

MINUTES

The Regular meeting of the Yaak School Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson, Pam Fuqua, at 4:10 p.m. on Monday January 24, 2022, at the Yaak School. Pam opened the meeting, welcomed visitors, explained the protocol for the meeting, and stated that the meeting was being recorded.

Trustees Present: Pam Fuqua and Trish Lauer,
Others Present: Sabre Alderete, Head Teacher, Artie Wright, Custodian/Maintenance, Herb Oehlke, Sherri Oehlke, Ron Webb, Kathy Huber, Bill Sullivan, and John Rilling, Tech Support Contractor

Three of the students did presentations on Martin Luther King. Sabre' explained the process she had the students follow to gather their data. This assignment covered standards for Technology and Public Speaking.

Minutes:

The minutes from the December 15, 2021, regular meeting were presented. Pam stated that the Trustees had reviewed them, and the public was welcome to see them. Pam stated that the December 9, 2021, Special Meeting recording will stand as the official minutes and can be accessed from the school website, yaakschool.org. Trish moved that the minutes from both meetings be accepted as presented and Pam concurred.

Maintenance Committee:

- Pam stated that Craig Johnson has resigned. We have hired Artie Wright as our Custodian and grounds keeper. He will also be doing maintenance as needed through his personal maintenance company and billing the school for those services.
- Girls' toilet has been replaced, outside security light has been installed. Items that will be looked at going forward are, repairs to the roof of the portico on the front door, floor drain in the girl's bathroom and light at the back door.
- Trish reported that the lead testing results came back negative. Going forward we will be doing the routine testing required by the new statute.
- Pam asked Artie if he had anything to add. He mentioned that the wipes in the boy's bathroom are not the flushable type and if they are being flushed, they will clog the septic system. Sabre' stated that they were not being flushed.

Technology Committee:

- Pam stated that the IT Tech position was also filled. She introduced John Rilling who the school will be contracting with to take care of the Technology issues that arise. John gave a quick overview of his credentials and how he came to the Yaak.
- Sabre' stated that she had some whitelisting that needed done and student devices needed updates done.

Old Business:

- Pam reported that the majority of the Foundation Project has been paid for. We will keep the Grants open until the parking pad and sidewalk redo are complete and all invoices have been paid.
- Policy 1905 section on face coverings was reviewed. It was the consensus of the Board and Teacher that the mask mandate stays in place as written due the increase in cases across the county and the new variant. Sabre' stated that due to having no substitutes if she was to get ill the education of the students would be disrupted. She would be unable to set up remote lesson plans, and we cannot just extend the school year to make up missed days. That is not how the academic calendar works. She is making sure the students have times during the day that they have opportunities to not wear masks. She stated that the students are only masked 30 to 40 percent of the day. Kathy Huber stated that she appreciated that the school was keeping masks in place as the number of cases really took a jump. She also stated that she thought that Lynn Edwards and Bonnie Surrell had been approved by the board as substitutes at the start of the year. Sabre' stated that yes they are on the sub list, but they are afraid of getting sick to, so she does not have

a consistent person in case she gets sick. She stated that she has been released from jury duty but has also been picked at the State level and is on call for State Court jury duty.

- Pam reviewed the Transportation Budget Amendment adoption that is set at \$792.95. Pam moved to adopt the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$792.95, Trish concurred.

New Business:

- The County Superintendent, Taralee McFadden has stated that she will be assuming the duties of the rural schools in Lincoln County Homeless Liaison going forward.
- Pam stated that Bonnie Surrell has been hired to do our Art and Music Program. This position will be paid out of the Title IA Grant Funds, also any supplies she may need. Sabre' stated that Bonnie will be coming in every Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. to do those classes.
- Pam made the declaration of a vacant seat on the Board due to Sandy Beder-Miller's resignation. The board has chosen to appoint a community member to the vacant seat. This will put an additional one (1) year position on the Trustee Election ballot from the May 3rd Election. The Board has asked Ron Webb to fill the temporary opening, he has accepted but is not interested in being on the ballot for the May election. Ron has served on the Board in the past and we are pleased that he has stepped up to help out over the next three (3) months until the community can elect the candidate they want for that one (1) year seat. The Board reminded all present of the March 24th deadline for submission of the candidates Declaration of Intent. Anyone wanting to run for the Three (3) year and one (1) year seats can complete the paperwork with the District Clerk by the deadline and be on the ballot in May.
- The daily rate for substitute teachers has been increased to \$125.00.

Teachers Report:

- Sabre' praised the students for their presentations.
- She reviewed the progress her students have made in language arts, reading and math up to this halfway point. Results were gathered from Star Reading, Star Math, and Imagination Station assessment tools.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled, and she will be going over the Emergency Operation Plan with each family.
- The Holiday program was a big success. The after-school tutoring is going well. Ron Webb asked what the proficiency level was for passing, Sabre' said it was 70%. Assessments are done monthly. Ron asked if upperclassmen are helping the lower grade students. Yes that is happening.
- ESSER Data collection deadline was moved to March, we are working on this and will complete it prior to the deadline.

Pam mentioned that the Point-to-Point Microwave Internet project is going forward. Ron asked if all the questions that had been brought up at the Dec 9th special meeting had been addressed. Pam stated that she was not sure but if anyone in the community had unanswered questions, please let us know and we will get EL NW to answer them.

Financials & Expenditures:

- Our Clerk has been exposed to Covid so is not present, she tested negative this morning but will quarantine for ten (10) days. She will only be at the school when necessary and during times when no one else is at the school. She will be staying in her office and will be disinfecting her office when she leaves.
- Pam presented the balanced to the Treasures Office Financials for the months of November and December. Trish moved November and December Balanced Financials be accepted as presented and Pam concurred. January expenditures will wait until next month's meeting at which time Diane can present them and answer any questions. Diane had printed off all grant spreadsheets and the board will review them and forward any questions they may have to her.

Public Comment:

- Sabre' thanked the parents for all their support. A special thank you to Herb Oehlke for the snow removal and clearing of paths to the storage container.

Next Regular Meeting: February 15, 2022 @ 4:10 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

_____ Diane Downey, District Clerk

_____ Pam Fuqua, Chair

_____ Trish Lauer, Vice Chair

_____ Ron Webb, Board Trustee