

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17-2
August 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Deb Olson at 5:00 PM at the Mitchell Career & Technical Education Building 821 N. Capital Street, Mitchell South Dakota, Davison County.

Roll call of members present: Deb Olson, Brittni Flood, Matthew Christiansen, Shawn Ruml, and Kevin Kenkel. Absent: None. Others present: Dr. Joseph Graves Superintendent, Steve Culhane, Business Manager.

Motion #3351551

Motion by Kenkel, seconded by Christiansen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Prior to approval of the consent agenda, Business Manager Steve Culhane indicated some changes to the annual meeting minutes. A modification to motion #3351546 to change the following MTC salaries for Dan Sieler \$60,500 & Nick Bakhitari \$63,180. A modification to motion #3351548 on designated depositories with the name changes of Fulton State Bank to Farmers State Bank and Home Federal Bank to Great Western Bank. Also during public commentary Dwight Stadler also mentioned that he had included in his request to ban the teaching of Project 1619 as well.

Motion #3351552

Motion by Flood, seconded by Ruml to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the board meeting on July 12, 2021. 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 that was approved were the claims, personnel items and open enrollment requests.

New Certified Hires: Trevor Krugman, 6th grade teacher and Ass't. Freshman Football Coach. Teaching Compensation, \$44,750, Coaching Compensation, \$2,300, effective 2021-22 school year. Allison Day, 7th MCL Science/MMS, \$42,500, effective 2021-22 school year. **New**

Classified Hires: Tarilynn Gerlach, Library Ass't./GBR, \$14.50/hr., effective August 1, 2021. Jennifer Krause, General Food Service Worker/MHS, \$12.75/hr., effective August 13, 2021. Wesley Kroupa, Title VI Tutor/ISS Monitor, \$14.50/hr., 8 hrs./day, effective August 18, 2021. Erica Weier, Infinite Campus Admin./Registrar/Second Chance High/Business Administrative Assistant, \$15.00/hr., effective August 23, 2021. Lena Tschoepe, Paraeducator/MHS, \$11.75/hr., 7 hrs./day, effective August 18, 2021. Kayla Peterson, Paraeducator/LO, \$11.75/hr., effective August 18, 2021. Kim Strehlow, General Food Service Worker/LBW, \$12.75/hr., 5.5 hrs./day. Jennifer Malatare, Paraeducator/MHS, \$11.75/hr., 7.25 hrs./day, effective August 18, 2021. **Other:** Mary Marchand, GBR Power Strong Interventionist, \$25,000, Nineteen (19) hrs. per week. **6th Class Assignment:** Roxy Ross Loudenburg, effective 2021-22 school year.

Transfers: Laura Starr, Paraeducator/LO to Paraeducator/GBR, effective 2021-22 school year. Charlene Hilkemeier, Paraeducator/GBR to Paraeducator/LO, effective 2021-22 school year.

Changes in Hours: Kayla Hohbach, 7 hrs./day Food Service to 8 hrs./day/MHS, effective August 18, 2021. Kisa Bruch, 5.5 hrs./day Food Service to 7 hrs./day/MHS. **Resignation:** Matthew Schilling, ISS Supervisor and Title VII Tutor, effective 2021-22 school year. Leah Christensen, Head Cook/MHS, effective July 30, 2021. **MTC New Hires:** Kevin Herbst, Help Desk Technician,

\$22.00/hr., effective July 28, 2021. Janet Nicolaus, Adjunct Instructor BUS 101 and BUS 120 Fall Semester 2021, \$4,500, effective August 23, 2021. Jenna Vavra, Adjunct Instructor, AMI 210 and Fall Semester 2021, \$4,000, effective August 23, 2021. Rebecca Harvey, SLPA Online Adjunct (2021-22 school year), \$3,000, effective August 23, 2021. Angie Hanson, SLPA Lab Adjunct (2021-22 school year), \$3,000, effective August 23, 2021. Sarah Delaney, SLPA Online Adjunct (2021-22 school year), \$3,000, effective August 23, 2021. Kari Gosmire, SLPA Online Adjunct (2021-22 school year), \$3,000, effective August 23, 2021. Kasey Thomas, Rad Tech Clinical Adjunct Fall semester 2021, effective August 23, 2021. **MTC Resignations:** Kelsey Ziebart, Admissions Representative, effective August 6, 2021. Sarah Holzer, Admissions Representative, effective August 13, 2021. Motion carried.

School Board President Deb Olson handed out the Board member committee assignments for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion #3351553

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Kenkel to approve the purchase of Two Tracked trenchers for MTC Powerline program through the Sourcewell Cooperative Buying group. The contract number from Sourcewell is 012418-VRM. Each of these trenchers purchased is for \$146,824.38 making the total purchase of \$293,648.76. These machines are being provided by Vermeer High Plains of Tea SD. The State of SD is paying 2/3 of the cost while MTC is paying 1/3. Motion carried.

Motion #3351554

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Flood to approve the bid received, meeting all of the specifications, from Custom Truck One Source out of Union Grove, WI for \$96,300 for a Digger Derrick Truck and for \$76,850 for a Bucket Truck for the MTC Powerline program. Motion carried.

At this time President Olson declared it a public hearing on allowing High School Credit for Civics being taught at the Middle School and approving such a waiver. During this hearing, several citizens asked about what is being taught in this class and if they can get more information on this course. The School District will provide. President Olson closed the public hearing.

Motion #3351555

Motion by Flood, seconded by Christiansen to approve the waiver to allow High School credit for Civics class for Middle School students who take the class. Motion carried.

Motion #3351556

Motion by Kenkel, seconded by Ruml to approve the agreement with the City of Mitchell to donate land to the City of Mitchell for the construction of a Storage Shed by the City of Mitchell for use by the Mitchell School District. The legal description of the land to be donated to the City of Mitchell which the additional Hockey Arena sits on is:

The East 439' of the South 46' of the North 1056' of Outlot A-1, located in the South ½ of Section 16, Township 103 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., City of Mitchell, Davison County, South Dakota. Motion carried.

Motion #3351557

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Flood to approve the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Plan for 2021-2024. ESSER 2 funds will be used to assist with the design and installation of HVAC and other air quality improvements in the new high school. ESSER 3 funds

will be used as follows; 20% for learning loss with expanded opportunities with the remaining 80% of the funds to be used to address air quality/construction projects through construction of the new High School. Motion carried.

Motion #3351558

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Kenkel to approve two new Policies and revise current policies related to the legalization of Medical Cannabis on first reading.

The policies already in place will have language added to them and they are as follows:

Policy 743-Use of Alcohol and other Drugs by Employees (Drug Free Workplace)

Policy 1043- Drug Free

Policy 1051-Medication Administration Policy

And the two new policies will be;

Policy 1051A-Administration of Medical Cannabis to Qualifying Students

Policy 1051B-Medical Cannabis Administration Plan.

The language added to these policies was provided by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota and was contributed to and reviewed by legal counsel at that level. Motion carried.

Motion #3351559

Motion by Ruml, seconded by Flood to approve authorization of potential conflict of interest waivers for the following board members and administration of the Mitchell School District.

Dr. Joe Childs-Spouse employed by the Mitchell School District & DWU Adjunct faculty

Dr. Matthew Christiansen-Employed by Avera & DWU

Steve Culhane-Serves on the Delta Dental Board of Directors.

Kevin Kenkel-Employed by the City of Mitchell.

Motion carried.

At this time the School Board discussed the Student Services return to school protocols for the 2021-2022 school year. Most of the discussion centered on the use of Masks for all students and employees. Those in attendance were not in favor of any use of masks at all and would like the school to return to normal as soon as possible.

Motion by Christiansen to approve the Safe return to school protocols for the 2021-2022 school year & grant the Superintendent of Schools the authority to adjust the Protocols as conditions develop. This motion died for a lack of a second motion.

Motion #3351560

Motion by Flood, seconded by Ruml to approve the Safe return to school protocols for the 2021-2022 school year without Superintendent authority. During this discussion, board member Christiansen asked to amend this motion to add Superintendent authority to adjust the protocols as conditions developed. This amendment dies for a lack of a second motion.

After discussion ended the motion by Flood is then approved on a 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

At this time the School Board members reported on the meetings they have attended since the last School Board meeting.

During Dr. Graves report, he told the School Board that everything is pretty much ready for the first day of school on August 18th. New teachers are in their pre-service days as of August 4th and returning staff start their pre-service on August 11th.

During public commentary, Dwight Stadler asked if the banning of CRT and Project 1619 could be placed on the next agenda and President Olson said there is no reason to put this on as a future agenda item as these are not being taught in the Mitchell School District. Other citizens

expressed to the board about getting back to normal as soon as possible and others asked if the School Board would consider installing a sound system, starting the board meetings at a later time and also live streaming the board meetings.

Motion #3351561

Motion by Flood, seconded by Christiansen to adjourn the school board meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Motion carried.

Cash Balance as of July 31, 2021

Beginning Balance, \$22,214,254

General Fund Balance \$8,492,667 Capital Outlay Balance \$5,228,168, Special Education Balance \$680,537, Mitchell Tech Balance \$5,082,730, Food Service Balance \$948,368, Driver's Ed Balance \$32,135, T/A Balance \$1,696,934, James Valley Coop Balance \$52,715

Total Revenue, \$4,375,258

General Fund \$1,257,691, Capital Outlay \$40,337, Special Education \$163,755, Mitchell Tech \$1,593,623, Food Service \$215,074, Driver's Ed \$-0-, T/A \$1,104,778, James Valley Coop \$-0-

Total Expenditures, \$6,850,964

General Fund \$1,726,838, Capital Outlay \$1,636,282, Special Education \$315,180, Mitchell Tech \$2,066,192, Food Service \$289,325, Driver's Ed \$23,530, T/A \$744,594, James Valley Coop \$49,023

Ending Balance, \$19,738,548

General Fund \$8,023,520, Capital Outlay \$3,632,223, Special Education \$529,112, Mitchell Tech \$4,610,161, Food Service \$874,117, Driver's Ed \$8,605, T/A \$2,057,118, James Valley Coop \$3,692