

The regular meeting of the Aberdeen School Board was held Monday, January 14, 2013, at the Hub Area Technical School.

President Sharp called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM with the following members present: Mr. Brad Olson, Mr. Scott Wirth, Mr. Brian Sharp, Mr. Duane Alm and Mr. Bob Nikolas. Mr. Mike Miller and Dr. Linda Burdette were absent. The Board toured the recently completed Potter Maintenance building located behind the District Service Center. Mr. Mike Miller joined the above members when the meeting reconvened at the Hub Area Technical School at 6:00 PM. Dr. Linda Burdette was present via telephone.

Call to Order

In salute and thanks to locally-elected school board members, January 14-18, 2013, has been designated South Dakota School Board Recognition Week. Dr. Gary Harms, Superintendent, took this opportunity to build community awareness and understanding about the crucial role an elected board assumes in a representative democracy. Their commitment to service and public education affects the present and future lives of our children and our communities.

School Board Recognition

Mr. Vern Bogue addressed the board regarding student issues.

Concerned Citizen

Mr. Mike Miller gave the Hub Area Technical School update. Items of discussion included: 25% parent attendance at conferences; audit; testing results for career readiness test; no bids received for house, will reopen; and courses for next year.

Hub Area Technical School Report

13-105

It was moved by Alm and seconded by Nikolas to approve the minutes of the December 7 & 10, 2012, Board meetings. All voted "Aye".

Approval of Minutes

13-106

It was moved by Wirth and seconded by Miller to approve the consent agenda including the following

Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Financial Statements
- b. Approval of Bills
- c. Approval of Ratifications and Authorizations
 1. Open Enrollment Application (approval of):
 - a. #2013-47 for one (1) child
 - b. #2013-48 for one (1) child
 - c. #2013-49 for one (1) child
 - d. #2013-50 for one (1) child
 - e. #2013-51 for one (1) child
 - f. #2013-52 for one (1) child
 - g. #2013-53 for one (1) child
- d. Approval of Reviewed Policy IHCD
- e. Approval of Personnel
 1. Certified/Co-Curricular Contract Resignations: approve the following certified resignations.
 - a. Bonnie Foell, Elementary Art Specialist – effective immediately
 - b. Michelle Hengel, Occupational Therapist – effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year

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- f. Approval of Surplus Property
 - 1. Food Service Truck Box
 - 2. Saws

All voted "Aye."

13-107

It was moved by Alm and seconded by Burdette to approve the agenda.
All voted "Aye."

Approval of
Agenda

13-108

Mr. Ryan Simmons, Eide Bailly, presented the 2011-12 Audit report. It was moved by Olson and seconded by Miller to approve the 2011-12 audit report.
All voted "Aye".

2011-12 Audit
Report

Counselors Dianne Brenden, Lois Walpole and Dave Nikolas updated the board on the work of the counseling program and of challenges and issues they face. Walpole said staffers have also been reassuring students that adults in the building will protect them if incidents do arise. Walpole also mentioned cyber bullying prevention and of a counselor's evolving role of adapting to the needs of students.

Counselor
Update

13-109

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Olson to proceed with Lincoln Elementary remodel proposal by Co-op Architecture.
All voted "Aye".

LE Remodel/
Addition Project

13-110

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Alm to approve the joint resolution with the City of Aberdeen and Brown County to hold a joint election on June 4, 2013, and share the costs thereof.
All voted "Aye".

Joint Election
Resolution

13-111

It was moved by Alm and seconded by Nikolas to approve the co-curricular head oral interpretation coach resignation of Christian Pirlet at the end of the 2012-13 school year contingent upon finding a suitable replacement.
All voted "Aye".

Approval of
Resignation

Mrs. Sherron Grote, Special Education Director, updated the Board on the 2012 Special Education Enrollment. The percentage of students enrolled in Special Education declined from 15.6% in 2011 to 14.61%, while the National average is 12%.

Special
Education Child
Count

Superintendent Harms reviewed safety procedures and encouraged the public not to go to schools in safety mode or lockdown and to not phone the schools so phone lines remain open if needed for emergency personnel.

Safety
Procedures/
Reminders

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Superintendent Harms updated his goals.

Goals

13-112

It was moved by Wirth and seconded by Nikolas to accept Superintendent Gary Harms's retirement at the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year.
All voted "Aye".

Superintendent
Resignation

A special meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2013, beginning at 6:15 PM to review the Capital Outlay plan.

Special Meeting

13-113

It was moved by Nikolas and seconded by Alm to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.
All voted "Aye".

Adjournment

Brian Sharp

President

Tom Janish

Finance Director