

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS • INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748
FEB. 26, 2024 • DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER BOARDROOM

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Tricia Meling. Members present: Meling, chair; Matt Moehrle, vice chair; Emily Larson, clerk; Jen Smith, treasurer; Jason Nies, director; Scott Wenshau, director and Thomas R. Lee, interim superintendent. Members absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Moehrle and seconded by Nies to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Discussion was held. An amendment was made by Smith and seconded by Larson to separate out individual contracts for approval. Smith, Larson and Wenshau voted in favor. Nies, Moehrle and Meling voted against. Motion failed. A vote was made on the original motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public forum was held.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Larson to APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS A.5.a – A.5.d AS PRESENTED BELOW. All in favor. Motion carried.

A.5.a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Jan. 25, 2024

Minutes of the Feb. 1, 2024 work session.

Minutes of the Feb. 1, 2024 special meeting

Minutes of the Feb. 8, 2024 special meeting (interview training)

Minutes of the Feb. 8, 2024 special meeting

A.5.b Checks in the amount of \$1,106,309.26 as presented:

General Fund	520,633.51
Food Service Fund	157,322.28
Transportation Fund	240,959.63
Community Service Fund	11,922.02
Capital Expenditure Fund	133,389.15
Activity Accounts	21,974.00
Internal Service Fund	20,108.67
Check numbers 188704-188959	

AP ACH History in the amount of \$3,455.41 as presented:

General Fund	2,568.31
Transportation Fund	64.00
Activities Accounts	823.10
Check Number 232400129-232400151	

Receipts in the amount of \$5,021,891.73 as presented:

General Fund	4,373,865.22
Food Service Fund	397,474.99
Transportation Fund	92,045.53
Community Service Fund	73,964.10
Capital Expenditure Fund	2,000.00
Debt Services Fund	57,579.09
Activity Accounts	15,431.23
Internal Service Fund	9,531.57
Receipts 52683-52797	

Wire transfers in the amount of \$9,268,624.56 as presented:

General Fund	1,365,874.68
Food Service Fund	52,095.57
Transportation Fund	22,991.97
Community Service Fund	28,106.00
Capital Expenditure Fund	7,319.80
Debt Service Fund	7,434,500.00
Internal Service Fund	357,736.54
Wire transfers 202300497-202300569	

A.5.c Approve resolution accepting the following donations: St. Joseph Jaycees, Community Education, \$600, CE archery; Sartell Music Association, Sartell Middle School, \$2,086.09, choir folders; Preferred Credit Inc., Sartell High School, \$1,000, golf simulator project; Virnig Manufacturing Inc., Sartell High School, \$300, SHS robotics; Deerwood Bank, Sartell High School, \$300, SHS robotics; Miller Auto Plaza, Sartell High School, \$2,500, SHS robotics; MSHSL Foundation, Sartell High School, \$2,500, MSHSL Student Leadership Conference and Coaches Professional Development; Sabres All Sport Booster Club, Sartell High School, \$1,092.24, nordic ski lodging, Sartell Fastpitch Softball Association, Sartell High School, \$500, SHS softball; Catholic Charities, Sartell High School, \$500, SHS boys lacrosse; Sartell-St Stephen Pre K-5 PTO, Pine Meadow Primary School, \$942.13, Battle of the Books; Sartell-St Stephen Pre K-5 PTO, Riverview Intermediate School, \$500, fundraiser match.

A.5.d Accept resignations: Emma Bolt, SMS, sixth-grade science teacher, 5/31/24; Carey Carstensen, OREL, paraprofessional, 5/31/24; Michael Downes, SMS, paraprofessional, 2/16/24; Michelle Sand, PMPS, paraprofessional, 2/16/24.

Accept release of employment: None

Accept retirements: Christine Adelman, RIS, fourth-grade teacher, 3/5/24; Bonnie Krueger, OREL, paraprofessional, 5/31/24; Jody Schave, RIS, custodian, 5/31/24.

School Board Student Representative Report:

- High school student and student board representative Bennett Prose reported on the exciting things happening around the district.

One Act Play Report:

- Kelly Killmer, director of the One-Act Play and production assistant Kelse Orjansen shared their success this past season with the One-Act Play.

Superintendent Report:

- Interim Superintendent Lee reported on happenings around the district. He talked about PLCs, curriculum guides and the Sartell Middle School re-vision work. Lee also gave an update on the book-review process.

District Finance Report:

- District Finance Director Joe Prom presented the district's finances.

School Board Committee Report:

- Moehrle – Sartell Senior Connection. He said he continues to be impressed by this group with how well connected they are to the community. They want to be informed of upcoming events so they can help spread the word.

- Moehrle – SEE. Legislative session is in its second week. Some proposed language changes include clarification on School Resource Officers. Any additional funding will more than likely be put toward the READ ACT.

- Meling and Larson – Community Education Advisory. They recently released a catalog. The spring/summer catalog is looking to be twice the size with more offerings. CE is always looking to build the program. They discussed being more informative, having additional communication available for the public.

- Meling and Larson – World's Best Workforce Committee. Presented more in-depth information on the READ ACT, LETRS and CKLA.

- Larson, Smith and Meling – Policy. Reviewed the 100 series policies.

A motion was made by Moehrle and seconded by Nies to APPROVE PERSONNEL OMNIBUS RESOLUTION #1-17: All in favor. Motion carried.

New Employees: Hailey Bjork, SMS, softball coach, \$2,106 (4.5 percent), BA, Step 1, replacing Lisa Thielen, 3/19/24; Deb Ertl, OREL, temporary

head cook, (3/4/24-4/17/24), \$29.13/hour, RV, Step 7, LTS for Karen Klein (LOA), 3/4/24; Aimee Goddard, SMS, softball coach, \$2,106 (4.5 percent), BA, Step 1, replacing Abbey Rue, 3/19/24; Sean Jacobson, SHS, accompanist - spring musical, \$2,503 (5.35 percent), BA, Step 1, replacing Brandon Nordhues, 2/19/24; Daniel Joudieth Nordhues, SHS, sub cleaner, \$15.50/hour, additional sub, 2/20/24; Kristin Martens, SMS, boys golf coach, \$2,106 (4.5 percent), BA, Step 1, replacing Dave Olson, 3/19/24; Brandon Mayse, districtwide, sub cleaner, \$15.50/hour, additional sub, 2/16/24; Carter Olson, SMS, track and field coach, \$2,106 (4.5 percent), BA, Step 1, replacing Lindsay Buchholz, 3/19/24; Katie Ruprecht-Wittrock, SHS, LTS - SPED 3/4/24-4/15/24, \$229/day, LTS for Lisa Thielen, LOA, 3/4/24; Melinda Shaw, districtwide, sub cleaner, \$18.03/hour, RII, Step 1, additional sub, 2/16/24; Dominick Smith, PMPS, para/recess supervisor, \$17.77/hour, RIV, Step 1, replacing Michelle Sand, 2/21/24; Britney Soldner, OREL, special education teacher, \$70,787, MA, Step 9, replacing Samantha Leite, 8/26/24; Marja Sorensen, SMS, girls golf coach, \$2,106 (4.5 percent), BA, Step 1, replacing Erin Meyer, 3/19/24; Susie Strusz, OREL, LTS - Early Childhood, 3/25/24-5/31/24, \$229/day, LTS for Abbey Streetter, LOA, 3/25/24; Lauren Wollum, SMS, girls golf coach, \$2,106 (4.5 percent), BA, Step 1, replacing Paul Plombon, 3/19/24.

Leaves of Absence: Paul Moe, RIS, instructional technology, LOA, Intermittent 2/20/24-5/31/24; Jennifer Nelson, PMPS, paraprofessional, LOA, 3/4/24-5/31/24.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Nies to APPROVE the BRADBURY STAMM AND DESIGN TREE Contracts. Discussion was held. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nies and seconded by Moehrle to APPROVE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS. Discussion was held. Smith, Larson and Wenshau voted against. Nies, Moehrle and Meling voted in favor. Motion failed.

Scheduled Committee Meetings / Discussion:

- One Reading: Review of Policy – 514, 101, 101.1, 103 and 201

- First Reading: Revision of Policy – 102 and 104

- Legal Opinion Regarding Board Agendas

- Added agenda items should be emailed to Board Chair and Superintendent five days prior to meeting.

- New Superintendent Search Meeting – Monday, Feb.

26 at District Service Center - 8:30 p.m. or immediately following the regular school board meeting.

- Communication & Technology Meeting – 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29 at District Service Center

- Round One Interviews – 4:15 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, March 6 and 7 at SHS Watab 101 and 102

- Round Two Interviews – 4:15 p.m. Monday, March 11 at SHS Watab 101 and 102

- School Board Member Photos – 6:15 p.m. Monday, March 18 at DSC Watab Room o Wear Sartell-St. Stephen apparel.

- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 18 at District Service Center

- Future Policy Committee Meeting – 5 p.m. Thursday, April 4 at District Service Center

- Future Board Work Session – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 at District Service Center

- Career & Tech Ed – 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 8 at Sartell High School

Committee Assignments were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 p.m. was made by Larson and seconded by Wenshau. All in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Emily Larson, clerk

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