

Independent School District #108
Regular Board Meeting:
February 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair Latzig at 6PM.

Members present: Sara Eischens, Nicole Evenski, Scott Knight, Elroy Latzig, Dean Lind, Craig Pexa, and Rich Schug.

Others in attendance: Brian Corlett, Andrea Franck, M. Kray, D. Fox, David Watts, Reid Richardson, Peter Schmitt, A. Eiden, E. Panning, K. Feist, A. Weckman, M. Kling, T. Karstens-Breitzman, M. Miller, M. Isles, B. Isles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and audience.

Member Schug read District 108 Proud Of's:

~The following Elementary Students for Showing TEAMWORK:

Trevor Neubarth, Tony Simons, Aiden Wachholz, Carson Gutknecht, Hailey Strand, Aiden Barthel, Jolee Bunn, Ella Harms, Hayden Harms, Jonathan Vazques Castillo, Morgan Alar, Haley Neubarth, Nora Bye, Marlie Beneke, Emma Krohn, Jaydin Krause, Gabi Schmidt, Tori Gratz, Ryan Neubarth, Aryssa Trotter, Holly Sinnen, Ali Schrupp, Luke Allison, Hamir Campos, Chase Emerick, Austin Kube, Jacob Marschall, Noah Schultz, Ezra Swanson, Teagan Littfin, Maddison Quast, Maryiah Simons, Gabriel Bruegger, Wyatt Kolstad, Amarah Wahl, Tessa McCracken, Aubry Wroge, Mason Miller, Dylan Kromarek, Maxwell Luedloff, Apollo Akinde

~Carter Clemensen for being names Senior of the month

~ Our School Board members (R. Schug, N. Evenski, D. Lind, E. Latzig, S. Knight, S. Eishcens, and C. Pexa) in recognition of Feb. 20-24 being named School Board Recognition Week by MSBA.

Schug/Pexa to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Pexa/Evenski to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lind/Knight to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Trial Balance Summary Report
- Cash Reconciliation
- January Receipts
- January Expenditures
- Expenditure Comparison
- Expenditure Comparison by Object
- February Board Bills
- Related Party Transaction
- February Taxes & Liabilities
- February Manual Payments
- Payroll
- Extra Curricular Cash Flow

	Beg. Balance	Debits	Credits	End Balance
General Fund	\$ 1,621,396.10	\$ 1,172,112.84	\$ 1,123,140.19	\$1,670,368.75
Food Service	142,899.08	51,769.04	40,591.06	154,077.06
Community Service	371,628.33	103,912.49	49,839.50	425,701.32
Debt Service Fund	1,002,836.40	13,758.79	882,494.63	134,100.56
Trust Fund	1,408.34	900.00	1,450.00	858.34
TOTAL	\$ 3,140,168.25	\$ 1,485,716.45	\$ 1,157,304.12	\$2,385,106.03

Motion carried: 7-0

Comments from Visitors

~Molly Miller (and the Feminist Club) introduced the board to their new club “The Feminist Club”. Molly presented a power point to those in attendance. In the presentation Ms. Miller addressed the mission of the club, which is to empower men & women to voice their opinions about controversial topics. She emphasized that this was a safe environment to discuss any and all topics and express how you feel about the issues at hand. All are welcome (Men and Women). The club meets Monday mornings from 730-8AM and Wednesday afternoons at 330PM

~Mike Kray would like the board to consider/ brainstorm ideas to better brand Central Public Schools, in and around the community. He would like to see this discussed at a future meeting.

*Latzig asked: Specifically what type of branding are you looking for?

Kray responded: Lawn Signs, a school “tag line” that would accompany the name Central Public Schools in newspaper articles, on the website etc.

Latzig later replied that if anyone has something they want to promote to community; let him know ASAP and he will plug it on his radio show.

Student Council report given by Molly Miller. Upcoming Student Council Events include Teacher appreciation (Not sure exactly WHAT they are doing yet, but it is in the works). The Valentine flowers/Suckers sales were a great success.

No Elementary School report was given.

No Middle School report was given.

No High School Report was given.

Superintendent’s report was given by Brian Corlett. The sale of the house fell through; buyer said there were too many restrictions. The money from that sale was earmarked for the 1 to 1 program. That said Corlett, is adamant that we proceed with this program even without the dollars from the house sale. Corlett mentioned that we have \$300,000.00 in Capital to carry over; we can use a portion of those dollars to fund this vital program. The teacher committees looked at numerous devices and have agreed on 1 they all like.

Corlett is hoping to role this program out to the High School in fall of 2017.

*Schug mentioned that at a SW Metro Meeting Watertown schools started their 1 to 1 program 5 years ago; and they are moving to the chrome book through best buy as well.

*Eischens asked if there would be staff development/training/additional education for using these devices; Corlett responded, yes.

Eischens/Pexa moved to accept the following donations:

- \$323.72 to Wrestling from the Graphic Edge

- \$500.00 to Robotics from Jerry’s Frame

- \$500.00 to Robotics from Wigen Companies

Motion carried: 7-0

Lind/Schug to approve the resignation of Amanda Wagener as assistant dance team coach to the Raiderettes at the end of the 2016-17 season.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Evenski/Latzig to approve the retirement of Paul Ruud at the end of the 2016-2017 School Year.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Schug/Pexa to approve letter(s) of assignment.

Motion Carried: 7-0

David Watts, US Solar, presented a potential agreement to the School Board. Some of the details of this agreement include: Using an offsite "Solar garden" located in Winsted, which has yet to be constructed, and committing to a 25 year Penny Off, Fixed or flat rate contract. Mr. Watts projects that in the 25 years we are in this agreement, our district could save as much as \$2,758,146.00. In order to lock in the 2016 rates; the School board would need to come to a decision and sign the agreement by April 1, 2017.

All members agreed that this is something they all need to research further and discuss at the March meeting.

US Solar is 2 1/2 years old. They are a MN based company with 82 projects (52 Locations) in the state of MN. Board members asked a multitude of questions:

What are the risks? A: If you believe that utility rates will go down not up then that is a risk

What if we can't commit by April 1 are we totally out of this project? A; You would be out of this cycle; but could get in on another "garden" in the future, however there is no telling how long it would take to fill the space in order to proceed.

What if you go Bankrupt? A; The contract is null/void and you owe US Solar nothing. You would then solely purchase your electricity from a utility company.

What if you don't produce what you say you can/will produce? A: You only pay for what you receive. Example; if you are promised 10 units and we can only produce 9; then you pay for 9.

What if we are unsatisfied; can we get out of the contract? A; There would be an obligation to US solar is we chose to use the termination clause.

Can we tie education into this project agreement? A: Absolutely, we think that is a great idea.

Board Reports:

Member Schug mentioned that at a recent Co-Op meeting the were talking about innovation zone., which is freedom to give alternative scheduling and work with other districts on projects. Brian said he has signed Central Schools up for the innovation Zone.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 6PM Mon., March 20, 2017 HS room A240

Round Table:

~Eischens would like the board to visit establishing a superintendent evaluation process. She would like to sit down with members in March to work out an evaluation process and would like to begin implementation immediately.

Schug said he would like to sit down and listen/talk; but feels that implementing this year is out.

~ Latzig made note of the mural on the wall of the science room and would like to encourage students/teachers to do more things like this in their rooms and around the school.

Schug/Knight to adjourn at 7:35PM
Motion carried: 7-0

Rich Schug/Clerk