

Independent School District No. 4
McGregor, MN 55760
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, November 25, 2014 – 6:00 pm – Room 201, 2nd Floor

Chairperson Doten called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with members DeWitt, Doten, Kruse, Kulju, Orbeck and Sorensen present. Jackson was absent. Also present were Superintendent / Elementary Principal Grams, High School Principal Staska, Business Manager Dalchow and other interested parties.

Kulju made a motion, seconded by Kruse to approve the agenda. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments and requests from visitors: none

Kruse made a motion, seconded by Sorensen to open the Public Hearing for Tax Abatement Bonds at 6:04 pm. A request for comments was called and a discussion took place.

Kulju made a motion, seconded by Doten to table the Tax Abatement issue. All voted with DeWitt and Kruse opposed. The motion passed.

Sorensen made a motion, seconded by DeWitt to close the Public Hearing.

A discussion took place with Mike Hoheisel regarding the Tax Abatement Bonds.

Kruse made a motion, seconded by Dewitt to lift the Tax Abatement Bonds from the table. All voted and Kulju was opposed. The motion carried.

DeWitt made a motion, seconded by Kruse to re-open the Public Hearing for Tax Abatement Bonds at 6:32 pm. A request for comments was called.

Kruse made a motion, seconded by DeWitt to close the Public Hearing for Tax Abatement Bonds at 6:33 pm.

Kruse made a motion, seconded by Sorensen to authorize the Resolution approving Property Tax Abatement for certain property located within the jurisdiction of ISD #4 and providing for the Issuance and Sale of approximately \$595,000 General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, series 2015A, with the adjustment to that date in Section 6 to June 30, 2014. A roll call vote was taken with the following in favor: Sorensen, Orbeck, Doten, Kruse and DeWitt. Kulju abstained. The motion passed.

Kulju made a motion, seconded by Kruse to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

- a. Approval of minutes from 10/20/14 and 11/10/14
- b. Review cash balances
- c. Review Expenditure/Revenue Guideline Report
- d. Approval of bills, claims and accounts for October
- e. Review cash receipts for October
- f. Review Activity Fund report
- g. Approve the Bullying Prohibition Policy #514
- h. Approve the lane change for Barb Marquardsen to MA+15, effective January 1, 2015.
- i. Approve the leave request for Suzanne Fredrickson effective November 21, 2014.
- j. Approve Extracurricular Activities Policy
- k. Accept donations:

Red Hat Society Group	\$200	Band/Choir Trip
Tamarack Sno Flyers	\$500	Choir
Tamarack Sno Flyers	\$500	Band
Tamarack Sno Flyers	\$500	Shop Class
Tamarack Sno Flyers	\$500	Board Discretion
Tamarack Sno Flyers	\$500	Big Sandy Water Institute
Fireman's Relief Assoc	\$250	September Job Fair
Fireman's Relief Assoc	\$1000	Elem Library books
Aitkin County Child Abuse Prevention Council	\$1500	Building Parent Assets Project
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Women	\$200	Nurse supplies

Truth in Taxation Hearing was opened. There were no comments.

Kruse made a motion, seconded by Sorensen to approve the Final 2014 Payable 2015 Levy at \$1,355,890.93. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Kruse made a motion, seconded by Orbeck to approve the NLSEC Shared Services Agreement and Resolution. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent / Elementary Principal reported on sound panels in the Band room as a possible summer project and the new 35 passenger bus was delivered today. The High School Band and Choir Variety Show is on December 6th and the Elementary Holiday Concert is on December 18th at 1:30.

High School Principal reported on the Student Hearing Committee meeting and all Board members agreed. Also there were a large number of students on the A and B honor roll the first quarter. The incentive trip is planned at the end of the semester.

Business Manager reported on the Fall MASBO conference, an Enbridge Grant was applied for, P-card rebate this year and a comparison with other districts regarding Truth in Taxation. She also discussed the possible loss in Compensatory Aid and Education will be a big item when the 2015 State Legislative Session opens.

Board Members reported on the possibility of using the internet for attending the February and March Board meetings.

Comments from Student Representative: none

Discussion Items:

- a. MSBA Conference
- b. Bus Routes

Upcoming Meetings:

- Meet and Confer on November 26, 2014 at 4:00 pm
- Regular Meeting on December 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Enrollment Update

DeWitt made a motion, seconded by Sorensen to adjourn at 7:03 pm. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kruse, Clerk of School Board
(Not yet approved)