

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
May 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Ridgewood School Commons

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Becky Reece, Andy Sundquist, Mary DeWald,
Dennis Reinholtsen and Verne Skjonsby

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Verne Skjonsby to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 Melissa Seymour reported on a few teachers' activities including Mrs. Cook's class doing a baking and science project; Mrs. Pitts creating lessons for all grade levels which can be done independently, including orchestra; Mrs. Catalano working in small groups; and the Kindergarten team which raised chicks, ladybugs and butterflies in their homes with the students "watching". She also noted that there has been good participation, however, the novelty appears to be wearing off a bit.

3.2 Melissa Seymour, on behalf of the HBTA, shared that members are very concerned about the large increase in health & welfare premiums and the subsequent impact on family and life.

3.3 Mike Richards commented that this was his 17th year of teaching and this was the first time he had come to a board meeting to voice a concern. He stated his insurance premium was going from \$648 to \$913 in one year and he was most likely to take on a second job to help cover this increase. He continued that he was very thankful to have a job at a great district with great people.

3.4 Tracy Benbow commented that she appreciates the administration in these unsettled times. She feels very fortunate to work in this district, as everyone has our backs.

3.5 Annette Sligh seconded Tracy's comments.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Sue Ivey reported for the PTA that they are actively looking for a new President for next year and that scholarship forms are available on the PTA web site. The forms have also been sent to the area high schools. It is unknown what the carnival might look like next year (there is no chairperson for that event yet).

4.2 August Deshais reported on behalf of the School Site Council that the Single Plan for Student Achievement for both sites were approved. The committee was also updated that there would be a Community Meeting on April 22, 2020 at 6 p.m. through ZOOM.

4.3 Sue Ivey reported on student registrations for the 2020-21 school year currently reflects 15 transitional kindergarteners and 54 kindergarteners. Grades one through six are still showing just a few new enrollees.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE - None

6.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Becky Reece, to approve Jaime Hague's request for certificated leave of absence. Motion carried 5-0.

- 6.2 Sue Ivey updated the Board on the status of the LCAP. There will be a written report due by year's end explaining how the district changed course due to the district's shutdown. This will come to the Board at their next meeting. LCAP #1 for 2020-21 will be due in December and LCAP #2, which will be a three-year plan, will be due in June of 2021.
- 6.3 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Verne Skjonsby to adopt the Single Plan for Student Achievement, Cutten School. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.4 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Verne Skjonsby to adopt the Single Plan for Student Achievement, Ridgewood School. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.5 Sue Ivey reviewed the tentative teacher assignments for 2020-21.
- 6.6 Motion by Verne Skjonsby, second by Becky Reece to approve the hiring of 1.0 FTE certificated teaching position for 2020-21. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.7 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Dennis Reinholtsen to adopt Resolution 1020-10, *Regarding Specifications of the Election Order*. Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 7.1 Sue Ivey reported she had connected with our new Speech & Language Pathologist, Kim Goodman, and learned she will be moving here in June. She also noted that our own Mary DeWald is receiving the Jean Olsen Career Achievement Award. August Deshais reported that Brandee Mitchell and Jesse Wheeler are being recognized for their excellence in teaching. Congratulations to all three outstanding individuals! August also reported that plans for sixth grade promotion will be discussed at a parent meeting next week; second to third grade transition celebration plans are still in the works. Sue informed the board that online professional development courses that are required or recommended have been assigned to classified staff, as well as some great training modules that the district social workers put together. A lot of "self-training" is happening as staff learns about all of the different online platforms. Sue noted that the paving project is complete. Some headway has been made on closing out the old construction problems; a three-hour meeting with Rich Fenton to look through plans and walk both campuses helped. August noted that all 42 holes for the new Cutten playground equipment have been precisely drilled. Sue stated that she and August remain in regular contact with HCOE, meeting with Chris Hartley, his team and other superintendents in the county weekly; and the SELPA has a weekly meeting to provide support for special education. August recounted that the Leadership Team focus is on a Remote Learning Plan and end-of-the-year reports to parents and plans for next year. Sue reported that the district has received the actuals costs for Health & Welfare benefits for 2020-21. There will be a 10.5% increase to the medical rates; no change to the dental or vision plans. This is one of HBTA's openers and will be discussed as part of collective bargaining.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ivey
Secretary to the Board