

Proceedings of the Board of Education
Independent School District #787
Browerville, Minnesota 56438

Regular Meeting #11
December 11, 2023
Conference Room 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Bob Bryniarski, Treg Schultz, Jodi Hillmer, Keith Noska, Kelly Callahan, Gram Bentz, and Marty Host

Others Present: Scott Vedbraaten - Superintendent, Patrick Sutlief – K-12 Principal, Renee Hiebert-Business Manager, Karen Nauber, Steve Beck, Mike Hoheisel, and Ryan Schmidt, virtually

Superintendent Vedbraaten entertained questions relating to the proposed property tax levy. There were no patrons present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Bryniarski at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Noska second by Callahan and carried to approve the agenda presented and the minutes of November 15, 2023 as reviewed and published.

The 2023 Fiscal Audit was presented by Schlenner, Wenner, and Company. There was a motion by Host, second by Bentz and passed to accept the audit and its findings.

Motion by Host, second by Schultz and carried to approve the vender claims in the following accounts.

General Fund	\$289,992.32
Food Service	\$34,304.41
Transportation	\$12,847.27
Capital Expenditures	\$468,046.48
Community Service	\$36,052.66
Student Activity	\$33,328.84
Insurance Fund	<u>\$747.51</u>
TOTAL	\$875,319.49

Reports

ASVAB Testing was held last Thursday, December 9. This is a nationally normed assessment that meets graduation requirements. Triple A applications are due next week. The application information was in the announcements for the past couple weeks. Our local selections will be announced at the next board meeting. Winter concerts are Wednesday night at 7:00. The High School will be held at LPGE High School. The Elementary is at 1:30 on Thursday at the Clarissa building. Elementary will have practice Wednesday morning in the Clarissa gym. Buses will be provided to get the elementary to and from the Clarissa building for rehearsal and the actual concert. NHS had a fundraiser over the past couple weeks. As a result of fund-raising, over \$600.00, some people are getting their hair colored and beards shaved. Next week, 3rd and 4th graders will go to the CTCCC to sing for the residents and do a craft with them. FFA fruit sales went well, although they were down a little bit.

Mr. Vedbraaten reported on the following: The upcoming concerts in Long Prairie and Clarissa, the difficulties with the 2024-25 calendar, recent staff caroling, and the success of the office Christmas Cheer.

New Business

Motion by Callahan, second by Hillmer and carried to approve the 2023 pay 2024 levy at the Maximum, currently \$1,932,390.92.

Motion by Host, second by Bentz and carried to approve the driver's training behind the wheel instructor's salary at \$32.50 per hour for 2024.

Motion Hillmer, second by Noska and carried to approve the following behind the wheel driver's training prices: Resident/students attending full-time Browerville High School \$250.00, Extra hours - \$50 per hour, non-resident students (on a space available basis) - \$375, and extra non-resident hours - \$60 per hour.

Motion by Noska, second by Callahan to approve the Resolution Directing Administration to Make Recommendations for Reduction in Programs and Positions and/or Cost Saving Efficiencies and Reasons Therefore: The following voted in favor: Noska, Bryniarski, Callahan, Host, Hillmer, Bentz, and Schultz. There were no members who voted against the motion. The resolution was approved.

Motion by Hillmer, second by Schultz and carried to approve the overnight camping trip to Camp Confidence from February 7-9.

Mike Hoheisel of Baird presented the bond information to the school board. Following the presentation, Callahan introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS (MINNESOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM); AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION FOR THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS; AND COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, (Full Resolution Available in the District Office)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded Hillmer and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Noska, Hillmer, Bentz, Schultz, Callahan, Host, Bryniarski

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Noska, second by Bentz and carried to approve to set the 2024 organizational meeting for January 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Noska, second by Hillmer to close the meeting to discuss negotiations with the Browerville Education Association at 6:50. The motion passed. The meeting was reopened at 7:18. Mr. Vedbraaten reported about the discussion.

Adjournment

Motion by Noska, second by Hillmer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

