MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17-2
February 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Debra Olson at 5:00 PM at the Mitchell Career & Technical Education Academy (MCTEA) 821 North Capital Street, Mitchell, South Dakota, Davison County.
Roll call of members present: Neil Putnam, Deb Olson, Cory Aadland, Kevin Kenkel, and Lacey Musick. Absent: None. Others present: Dr. Joseph Graves, Superintendent, Steve Culhane, Business Manager.

Action #335991

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Kenkel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
At this time the school board recognized Tricia Neugebauer, recipient of the 2016 Kelly Lane Earth & Science Space Science grant of $5,000 and Julie Olson 2016 recipient of the Robert E. Yager award of $2,000.

Action #335992

Motion by Musick, seconded by Aadland to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the board meeting on January 11, 2016. These minutes had been furnished to the Daily Republic in unapproved form all in accordance as per SDCL 13-8-35. Also on the consent agenda were the claims, Personnel items and open enrollment requests. **New Hire (Classified):** Lee Bruguier, Middle School Food Service, $13.75/hr./8 hrs./day, effective January 20, 2016 and Alisha Lockhart, Competitive Cheer Coach, $4,339, effective August 1, 2016. **Early Retirement/Resignation:** Mary Marchand, GBR teacher, effective end of 2015-2016 school year, Larry Larson, Middle School Social Studies teacher, effective end of 2015-2016 school year, Patricia VerSteeg, LBW teacher, effective end of 2015-2016 school year and Joan Pfaff, GBR first and second grade teacher, effective end of 2015-2016 school year. **Transfer:** Skyler Heyden, MS Track Coach, $1,243, and Jeff Musser, Asst. Track Coach to Head MS Track Coach, $1,974. **MTI New Hire**: Brook Pitz, IT Intern, $10/hr. (less than 15 hrs/week). **MTI Resignation:** Terry Bush, MTI Technician, effective February 19, 2016. Motion carried.

Action #335993

Motion by Aadland, seconded by Kenkel to approve the request of the Mitchell Athletic Booster Club proposal to hold the "Kernel Bowl" on Saturday August 27, 2016. This is a fundraiser where they will take in all receipts and pay all expenses of the game. Motion carried.

Action #335994

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Kenkel to approve the following resolution of support for Legislation Enacting Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendations on Enhanced Teacher compensation.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: The Blue Ribbon Task Force concluded South Dakota has a teacher shortage; and
Whereas: The Blue Ribbon Task Force cited the need to recruit and retain teachers as being essential to maintaining South Dakota's excellent public education system and in preparing students to be college and career ready; and
Whereas: The Blue Ribbon Task Force ascertained South Dakota significantly lags behind all other states in teacher salaries and must become competitive, especially in the region, in order to recruit and retain our teachers; and
Whereas: The Blue Ribbon Task Force determined an ongoing revenue source is essential to achieving the goal of raising teacher salaries; and
Whereas: South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard has made a strong commitment to improving teacher salaries by setting a goal to raise the state average teacher salary to $48,500 by increasing the state sales tax one half cent;
Now Therefore: We the Mitchell School Board respectfully request members of the 2016 South Dakota Legislature commit to significantly improving teacher salaries in South Dakota and implement a new revenue source by raising the state sales tax in order to assist us in recruiting and retaining our teachers.
Approved this 8th day of February, 2016 by vote of the Mitchell School District School Board, as evidenced by the signature of the following board officers: Roll call vote: Putnam, yes; Kenkel, yes; Musick, yes; Aadland, yes; and Olson, yes. Motion carried.

Action #335995
Motion by Musick, seconded by Aadland to approve the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. First day of school will be Wednesday Aug 24th with Christmas break starting on Friday Dec 23rd and ending on Monday Jan 2nd. Graduation will be on Sunday May 21, 2017 with the last day of school on Thursday May 25, 2017. Motion carried.
At this time the School Board members reported on the meetings they had attended since the last school board meeting.
During Dr. Graves report, he indicated that the Gymnastics team won the ESD Championship and Mark Wilson from MTI spoke to the board about legislation being introduced to freeze tuition at Tech schools for next year.
Action #335996
Motion by Musick, seconded by Aadland to move into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for evaluation of the Superintendent. Motion carried.
The board reconvened at 7:08.
Action #335997
Motion by Aadland, seconded by Musick to approve a new 3 year contract for Dr. Joseph Graves, Superintendent thru June 30, 2019 with salary to be determined at a later date. Motion carried.
There being no further business, President Olson adjourned the meeting.

Cash report for the Mitchell School District as of January 31, 2016
Beginning Balance, $21,412,152
General Fund Balance $4,820,938 Capital Outlay Balance $386,041, Special Education Balance $600,938, Mitchell Tech Balance $2,589,776, Pension Fund Balance $1,340,228, Capital Projects Balance $11,230,477, Food Service Balance $(-153,594), Driver's Ed Balance $9,520, T/A Balance $512,846, James Valley Coop Balance $74,982
Total Revenue, $3,692,455
General Fund $952,914, Capital Outlay $19,191, Special Education $349,532, Mitchell Tech $1,478,869, Pension Fund $1,774, Capital Projects Fund $265,182, Food Service $188,950, Driver's Ed $-0-, T/A $436,043, James Valley Coop $-0-
Total Expenditures, $5,758,305
General Fund $1,369,185, Capital Outlay $68,052, Special Education $325,456, Mitchell Tech $2,539,397, Pension Fund $12,996, Capital Projects Fund $832,163, Food Service $109,718, Driver's Ed $-0-, T/A $465,782, James Valley Coop $35,556
Ending Balance, $19,346,302
General Fund $4,404,667, Capital Outlay $337,180, Special Education $625,014, Mitchell Tech $1,529,248, Pension Fund $1,329,006, Capital Projects Fund $10,663,496, Food Service $(-74,362), Driver's Ed $9,520, T/A $483,107, James Valley Coop $39,426