

THE HARRIS-LAKE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MET IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON DECEMBER 21ST, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Directors Hibma, Elser, Goodell and Bensley; Superintendent Irwin, Principal Hiemstra and Secretary Gunderson. Lake Park City Administrator, Marie Matthiesen and Teacher Kathy Greve were also present. Director Stahly was absent.

The Board began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Elser at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Director Hibma, seconded by Goodell to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Bensley made a motion, seconded by Hibma, that the Board approve the bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$329,371.63, bills from the Activity Fund in the amount of \$9,122.12 from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$323.25 and from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$18,673.65 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.)

The Lake Park City Administrator, Marie Matthiesen, gave a natural gas awareness report to the Board.

Director Goodell made a motion, seconded by Hibma to approve the second reading of the following Board policies: 503.5-Student Activity Program, 503.6-Interscholastic Competition, 503.7-Student Conduct Rule, 503.8-Student Attendance at Events Outside of School, 503.9-Student Honors and Awards and 503.10 Fines-Fees-Charges, Motion carried 4-0.

Elementary Principal Irwin reported the elementary students received the Accelerated Reader challenge award of donuts and Christmas videos. Fun Fridays were held in December with flannel Friday, hat day and Christmas sweater day. The virtual Christmas concert went well with a full day of songs from the elementary students.

Secondary Principal Hiemstra reported the MS/HS has 10 permanent on-line learners. This has been a challenge for teachers. Semester tests were last Friday and today with block scheduling for those two days. Students could not opt out of Semester tests this year because there were no assessments taken last year. Teachers will have PD on January 4<sup>th</sup> where they will prepare for virtual snow days. As the JH boys basketball coach, Mr, Hiemstra reported basketball was suspended on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Basketball resumed and they were able to add 2 games and six practice days. Mr. Hiemstra reported on the impact of having JH sports after school. In the 18-19 school year when JH sports was still 8<sup>th</sup> period of the school day there was 46% of those eligible were out for JH Boys basketball. In 19-20, which was the first year JH sports was held after school 80% of those eligible were out for basketball. In 20-21 83% were out for JH boys basketball. In JH football 46% were out in 18-19, 53% in 19-20 and 62% in the 20-21 school year.

Superintendent Irwin reported on December 15<sup>th</sup> Prairie Lakes AEA had a virtual day with 8 legislators. Superintendents were able to discuss a lot of topics. Most of the discussion was centered on finance.

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

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Goodell to approve the resignation from Andy Irwin as JH Football coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Goodell made a motion, seconded by Bensley to approve the Modified Supplemental Amount for Open Enrollment Out and Increasing Enrollment in the amount of \$48,817. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Bensley made a motion, seconded by Hibma to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2021-2022 Drop Out Prevention program in the amount of \$75,000 for expenditures necessary to implement the 2021-2022 At-Risk and Dropout Prevention program. A Roll Call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

The Return to Learn plan was discussed. Director Hibma made a motion seconded by Bensley to insert the following into the Return to Learn plan: The Harris-Lake Park Board of Education will call a meeting if the Dickinson County rate is above 20% and the absenteeism among students expected for in-person learning in a building is over 20% or 3 staff are quarantined at the elementary and/or 6 staff are quarantined at the MS/HS to determine if a particular model is necessary. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board discussed the transportation purchasing information. This topic is tabled until the next regular meeting. Superintendent Irwin will look at school bus leasing and purchasing options and present them to the Board.

President Elser adjourned the meeting @ 7:05 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, January 18th, 2021 @ 6:00pm in room 9B of the MS/HS building.

Mindy Gunderson  
Board Secretary

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President, Board of Education