AND COMMENT DOCUMENT:** Brandon Lunak, superintendent, presented the review and comment document pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71. The document will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) upon School Board approval. Review and Comment is required for projects that have cost in excess of \$2 million.

The project is a part of the High School Facilities Task Force recommendation that was approved at the February 11, 2019 school board meeting. The plans provide information related to the Career Academy that will be located at 2800 27th Ave. S., Moorhead, Minnesota.

Valan moved, seconded by Stone, to approve the review and comment document as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**METRO CAMP UPDATE:** Dan Markert, executive director of information systems and instructional support, said the eighth annual Metro Tech Camp will again be hosted by Moorhead Area Public Schools on the Horizon Middle School East Campus and West Campus. Metro Tech Camp is organized and sponsored by the DGF, Fargo, West Fargo and Moorhead school districts.

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This year, Metro Tech Camp is expanding in multiple ways. Metro Tech Camp will expand from two days to a full three days, June 5, 6 and 7. Session content has been broadened from technology-only subjects to also include AVID, project-based learning, literacy, implicit bias, curriculum mapping, digital citizenship and the 4 Cs.

For the first time in the history of Metro Tech Camp, all Moorhead Area Public School teachers will be in attendance as part of makeup day requirements. It is expected that Metro Tech Camp attendance will increase from 550 attendees to more than 750 this year as both DGF and Moorhead Area Public Schools plan to use the Metro Tech Camp professional development opportunity as part of weather-related makeup days.

**MAY 13, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE:** Due to board member conflicts, the recommendation is to change the start time of the May 13, 2019 School Board meeting to 5:30 p.m.

Valan moved, seconded by Vogt, to approve the May 13, 2019 School Board meeting start time to 5:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANTING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT:** Lunak presented a resolution amending the resolution providing for a public hearing to consider granting a proposed property tax abatement to be held on May 13, 2019 at 5:15 p.m., at Probstfield Center for Education in the Board Room.

Lunak said the purpose of granting the Proposed Property Tax Abatement is to provide funds to finance construction of and improvements to the operations center parking lot, and related financing costs. The estimated cost of the Proposed Property Tax Abatement by the district is \$1,978,333 over 14 years, an amount estimated to be sufficient to pay the principal and interest charges on \$1,500,000 of bonds issued to finance the parking lot project, and related financing costs.

Valan moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the resolution amending the resolution providing for a public hearing to consider granting a proposed property tax abatement to be held on May 13, 2019 at 5:15 p.m., Probstfield Center for Education, Board Room 224. Motion carried 7-0.

**2019-2020 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE:** Lunak said school board meeting times and dates are set each year at the July organizational meeting. School board members discussed changing school board meeting times from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. beginning August 2019.



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**CONCEPTUAL DESIGN TASK FORCE MEETING UPDATE:** Brian Berg, Zerr Berg Architects, presented the latest work of the Conceptual Design Task Force to refine the conceptual design for rebuilding Moorhead High School.

The School Board voted in February to accept the High School Facilities Task Force recommendation to replace Moorhead High School on the existing site with a career academy located on a separate site. The high school as recommended would be designed for 2,400 students with common areas designed for 2,600 students.

Most of the current school will be removed following completion of the first phase of construction. This will eliminate the lack of light, split-level configuration and circulation issues found in the current high school. Addressing the capacity and adequacy of the high school is part of phase two of the district's facilities master plan.

Berg said he reminded the task force members that the design process requires multiple iterations, and he reviewed information with them from the second design charrette, including takeaways from the discussion about the pros and cons for keeping the existing ninth-grade center.

Additionally, the original design would have significantly impacted the arts areas in the current building during construction, Berg said. The updated conceptual design has the majority of the new building built north of the existing building minimizing the disruption.

An earlier conceptual design had three longer three-story academic wings to the north of the site with arts areas to the west. After the task force discussed the academic and common areas, the newer design has four shorter academic wings to reduce long hallways and travel distance between classrooms. Other discussion at the third task force meeting included moving the pool to shift academic wings closer to the football field, adding more parking to the west with a bus loop and student entry, switching the location of the auditorium with the music classrooms, and focusing the food service area more directly on the commons.

Berg said they are within 10,000 square feet of the overall program space for the building, which will be approximately 420,000 square feet.

A joint meeting of the facilities task force and the conceptual design task force will be held May 1 to discuss the newest building plan and have an initial discussion about the career academy, including possible community partnerships.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Brief reports were heard on District Health and Safety Committee, Staff Development Committee, Instruction and Curriculum Advisory Committee, Moorhead Schools Legacy Foundation, SEED, and Hopkins PTAC meetings and the state speech tournament. Steffes shared a letter from a paraprofessional commending the bus drivers for their work, and Gloe thanked staff for their work on the upcoming Community Talking Circles.

**CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING:** Bjorklund moved, seconded by Vogt, to close the public meeting at 8:55 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd.3(c)(3) for the purpose of discussing the purchase or sale of real or personal property. Motion carried 7-0.

The board recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:** Steffes moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to open the public meeting at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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Clerk