

UN-APPROVED MINUTES OF THE RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT-BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AT COLFAX, ND-Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 8:00PM

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Lisa Amundson Sarah Myers
Ken Knudsen John Flaa
Dan Haverland Kurt Anderson
Eric Mickelson

ABSENT

Superintendent: Les Dale **Principals:** Bruce Anderson, Cindy Erbes
Business Manager: Kendra Dockter

The May meeting was called to order. Amundson asked for additions to the agenda and recognized audience. An additional coaching recommendation will be added to the agenda. Motion by Haverland, second by Flaa to approve the additions to agenda.

Garrett Mogck updated the board on his Eagle Scout project of building the 14x20 storage shed for the school. Location is yet to be determined. Cement and some electricity will need to be completed before construction can start.

Brian Bernotas addressed the board to ask for permission to access a storage shed on his property, by entry through the north parking lot of the school. Bernotas plans to install a culvert to help with drainage, but has no other entrance to the shed location other than through school property. Motion by Haverland, Second by Myers to allow access to this shed with the stipulation that this permission is only granted to the current property owners, Brian & Heather Bernotas. Discussion held. *Amundson Y, Knudsen Y, Anderson Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Flaa Y.*

Motion by Knudsen, seconded by Flaa to approve the consent agenda items (Board minutes from April 14 & May 4, May Bills, and April budget). Carried

Les Dale presented coaching recommendations from AD Mike Herrick. Recommendation to hire John Freeman as head football coach for the 2015 season. Motion by Knudsen, second by Myers to approve the recommendations. *Amundson Y, Knudsen Y, Anderson Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Flaa Y* Recommendation to hire AnnDee Erickson as assistant volleyball coach for the 2015 season. Motion by Haverland, second by Myers to approve the recommendation *Amundson Y, Knudsen Y, Anderson Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Flaa Y.*

Preliminary budget for the 2015-2016 school year was discussed. Dale gave a quick overview from previous meetings on discussions on what budget cuts would need to be made and solutions to get there. After making the previously discussed cuts and estimating a 3% increase in negotiations, the preliminary budget at this point is about break even. Discussion held on preschool situation with a class of 14 and looking at split class vs. combined class. Split class would cost roughly \$25,000 more than combined class. Dale and Dockter explained how preschool would need to be a self-funding program. General fund dollars can not be used to fund PK. Funding must come from tuition, grants, possible Title II funds if available, or donations. Discussion held. Erbes brought up possibly increasing tuition to help cover the cost of a paraprofessional to aid in classroom instead of splitting the class. Erbes will plan to send out letter to see if interest to attend is still there with this slight tuition increase. No decision made at this time. Dale also gave a quick view of the 2016-2017 budget and noted that similar budget cuts will most likely be needed due to current enrollments and current state funding. Discussion held on current cuts that were made and how they came about as recommendations.

Les Dale recommended Harry Clark as Driverø Ed instructor for classroom instruction and behind the wheel. Estimated cost of this is \$4984 (already in current budget). Motion by Mickelson, second by Flaa to approve the recommendation. *Amundson Y, Knudsen Y, Anderson Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Flaa Y.* Dale recommended offering the Title I Summer School program at the elementary school again this year with number of teachers pending enrollment. Tentatively, Monica Clark and Mary Cose will be leading this program. Motion by Anderson, Second by Haverland to approve the Title I summer school program. *Amundson Y, Knudsen Y, Anderson Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Flaa Y.* Dale made a recommendation for non-certified positions and wage increases ranging from 2.38-3%. Motion by Flaa, Second by Myers to approve the following recommendations for the 2015-2016 school year: **Notice of non-certified wages for the 2014-15 school year: HOURLY:** Adams, Kathy \$10.25; Braunberger, Sheri \$14.35; Braunberger, Sheri \$14.15; Buchholz, Donna \$14.50; Draovitch, Andy \$10.50; Duhigg, Cathy \$10.25; Hendrickson, Loretta \$10.75; Johnson, Becky \$10.25; Kappes, Karen \$8.35; Kappes, Karen \$8.90; Kinneberg, Keith \$16.70; Krump, Karen \$14.25; Monson, Michelle \$11.80; Myhre, Faylin \$13.25; Paczkowski, Colleen \$10.75; Pfeiff, Ron \$14.80; Ringdahl, Sally \$13.25; Storbakken, Dawn \$10.50; Thompson, Lisa \$13.65 **ANNUAL:** Akvik, Duane \$13,250; Dockter, Kendra \$40,000; Kinneberg, Keith \$12,750; Krueger, Lenny \$12,500; Krump, Karen \$13,250 Discussion Held. This recommendation includes reduction in positions from the 2014-15 school year by reducing one custodial position to half time and eliminating a teachers aid and 2.5 paraprofessionals. Preliminary budget proposals reflects all cuts and recommendations. . *Amundson Y, Knudsen Y, Anderson Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Flaa Y.*

Amundson gave a quick update on superintendent search. Interviews will be held the week of May 26-29.

Principal Reports: **Erbes:** Erbes noted to the board that 5.6 paras would be needed for the 2015-16 school year vs. the 2 that were previously recommended and budgeted for, based on new information. Discussion held. No board action at this time. STARS testing results were shared with the board. Erbes gave an overview of various activities over the past month that included Kindergarten Roundup, Coffee with Kids, Spring Program, Poetry Night, AdvancED, PK screening, and 6th grade barn quilts. **Anderson:** Discussion on fundraising (with emphasis on prom/post prom) and how the board could be involved in setting limits. Fundraising over the past few years seems to have gotten out of control and he would like to see guidelines set in place. No board action at this time. Anderson will look at forming a committee to come up with suggestions and solutions to situation and report back to board.

Motion by Knudsen, second by Mickelson to set 2015 polling sites as follows: Richland High School, Colfax; Community Center, Abercrombie; Community Center, Christine. Polls will be open from 9am ó 7pm on Tuesday, June 9. . *Amundson Y, Knudsen Y, Anderson Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Flaa Y*

Superintendent Report: Dale gave an update on construction project. Dan Haverland will be the board contact for construction issues after Dale leaves and school is in transition. Update on possible merger between South Valley Special Education Unit and Rural Cass Special Ed unit.

Committee Reports: **Policy:** Committee is working with Dale to update current policies with those required and recommended by the NDSBA. Committee hopes to have full policy book by next meeting for a first reading, with a goal of second reading and approval prior to school starting in the fall.

Board self-evaluation will be emailed to board members.

Next Regular Meeting will be Monday, June 15 at 7:00 PM

Motion by Knudsen, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting

Business Manager

Board President