

## MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2016

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 40-2, LAWRENCE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WAS HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING ON THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: President Jeff Sleep, Vice President Amy Cermak, Nancy Hall, Mitch Hopewell and Mistie Caldwell. School administrators present were: Easton, Crosswait, Heilman, Morford, Olson and Gottlob. Also in attendance were Jackie Kary, Karen Kissack, Jan Hansen, Kathy Ewing, Danita Klinkel, Steve Aalbu, Les Schroeder, LuAnn Schroeder, Pam Ruhnnow, Kris Hayes, Reva Sigle, Diane Wendt, Leesa Haugland, Pam Gillespie, Ashley Anderson, Sandy Nichols, Elana Stalder, Emily Bryan, Kyra Holzer, Julie Knight, MaKayla Pavel, Druanna Barzeski, Pauletta Alber, Eryn Aksamit, Carley Hill, Taylor Amiotte, and Kaitlyn Bjerkstand.

All motions were passed by unanimous vote unless stated otherwise.

President Sleep called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

President Sleep led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Caldwell, seconded by Hopewell and carried to approve the agenda.

Pauletta Alber addressed the Board concerning rubber mulch on the playgrounds.

Motion was made by Cermak, seconded by Hopewell and carried to move into executive session. SDCL: 1-25-2(3) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters. 5:40 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session, the regular meeting resumed. 6:30 p.m.

Creekside Elementary Principal Dan Olson introduced Creekside teacher Sydney Haugland who presented information on the school's GATE program.

There was no conflict of interest waivers.

Motion was made by Hall, seconded by Cermak and carried to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Personnel (*all hires contingent on successful completion of background check*)
  - 1. Approved the following extra-duty agreements:
    - a. Brenna Meyer, MS Drama, Level 3 \$1,601.76
    - b. Brenna Meyer, HS Drama Asst., Level 3 \$1,601.76
    - c. Brenna Meyers, HS Drama Technical Director, Level 2 \$1,067.84
    - d. Riley Ryan, HS Asst. Boys Basketball, Level 6 \$3,203.52
- B. Approved volunteers.

Special Education Director and Testing Coordinator Sarah Heilman presented the District's Smarter Balance Test Results.

Superintendent Kirk Easton and the Board discussed the voluntary separation incentive policy 4450 and several options which have been brainstormed by staff for modifying the policy. It has become clear that the policy needs to be modified as a result of legislative action pertaining to school district funding. Superintendent Easton reported he is in the process of gathering input

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from staff at the building and district level and through the established policy committee for making modifications. A recommendation for policy changes is anticipated to come before the Board no later than the January 2017 meeting.

Superintendent Easton updated the Board on the latest student enrollment data.

Certificates of exemption update included 11 elementary, 3 middle school and 1 high school student for a year to date total of 161 students.

Motion was made by Cermak, seconded by Caldwell and carried to approve the September 12 and September 21, 2016 School Board minutes.

Motion was made by Caldwell, seconded by Cermak and carried to approve the bills and financial statements.

Motion was made by Hall, seconded by Caldwell and carried to adjourn the meeting. 7:12 p.m.

Jeff Sleep, Board President

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Craig Crosswait, Business Manager

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