

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 19, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Vern Wittenberg, Scott Abel, Corey Petterson, Vanessa Gustafson, Jill Nelson, Randy Bodensteiner. Absent: Dudley Wishard. Also present: Principal Tharaldson, Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson; Terrie Johnson, Clearwater Co Assessor; Mark Larson, County Commissioner; staff and community members

3 **Community Comments** – Board member Abel spoke regarding a community member’s comment regarding a mini football field on the side of the regular football field. Is that possible in our District? Board member Bodensteiner spoke of the ladies restroom in the concession stand at the football field needing some repair.

4 **Spotlight on Education** – Mr. Bettin showed a power point presentation of activities since the beginning of the school year.

5 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Abel/Petterson to approve agenda as presented. Item 10.7 will be moved up to item 10.1, and the remaining items will follow. MCU.

6 **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Petterson/Gustafson to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

6.1 8/15/22 – Regular Meeting

6.2 8/26/22 – Special Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** –Principal Tharaldson presented the report, and discussed the following items: **A) Back to School Events & 1st Week of School** – Elementary Entrance Conferences & High School Open House both went well, and positive feedback came from both families & staff. Thanks to all the staff for their patience and flexibility during the first week of school, especially with the increased number of new students! **B) Elementary FastBridge Screening** – Elementary teachers are currently screening their classes to get baseline data on their students in reading & math. Students will be screened again in the winter and spring. **C) Title Applications** – We have been notified that our Title II and Title IV applications were reviewed and funded. The Title I application has been submitted & we should receive a status update soon. **D) – School Spirit/“Bear Wear” Fridays** – We are encouraging students & staff to participate in school spirit events every Friday by wearing “Bear Wear” or school color clothing. Winners will be selected at random each week & will receive free candy/popcorn from the school concession stand. A special thanks to G&G for a financial donation to help fund this. **E) – Foreign Exchange Student** – We have one foreign exchange student this year from Vietnam. Welcome Layla!

7.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: **1) Personnel** – **A) Elementary Interventionist & Elementary Special Education Teacher** – Both teachers are fitting in well & have hit the ground running. **B) Current Openings** – FT custodian, Paraprofessional, Bus Drivers, Extra-Curricular Coaching Positions. **2) Educational** – **A) Enrollment Numbers** – Numbers are up from last spring. We have 29 additional students K-12. **B) Emergency Action Plan** – Currently working with Josh & Andy to update practices & procedures. Once finalized, we will go through the policy with staff and simulate some drills. **C) School Readiness** – Program starts this week. **3) Legislative** – **A) Priorities for Next Session** – Several education organizations have indicated some of their priorities going into next session based on feedback from across the state. Some areas of priority include mental health funding through the formula instead of pass through grants, reimbursement for school meals, licensure reciprocity, paying student teachers, teachers breaking contracts, and special education cross-subsidy. **B) Surplus** – The forecast is a potential \$1 billion over forecast. Roughly 7 billion surplus was not spent in the last legislative session. **4) Financial** – **A) UFARS Compliance Report** – The preliminary report shows the district having a 2.3 million fund balance. We did drop in our SOD calculation from approximately 44% to 36.98%. This is largely due an increase in payroll and the COVID stipend. **B) Abatement Adjustment** – With recent settlements between Enbridge & the State of MN, the District’s abatement adjustment increased significantly. This is due to the county having to pay a portion of the settlement. Tax statements will show an increase this year. The abatement adjustment increased significantly for the 22 payable 23 levy. This is due primarily to the taxes from Line 3 beginning. **5) Building/Grounds** – **A) Concrete** – The projects are complete & turned out very nicely. **B) Silent Bids** – We are considering another silent bid process for some of the excess chairs/desks/tables that we have in storage. There are some food service items that were replaced last year that might be part of the process also.

7.3.1 – Negotiations – An update was given.

7.4 **Enrollment Report** – Mr. Grow gave an update based on the current numbers. As of 9/14/22, K – 12 enrollment is 473. That is an increase of 29 students from last year at this time.

8 **Consent Calendar** – MMS Petterson/Gustafson to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

Payroll Checks

September Bills

70703-70733/Wires

None – All Payroll was Direct Deposit

Voucher Numbers: 64699-64800

Check Numbers: 70734-70792

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$709,082.57

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer’s Report

8.4 Accept/Approve Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 **Old Business** –

9.1 **Paraprofessional Position** – Supt Grow gave an update. Discussion was held. Questions were asked & answered.

- 9.2 **Softball/Baseball** – Supt Grow presented the results of the survey that was given in May. Discussion was held. A community member spoke regarding the Twins Grant. The board asked that a new survey be done.
- 9.3 **Wi-Fi (Filtering)** – Supt Grow gave an update on our filtering system. All district devices are filtered. Personal devices that are not connected to our Wi-Fi cannot be filtered. Discussion was held.
- 9.4 **Locks for Lockers** – Supt Grow discussed the recent lock order. Discussion was held.
- 10 **New Business**
- 10.1 **Consider Certifying the Preliminary Levy** – Supt Grow discussed the preliminary levy. MMS Petterson/Wittenberg to approve preliminary levy at the maximum amount. MCU
- 10.2 **Consider Approving the Hiring of Jack Johnson as Industrial Technology Teacher for 2022-2023 School Year** – MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to approve. MCU.
- 10.3 **Consider Approving the Hiring of Doug Johnson as High School Math Teacher for 2022-2023 School Year** –MMS Petterson/Wittenberg to approve Doug Johnson’s Rehired, Retired Teacher Agreement. MCU.
- 10.4 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Stefanie Thomas** – MMS Abel/Gustafson to accept. MCU.
Supt Grow & the board thanked Stefanie for her service.
- 10.5 **Consider Approving a Salary Lane Advancement for the Following Certified Staff** – MMS Wittenberg/Nelson to approve. MCU.
Marinda McRunnel, Michelle DeVries, Jessica Larson, Chelsey Ehlers, Laura Dahl, and Jesse Eck.
- 10.6 **Consider Approving the 2022-2024 MSEA Agreement** – MMS Bodensteiner/Gustafson to approve. MCU.
- 10.7 **Consider Approving the Employee Agreements for the Following** – MMS Wittenberg/Nelson to approve. MCU.
Food Service Director, Behavior Interventionist, Business Manager, Human Resources/Payroll Manager, Confidential Secretary, Head Custodian (Building & Grounds Supervisor).
- 10.8 **Consider Setting the Truth in Taxation Meeting for the December Regular School Board Meeting Date** – MMS Gustafson/Abel to set meeting for December. MCU.
- 10.9 **Consider Adopting a District Drug and Alcohol Testing Statement of Policy** – MMS Nelson/Wittenberg to adopt policy as presented. MCU
- 10.10 **Consider Revising the Adult Lunch Price** – Supt Grow advised the USDA has set the lowest adult price as \$ 4.95 per lunch. MMS Abel/Petterson to approve increase from \$4.25 to \$4.95. MCU
- 10.11 **Consider Approving Unpaid Personal Leave for Jack Johnson** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve. Roll Call Vote MCU.
Nelson – Yes, Abel – Yes, Gustafson – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes.
- 11 **Community Questions to the Board of Education**
1. Can students bring their own locks?
 2. Do we allow phones in the classrooms? This item is not on the agenda & was not answered
 3. Clarification on general education para & a special education para?
 4. Could we start softball/baseball practice now?
- 12 **Action Items for October**
- 12.1 Junior High (6-8) baseball/softball survey to parents
 - 12.2 Paraprofessional
 - 12.3 Cell Phones
- 13 **Future Meetings**
- 13.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- 14 **Adjournment** – MMS Bodensteiner/Gustafson to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. MCU