

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
May 11, 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 eleventh day of May, 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: Scott Tieszen, Shelly Wieman, Jared Schmidt, Jerry Kippes, Ed Kreider, Trish Kreider, Anne Pankratz, and Amy Laible

Action 14/15-134: Agenda – On motion by Luke, second by Buse to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-135: Minutes – On motion by Luke, second by Langerock to approve the previous month's minutes and to acknowledge receipt of the Cornbelt Educational Coop minutes. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-136: 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 14/15-137: Bills for Consideration – On motion by Buse, second by Luke to approve the following claims against the District for the month of May, and then to approve checks to be issued in their payment. Motion carried. (Bills to be published in paper)

Scott Tieszen came before the Board with questions regarding the status of Marion's sports coop options. Nicole Bartscher gave updates that Marion is waiting for Freeman to make a decision, and that SDHSAA is willing to work with us for our boys' basketball program.

Anne Pankratz gave the Teacher Report. She informed the Board on State FFA & State FCCLA. She congratulated Michalee Globke, who will be competing at National FCCLA in Washington, DC this summer.

School Board reports were given. Nicole Bartscher brought forth a request for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church to be nominated for the ASBSD Community Service Award with the backpack program.

Action 14/15-138: ASBSD Community Service Award – On motion by Buse, second by Gortmaker to nominate Emmanuel Presbyterian Church for the ASBSD Community Service Award. Motion carried.

Aaron Thompson gave the Business Manager report. He reported on the SDASBO Spring Conference, and also gave updates on upcoming facility projects discussed with the Building Committee.

Michelle Larson gave the Principal report. She gave the Board information on MHS graduation, "Smarter Balanced" testing, a proposed music trip, Technology Committee requests, grading & assessment, and Prom.

Action 14/15-139: Spring 2016 Music Trip – On motion by Luke, second by Buse to grant authorization for the Music Department to take a high school music trip in spring 2016. Motion carried.

Dr. Joseph Gertsema gave the Superintendent report. He gave updates on Title I, meeting with David Colberg, Tech Committee meetings, summer school, teacher interviews, and the Cornbelt Coop meeting.

The Board of Education recognized the Marion High School graduating class of 2015.

Action 14/15-140: Driver's Education Fees – On motion by Luke, second by Gortmaker to set the Driver's Education fee at \$240 for the 2015 calendar year. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-141: Waiver from Administrative Rule – On motion by Bartscher, second by Buse to approve waivers from administrative rules for credit before high school and course equivalent exams. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-142: Food Service Contractor Bids – On motion by Langerock, second by Luke to accept the food service management bid from CBM for the 2015/2016 school year (no other bids were received). Motion carried.

Action 14/15-143: SDHSAA Ballots – On motion by Buse, second by Luke to vote "yes" on Amendment 1 on the SDHSAA 2015 Official Amendment Ballot; and to vote for the following on the SDHSAA 2015 Official Election Ballots: Mike Schmidt (Wilmot High School) as the East River At-Large Representative, Monte Wagner (Platte-Geddes School District) as the Small School Group Board of Education Representative, and Bud Postma (Madison High School) as the Division II Representative. Motion carried.

Business Manager Aaron Thompson shared the 2015/2016 preliminary budget with the School Board.

Action 14/15-144: Resignations – On motion by Langerock, second by Gortmaker to accept the resignations of Kaitlyn Backstrom as Band & Vocal Teacher, and Janna Christiansen as Asst. Volleyball Coach, and to thank them for their years of service in these respective positions. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-145: Approve Certified Contracts – On motion by Luke, second by Buse to approve the following certified contracts for the 2015/2016 school year, with salaries to be published July, 2015: amend Michelle Fink's contract to 87.5% as Middle School English & Elementary Music Teacher, approve Rachael Massey as Title I Teacher, and approve Doyle Johnson as MS/HS Social Studies, Science & PE Teacher. Motion carried.

Action 14/15-146: Negotiations – On motion by Buse, second by Langerock to go into executive session for the purpose of Negotiations at 9:04 pm, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (4). Motion carried.

President of the School Board, Nicole Bartscher, declared out of executive session at 9:35 pm.

Action 14/15-147: Approve Negotiations – On motion by Langerock, second by Gortmaker to approve the Certified Staff Negotiated Agreement as presented to the Board for the 2015/2016 fiscal school year. A copy of the agreement will be kept on file in the Business Office. (School Board member Josh Luke abstained from voting.) Motion carried 4-0.

Action 14/15-148: Adjourn – On motion by Luke, second by Buse to adjourn the school board meeting at 9:37 pm. Motion carried.

Nicole Bartscher,
School Board President

Aaron Thompson,
Business Manager