School Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2023
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
Hinsdale Conference Room

Present: Justin Strommen, Sherri Idler, Gordon Hawks, Jared Sloan, Trish Handley

Superintendent: Adam Zopp.

Minutes were taken by Board Clerk Debbie Skaggs via Google Meet.

Agenda Item:

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairperson J. Strommen. J. Strommen led everyone in the Pledge.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda: G Hawks moved to accept the Consent Agenda, and to approve Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Board meeting Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

3. Public Comment:

Haakon Fredrickson presented his resignation letter and thanked the board for the opportunity to teach and coach at Hinsdale.

4. Action Agenda Items:

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A. Approve Canvass of votes and levy result

S Idler motioned to approve the Canvass of votes. Second: J Sloan. Passed 5/0.

B. Appoint Board Member Vacancy

G Hawks motioned to appoint Justin Strommen to fill the Board of Trustees vacancy. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

Appointment of Board Chair

G Hawks motioned to appoint Justin Strommen to be the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

Appointment of Vice Chair

G Hawks motioned to appoint Gordon Hawks to be the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

Appointment of District Clerk

G Hawks motioned to appoint Debbie Skaggs to be the District Clerk of the Board of Trustees. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

Appointment of Transportation Representative

G Hawks motioned to appoint Jared Sloan to be the Transportation Representative of the Board of Trustees. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

Oath of Offices

They were administered by the Superintendent Adam Zopp.

Approve Request for Valley County to conduct the 2025 elections

G Hawks motioned to approve the request for Valley County to conduct the 2025 elections for Hinsdale Public Schools. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

C. Shyanne Knodel grant writer/playground update

Shyanne reviewed the prices for the playground equipment the school is interested in. She works for Two Rivers Economic Growth. She has secured many grants. We would need to be a member of Two Rivers to secure her services. She builds her 10% fee into the grant she writes. Most grants require that the entity pay a percentage of the costs. We will canvass the community and come back to this subject next board meeting.

D. Approve Classified Employees Salary and Benefit request

The classified employees presented their ask, and discussion was started about the different aspects of the ask. The subject was tabled and a special board meeting to discuss the particulars was scheduled. A special meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2024 at 7 pm in the conference room.

E. Approve TR-5's for 2nd Semester of SY 2023-24

G Hawks motioned to approve the TR-5's for the 2nd Semester of SY 2023-24. Second: T Handley. Passed: 5/0.

F. Approve TR-6's for 2nd Semester of SY 2023-24

G Hawks motioned to approve the TR-6's for the 2nd Semester of SY 2023-24. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

G. Approve Student Attendance Form, open enrollment

G Hawks motioned to approve the student attendance forms presented for SY 2023-24. Second: J Strommen. Passed: 5/0.

H. Graduation

The board Members volunteered to present diplomas at the upcoming graduation.

I. Approve Bus Routes

G Hawks motioned to approve the bus routes presented for SY 2024-25. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

J. Teacher Contracts

Teacher contracts have been given to the teachers for signatures with some exceptions. Some contracts have been held because they will depend on the hiring of new teachers.

K. Grant Update

Debbie updated the Board on recent small grants received for the Track renovation, Library, and Summer reading program.

L. Approve MSUIP change for Unemployment Insurance maintenance

S Idler motioned to approve the change to MSUIP for Unemployment Insurance maintenance. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

M. Late Claims

G Hawks motioned to approve the payment of late claims. Second: J Sloan. Passed: 5/0.

5. Discussion Items

Plaque for Missoula Children's Theatre S Idler discussed a recent incident on a sports trip.

6. Superintendent's Report

Sports update, hired Co-op coaches Maintenance, Michael started working Hiring Paraprofessional soon

Chairperson J. Strommen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 PM

Clerk of the Board