

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

March 9, 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 ninth day of March, 2015. Call to order was made by President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Nicole Bartscher, Dan Buse, and Larry Langerock

Absent: Daryl Gortmaker and Josh Luke

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

Absent: None

Guests Present: Todd Obele, Wendy Claussen, Paul Orcutt, Ed Kreider, Trish Kreider, Denise Arbach, Curt Matthies, Jared Schmidt, and Scott Tieszen

Action 14/15-91: Agenda – On motion by Buse, second by Langerock to amend the agenda by deleting the following item: 15 – Approve Nurse Contract; and then to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-92: Minutes – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to amend the February 23, 2015 special meeting minutes by adding the following sentence prior to meeting adjournment: “Questions from the public were brought forward and answered by the School Board.” Previous month’s minutes were then approved as amended, and receipt of the Cornbelt Educational Coop minutes was acknowledged. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-93: Financial Reports – On motion by Buse, second by Langerock to approve the financial reports of the District as shown in Table 1 (to be published in paper). Motion carried.

Action 14/15-94: Bills for Consideration – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to approve the following claims against the District for the month of March, and then to approve checks to be issued in their payment. Motion carried. (Bills to be published in paper)

There were no Delegations.

There were no Teacher Reports.

Nicole Bartscher and Dan Buse gave information on legislative updates from ASBSD.

Aaron Thompson gave the Business Manager report. He informed the Board on funding updates, Infinite Campus vs. School Reach messaging systems, and the gym floor scheduled to be sanded and refinished this summer.

Michelle Larson gave the Principal report. She gave the Board updates on AdvancED, registering for 2015/2016 classes, NAEP testing, Smarter Balanced testing, NHS, Track & Golf starting, Quiz Bowl, a book study on grading and assessments, Virtual School Math prep, and Marion School District staff beliefs.

Dr. Joseph Gertsema gave the Superintendent report. He informed the Board on a proposal from TIE to analyze test score data, Track & Field participation and coaching, Superintendent applicants for 2015/2016, meeting with Elementary teachers and students, a Cornbelt Coop meeting, and parent-teacher conferences.

Action 14/15-95: Approve TIE Proposal – On motion by Buse, second by Langerock to approve the Technology in Education (TIE) proposal, as presented to the Board, for services provided during two days of in-service in August 2015. Motion carried.

Interim Superintendent Joseph Gertsema led the Board in a sports coop discussion. He has been in contact with Freeman, Parker, Menno, and Freeman Academy regarding a sports coop and any other sharing opportunities.

Freeman and Parker have shown interest in meeting as either a full or partial board to discuss these matters sometime this month.

A proposed 2015/2016 Marion School calendar was presented to and discussed with the Board. No motions were made.

Action 14/15-96: Accept Donation – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to accept the \$850 donation to the Marion School from Saunders Chiropractic.

Action 14/15-97: Surplus Property – On motion by Buse, second by Langerock to declare various library books as surplus property, to be disposed of as Administration sees fit. The list of surplus property will be kept on file in the Business Office. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-98: Resignation – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to accept the resignation of Sandra Tieszen as Elementary Music Teacher, and to thank her for her years of service to the District. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-99: Personnel Matters – On motion by Buse, second by Langerock to go into executive session for the purpose of Personnel Matters at 8:47 pm, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried.

President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, declared out of executive session at 10:04 pm.

Action 14/15-100: Offer Administrative Contracts - On motion by Buse, second by Langerock to offer an Administrative Contract to Secondary Principal Michelle Larson for the 2015/2016 fiscal school year, and to extend the Administrative Contract of Business Manager Aaron Thompson to include the 2016/2017 fiscal school year. Salaries will be negotiated at a later date. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-101: Negotiations – On motion by Buse, second by Langerock to go into executive session for the purpose of Negotiations at 10:05 pm, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (4). Motion carried.

President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, declared out of executive session at 10:28 pm.

Action 14/15-102: Adjourn – On motion by Langerock, second by Buse to adjourn the school board meeting at 10:29 pm. Motion carried.

Nicole Bartscher,
School Board President

Aaron Thompson,
Business Manager