

THE HARRIS-LAKE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MET IN THE COMMONS OF THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ON JANUARY 18TH, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Directors Hibma, Stahly, Bensley and Goodell. Superintendent Irwin, Principal Hiemstra and Secretary Gunderson. Shared transportation director Amos Kleinwolterink was also in attendance. President Elser was absent.

The Board began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice-President Stahly at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Director Hibma, seconded by Goodell to approve the agenda with addition of transportation purchasing under old business. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Bensley, that the Board approve the bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$287,905.20, bills from the Activity Fund in the amount of \$10,808.24 from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$323.25 from the Management Fund in the amount of \$196.18 and from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$12,338.39 and also approve the minutes, Secretary's Reports and Activity Reports. Motion carried 4-0.

(The bills are listed at the end of this document and by this mention become a part hereof.)

Shared transportation director, Amos Kleinwolterink, was in attendance to discuss bus leasing and purchasing options. He recently went through the process of leasing 5 buses for the Sibley-Ocheyedan CSD.

Elementary Principal Irwin reported at today's professional development elementary teachers discussed "genius hour" which is essentially passion projects for the elementary students. Teachers make time during the school day to work on these projects. They tie in well with the elementary extravaganza. The second round of fastbridge testing will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The results will help determine the success of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading interventions.

Secondary Principal Hiemstra reported on the changes in the "scholarship rule". Previously if students failed a class in the first semester, they would be ineligible for extra-curricular activities for 30 days. The state has ruled all students eligible immediately because so many schools have been virtual learning due to the pandemic. We are aggressively trying to hire an English teacher. We are signed up for a virtual job fair. Drivers Education will be provided by Northwest Iowa Driving Academy again this year. Last Tuesday we had a student test positive for COVID. Because students wore masks only one other student was quarantined.

Superintendent Irwin reported the 2021 legislative session began January 11<sup>th</sup>. The legislative discussions have started with State Supplemental Aid which determines funding for schools, COVID funding and open enrollment which all impact schools. Dickinson County has a 16 % COVID positivity rate. Harris-Lake Park currently has 7 students in quarantine. We have one positive case at the MS/HS and zero positive cases at the elementary. A Board work session is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 with Piper Sandler.

Director Bensley made a motion, seconded by Goodell to approve the resignation from Greg Hiemstra as JH Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Bensley made a motion, seconded by Goodell to approve the resignation from Kristi Mentink as Assistant Volleyball Coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Bensley made a motion, seconded by Goodell to approve the resignation from Katie Goodell as Cheer Coach. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board discussed the 2021-2022 Harris-Lake Park School District Calendar. Preliminary discussions include a start date of August 23<sup>th</sup> with 1<sup>st</sup> Semester ending before Christmas break. The calendar would once again have 180 student contact days. Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Bensley to approve the first draft of the 2021-2022 school district calendar. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Goodell to approve the purchase of a MS/HS Phone System in the amount of \$10,508.00 from Advanced Network Professionals. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Bensley to approve the increased employer contribution to health insurance by \$300 for a total of \$4,200 annually. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Bensley to approve the first reading of the following Board policies: 504.1-Student Health and Immunization Certificates, 504.2-Communicable Diseases-Students, 504.3-Injury or Illness at School and 504.4-Dispensing Medication. Motion carried 4-0.

Vice-President Stahly adjourned the meeting @ 7:42 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 15th, 2021 @ 6:00pm in the cafeteria of the MS/HS building.

Mindy Gunderson  
Board Secretary

Arin Elser  
President, Board of Education