

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
April 13, 2015

Pursuant to the call and the notice thereof, the School Board of the Marion School District 60-3, Marion, Turner County, SD met in regular session on the thirteenth day of April, 2015. Call to order was made by President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Nicole Bartscher, Dan Buse, Daryl Gortmaker, Josh Luke and Larry Langerock

Absent: None

Officers Present: Dr. Joseph Gertsema, Interim Superintendent; Michelle Larson, Secondary Principal; and Aaron Thompson, Business Manager

Absent: None

Guests Present: Todd Obele, Peter Preheim, Karri Wieman, Keith McVay, Linda Luke, Trish Kreider, Scott Tieszen, Paul Orcutt, and Shelly Wieman

Action 14/15-116: Agenda – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to amend the agenda to following: 21 – Resignation, 22 – Negotiations (Executive Session), 23 – Adjourn; and then to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-117: Minutes – On motion by Langerock, second by Luke to approve the previous month's minutes and to acknowledge receipt of the Cornbelt Educational Coop minutes. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-118: Financial Reports – On motion by Buse, second by Luke to approve the financial reports of the District as shown in Table 1 (to be published in paper). Motion carried.

Action 14/15-119: Bills for Consideration – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to approve the following claims against the District for the month of April, and then to approve checks to be issued in their payment. Motion carried. (Bills to be published in paper)

Keith McVay came before the Board, stating that he would like to provide a “teacher appreciation supper” at 5:00 pm on May 6th for Teacher Appreciation Week. This would be provided for Marion School staff, families, and School Board members.

Peter Preheim also came before the Board with concerns on coop discussions with Parker School District. He detailed past experience with Parker, as well as their push for consolidation.

Karri Wieman gave the Teacher Report. She discussed her recent trip to the Faulkton School District, as she was part of an external review team there for AdvancED accreditation.

School Board reports were given. Larry Langerock wanted to thank Dr. Gertsema for his weekly email updates to the School Board. Josh Luke discussed the Cornbelt Coop meeting last month, as well as needing to set a date to pick up the football stadium equipment the School purchased last fall. Nicole Bartscher went over many of the legislative bills from this year's session affecting K-12 education.

Aaron Thompson gave the Business Manager report. He shared a “thank you” card from Kim Buseman, and also discussed his communication with the school's attorney, and preparations for the upcoming school year.

Michelle Larson gave the Principal report. She gave the Board updates on “Smarter Balanced” testing, Dakota Step Science testing, the Technology in-service, High School Prom, Track, and State FFA.

Dr. Joseph Gertsema gave the Superintendent report. He shared information on teacher interviews, Title I, and a handout on the “Every Child Achieves Act of 2015.”

The School Board discussed sports coop options with Freeman, Menno, Parker, and Freeman Academy.

Action 14/15-120: Sports Coop Direction – On motion by Bartscher, second by Langerock to proceed with sports coop talks with Freeman Public School. Roll call vote: Bartscher – yes, Buse – yes, Gortmaker – yes, Langerock – yes, Luke – yes. Motion carried (5-0 vote).

Action 14/15-121: Summer School Proposal – On motion by Bartscher, second by Buse to authorize a summer school program for summer 2015. Motion carried.

President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, declared a brief recess of the meeting at 8:44 pm. School Board meeting resumed session at 8:54 pm.

Action 14/15-122: 2015/2016 School Calendar – On motion by Luke, second by Langerock to approve calendar C, as presented to the Board, as the official 2015/2016 Marion School calendar. Votes for: Luke, Langerock, Gortmaker; votes against: Bartscher, Buse. Motion carried (3-2 vote).

Action 14/15-123: Approve Nurse Contract – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to approve the School Health Services Contract from Pioneer Memorial for the 2015/2016 fiscal school year. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-124: SDHSAA Resolution – On motion by Gortmaker, second by Luke to approve membership with the SDHSAA for the 2015/2016 school year. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-125: Approve Contract – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to approve William Massey's contract as Asst. Track Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, in the amount of \$1,206.00. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-126: Offer Certified Contracts – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to offer the following certified contracts for the 2015/2016 school year, with salaries to be published July, 2015: Denise Arbach – Science Teacher, Kaitlyn Backstrom – Band / Vocal Teacher, Kim Buseman – Kindergarten Teacher, Janna Christiansen – K-12 Special Ed. Teacher, Michelle Fink – MS English / Reading Teacher, Lacey Graber – 5-8 Math Teacher, Heidi Johnson – Preschool Teacher, Jesse Johnson – 5th Grade / Elem. Computers Teacher, Nancy Kennedy – Counselor, Jayden Kettwig – Vo-Ag Teacher / FFA Advisor, Jerry Kippes – Business Teacher / Tech Coordinator, Tracy Kopejtka – K-12 Special Ed. Teacher, Jan Kraemer – Elem. PE Teacher, Becky Luke – English Teacher, William Massey – Math Teacher, Sharlene Orcutt – 2nd Grade Teacher, Anne Pankratz – FACS Teacher / FCCLA Advisor, Heidi Roth – 4th Grade Teacher, Kylea Waltner – 1st Grade Teacher, Karri Wieman – 3rd Grade Teacher. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-127: Offer Classified Contracts – On motion by Langerock, second by Luke to offer the following classified contracts for the 2015/2016 school year, with salaries to be published July, 2015: Wendy Claussen – Paraprofessional, Kenneth Dalke – Bus Driver, Jackie Goosen – Paraprofessional, April Gossen – Paraprofessional, Gayle Gross – Paraprofessional, Heidi Johnson – Paraprofessional, Doug Larson – Bus Driver, Linda Luke – Library Aide, Jesse Paschal – Custodian, John Quenzer – Head Custodian, Tim Russell – Special Ed. Driver, Vicki Schardin – Administrative Secretary, Ranee Schmidt – Paraprofessional, Cyndy Weber – Receptionist. (School Board member Dan Buse abstained from voting for Wendy Claussen's contract.) Motion carried.

Action 14/15-128: Offer Extra-Curricular Contracts – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to offer the following extra-curricular contracts for the 2015/2016 school year, with salaries to be published July, 2015: Denise Arbach – Annual Advisor, Jesse Johnson – Asst. Football Coach, Nancy Kennedy – School Play Advisor, Janice Kraemer – Quiz Bowl Advisor, Becky Luke – NHS Advisor, Linda Luke – Oral Interp Advisor, Todd Obele – Head Football Coach. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-129: Resignation – On motion by Buse, second by Luke to accept the resignation of Lance Friesen as Social Studies Teacher, and to thank him for his years of service to the District. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-130: Negotiations – On motion by Luke, second by Langerock to go into executive session for the purpose of Negotiations at 9:22 pm, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (4). Motion carried.

President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, declared out of executive session at 10:32 pm.

Action 14/15-131: Adjourn – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to adjourn the school board meeting at 10:33 pm. Motion carried.

Nicole Bartscher,
School Board President

Aaron Thompson,
Business Manager