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Regular Board Meeting Minutes from Monday, December 14, 2020

- I. Meeting called to order by School Board Chair Benson at 6:00 p.m.
 - Guests include: (Tara Brandl with the Headlight Herald, TAPS Business Manager Tonya Duscher, Suanne Christiansen, Alex Greenway, & Heather Kamrud-Rice)
 - Board Members Present: Rod Benson, Jay Fultz, Ben Ludeman, Nicole Swanson & Sheila Siebenahler-Holland. Absent: Matt Surprenant and Jody Bauer.
 - Administration present: Superintendent Anderson, Elementary Principal Michael Munson & Secondary Principal Vondracek. Activities Director Tauer was absent.
- II. Motion by Holland, second by Ludeman to approve the previous meeting minutes. **(MC 5-0)**
- III. Motion by Fultz second by Swanson to approve the agenda. **(MC 5-0)**
- IV. Motion by Holland, second by Ludeman to approve the TAPS monthly report, Treasurer Report, Revenues vs Disbursements Report, and the vendor payments which include check numbers **18026** through **18133**, wire payments dated **November 16, 2020** through **December 14, 2020**, Student Activities Check Numbers **18476-18486** for a grand total of **\$881,340.32**. **(MC 5-0)**.
- V. Visitor Reports/Comments:
 - A. Kyle Kruger (CPA with Hoffman & Brobst) presented the FY20 Audit Report.
- VI. Administrative Oral Reports
 - A. **Activity Director Tauer's Report: Superintendent Anderson presented on behalf of Mr. Tauer**
 - The MSHSL Board of Directors approved a proposal to accept and adopt the scheduling models presented by the Return to Participation Task Force. The earliest start date would be December 21, three days after the scheduled expiration of Executive Order 20-99. Competitions could begin as early as Jan 4. If the Executive Order is extended another two week's practices will start Jan 4 and if the order is extended four week's practices will start Jan 18.
 - The MSHSL Board of Directors also approved a \$500,000 transfer from the MSHSL Foundation and allocated the funds in the following manner: \$250,000 to assist regions with financial hardship and \$250,000 to reduce membership fees to Class A and Class AA schools.

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B. Secondary Principal Vondracek's Report:

- i. Educere HS team is sent a letter stating importance of passing classes as it affects credits for grades 9-12 and especially for seniors wanting to graduate. (was sent week of Nov. 9)
- ii. 1 more student returned to the building and 4 more will on Dec. 21, an additional student went from building to Educere.
- iii. All Educere parents are contacted once a week by Sara Timmerman, Sonja Gasca or Mrs. Vondracek, either by phone or email about students' progress. Encouraged to return to building if not making progress.
- iv. Please accept resignation of para Sherman Yang. (see at bottom)
- v. Please approve recommendations for new paras.
- vi. Quarter 2 Midterm is Dec. 11. – last day is Jan. 21.
- vii. Upcoming events: Holiday Virtual Concert will be done in January instead of December; Jan. 21 ASVAB test for Juniors;
- viii. Schedules – Allow for 30 minutes of online learning prep for teachers.

C. Elementary Principal Munson's Report:

- i. Distance Learning:
 - We have had 19 different students for Daycare in the Elementary from 8 to 3pm.
 - Zooms have been very well attended (during the 2 weeks of distance learnin)
 - Over 90% attendance- called individuals that are not on each day.
 - Most main zooms happen from 9am to 12pm & again at 1pm. With small group in the afternoon.
- ii. Changes for when we get back in school
 - We will be starting the 2:30 out time on Monday, December 14th.
 - PE/Music Times were able to stay the same (45 total minutes) some groups got moved around.
 - Classes will be shortened by a little to accomadate the new times.
 - We will not be having PLC/Character time for awhile to maximize learning time.
 - If this is prolonged we will look at a shortened Character time on Fridays.

D. Superintendent Anderson's Report:

- i. Truth-in-Taxation Meeting:
 - Power Point Presentation (MREA) which includes (Big Picture, Property classification(s) and value(s), Market and State Factors, 40% Ag Credit for School Facility Bonds, School District and State Factors).
 - Levy Limitation and Certification Report was discussed.
- ii. Early Dismissal on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 12:30

E. School Board Member Reports:

- i. None

VII. Old Business:

- A. None

VIII. New Business

- A. 2020-2021 preliminary enrollments were given by Superintendent Anderson (**665**). December 2019 was (683). December 2018 was (705), December 2017 was 700, December 2016 was 720, December 2015: 738.
- B. Motion by Ludeman, second by Swanson to approve the FY20 Audit Report as presented by Kyle Kruger (CPA with Hoffman & Brobst) (**MC 5-0**)
- C. Motion by Fultz, second by Holland to approve the MDE Levy Limitation and Certification 2020 Payable 2021 Report of \$1,752,859.33 an increase of \$24,841.12 or 1.44%. (Last year was \$1,728,018.21). (**MC 5-0**)
- D. Motion by Swanson, second by Ludeman to approve the resignation of TAHS Para-Professional Sherman Yang with many thanks for his service to TAPS. (**MC 5-0**)
- E. Motion by Swanson, second by Ludeman to approve the 2020-2021 Membership Dues to the Minnesota State High School League. \$3,500 due on December 31, 2020 due to added MSHSL expenses from COVID pandemic. Discussion: Member Ludeman expressed disappointment with the leadership from the MSHSL resulting in delaying the fall sports season and the unequitable fee structure to recoup lost dollars by the MSHSL. Board Chair Benson agreed with member Ludeman's comments. Swanson asked about consequences for not paying and superintendent Anderson responded by saying he did not know what consequences would be for not paying the additional fee since the district already paid the yearly membership fee. (**Motion Fails 0-5**)
- F. Motion by Holland, second by Fultz to approve the 2020-2021 World's Best Workforce (WBWF) Summary Report. (**MC 5-0**)
- G. Motion by Ludeman, second by Fultz to approve the 2020-2021 World's Best Workforce (WBWF) Action Plan. (**MC 5-0**)
- H. Motion by Holland, second by Swanson to approve the hiring of Mrs. Pam Anderson as Library Support for the 2020-2021 school year. (**MC 5-0**)
- I. Motion by Fultz, second by Swanson to approve the hiring of Jessica Kruse as TAHS Para Professional for the 2020-2021 school year. (**MC 5-0**)
- J. Motion by Holland, second by Ludeman to approve the hiring of Mercie Minette as a TAHS Para Professional for the 2020-2021 school year. (**MC 5-0**)
- K. Motion by Swanson, second by Holland to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Anderson

Superintendent Chad Anderson, Ed.D.
December 15, 2020

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