

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

January 19, 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 nineteenth day of January, 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, Larry Langerock, and Josh Luke

Absent: None

Officers Present: Michelle Larson, Secondary Principal; and Aaron Thompson, Business Manager

Absent: Terry Winegar, Superintendent

Guests Present: Shelly Wieman, Trish Kreider, Ed Kreider, Denise Arbach, Amy Laible, Anne Pankratz, Jayden Kettwig, Dan Koehn, Rick Nelson, Ron Globke, Bryan Luke, Paul Orcutt, Sharlene Orcutt, Kylea Waltner, Becky Luke, Heidi Ptak, Vicki Schardin, Karri Wieman, Tracy Kopejtko, Kara Hoines, Janna Christiansen, and Todd Obele

Action 14/15-52: Agenda – On motion by Langerock, second by Luke to amend the agenda by removing the following items: 3 – Personnel Matters, and 19 – Policy IKAB (Student Progress Reports to Parents); and then to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

School Board President Nicole Bartscher recognized the Marion Teachers' Association as a local bargaining unit, with Kara Hoines from SDEA/NEA as their official representative.

Secondary Principal Michelle Larson gave the following acknowledgement to the Board: recognize the successful cooperative of the Canistota/Marion Badgers junior high basketball this season.

Action 14/15-53: Minutes – On motion by Gortmaker, second by Buse to approve minutes from the previous month, and to acknowledge receipt of the Cornbelt Cooperative minutes. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-54: Financial Reports – On motion by Luke, second by Buse to approve the financial reports of the District as shown in Table 1 (to be published in paper). Motion carried.

Action 14/15-55: Bills for Consideration – On motion by Langerock, second by Gortmaker to approve the following claims against the District for the month of January, and then to approve checks to be issued in their payment. Motion carried. (Bills to be published in paper)

Mayor Ron Globke came before the Board to discuss the proposed chicken farm to be located between Marion and Parker, which would fall in the Marion School District boundaries. He visited another chicken farm in Iowa run by this company, and explained some possible benefits to the District, as well as some concerns that have been brought up by opponents to this venture.

There were no Teacher Reports.

School Board President Nicole Bartscher recognized January 12-16 as School Board Recognition Week.

Aaron Thompson gave the Business Manager report. He gave information on the HVAC project, budgeting for FY16, and the possibility of a GPS station installed on the school for Ag/construction purposes.

Michelle Larson gave the Principal report. She gave the Board updates on semester grades/data, Jr. High and 5th/6th grade Badger basketball coop, Financial Aid Night, ACT testing in Marion, NAEP testing, the teachers' in-service, AdvancED accreditation, the District's mission/beliefs statement, and Teachscape.

Terry Winegar had emailed the Superintendent report to the School Board prior to the meeting.

School Board President Nicole Bartscher led the Board in a sports coop discussion. A timeline of recent discussions between the Marion and Canistota Administrations & School Boards was shared. A letter from the Canistota School Board directed to Terry Winegar and the Marion School Board was also shared, stating conditions necessary to be met for the coop. Another letter from the Canistota School Board was shared, stating they had voted 5-1 as a district to dissolve the coop upon seeking legal consultation.

School Board President Nicole Bartscher stated that the Marion Board of Education has no intention of breaking the Athletic Cooperative Agreement with the Canistota School District.

Action 14/15-56: School Board Election Date – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to set the School Board election date for April 14, 2015, to be combined with the City of Marion if elections are deemed necessary. Motion carried.

School Board Election workers will be appointed by Business Manager Aaron Thompson if a School Board election is held.

Resolution 14/15-57: Resolution for Opt-Out – Let it be hereby resolved that on motion by Langerock, second by Luke, the Governing Board of the Marion School District #60-3 do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$150,000.00 starting with calendar year 2015 taxes payable in the calendar year 2016. This opt out will be for five years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2020. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-third vote of the board. This opt out would be a continuation or renewal of the district's current opt out of \$150,000 maximum per calendar year. This is not an addition to the current general fund opt out amount. This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision (by Feb. 11, 2015). Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount. Motion carried with a unanimous decision of the Board.

Action 14/15-58: Personnel Matters – On motion by Buse, second by Luke to go into executive session for the purpose of Personnel Matters (Business Manager Evaluation) at 8:13 pm, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried.

President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, declared out of executive session at 8:39 pm.

Action 14/15-59: Personnel Matters – On motion by Luke, second by Buse to go into executive session for the purpose of Personnel Matters (Superintendent Evaluation) at 8:43 pm, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried.

President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, declared out of executive session at 11:02 pm.

Action 14/15-60: Adjourn – On motion by Langerock, second by Luke to adjourn the school board meeting at 11:04 pm. Motion carried.

Nicole Bartscher,
School Board President

Aaron Thompson,
Business Manager