
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2011

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, May 9, 2011, in the Junior/Senior High School Library. The meeting was called to order at 8:24 p.m. by David Fremark, President of the Board. Other members in attendance were Connie Schroeder, Kevin Watts, Ed Werdel, and Tim Zacher. Absent were Paul Duxbury and Kurt Pfeifle. Also in attendance were Mike Ruth, Superintendent; Anthony Siebrecht, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Tammy Caffee, Elementary Principal and Lisa Werdel, Business Manager.

Motion by Werdel, second by Watts to approve the agenda. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Werdel to approve the minutes of the special meeting and regular meeting of April 11, 2011. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Zacher to approve Financial Report. All voting aye.

Motion by Watts, second by Werdel to approve payment of presented bills. All voting aye.

Visitors were recognized with permission being given to Larry Nickelson to distribute Gideon Bibles to the 5th grade.

Buffy King, representing HKG Architects, gave an update on the elementary project. No new drawings were presented as there will have to be revisions made due to the rise in construction costs. There will be a Building Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 11th to discuss these revisions.

Anthony Siebrecht, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, reported on the Job Fair he attended in Sioux Falls and severe weather week with a tornado drill taking place on April 27th. He recognized Ana Nelson for representing Miller at the Academic Excellence luncheon in Pierre. Mr. Siebrecht also discussed the "Reality Party" held May 3rd at the Guest House and "Law Day" being held May 4th with Neil Fulton outlining some grand jury to trial procedures for the juniors and seniors. He also noted that May 13th is the last day for Seniors, May 15th is Graduation, May 17th and 18th are semester test days with May 18th being the last day of school. Mr. Siebrecht also stated that Channel 6 is up and running.

Tammy Caffee, Elementary Principal reported on the Elementary Principal's convention held last week in Mitchell discussing Common Core Standards and a bullying session she had attended. Mrs. Caffee also informed the board that the Elementary Student Council has decided to use the Marcie Voigt memorial money to paint a sports mural on the new elementary gym wall and have a bake sale fundraiser at the May 10th track meet for Mrs. Christopherson. She also stated that Kindergarten screening has been completed with 39 students attending.

Mike Ruth, Superintendent, had Lisa Werdel, Business Manager present the preliminary budget for FY12. She stated that preliminary figures show the General Fund to be at \$2.9 million of which \$260,000 will come from reserves. More discussion of the budget will be held at the June meeting. Extra duty pay was presented in the amount of \$2,025.00 (Winter Sports).

Discussion was held on the following: Elementary building plan, summer projects, it was decided to hire Bossardt Corporation as Construction Manager for new elementary project, and a board election update was given with the petition deadline being Friday, May 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Watts, second by Schroeder to approve the request of Sheila Hargens for a benefit spaghetti feed for Elliot Kindle and to waive rental fee of commons and kitchen on June 5, 2011. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Watts to approve the use of the Miller School District facilities for the 2011 Summer Recreation Clinic Programs. Salaries/benefits will be paid from the clinic registration fees with no cost to the district. All voting aye.

Motion by Watts, second by Werdel to approve the agreement between Student Assurance Services to provide accident insurance to students of the Miller School District. All voting aye.
Motion by Watts, second by Zacher to vote yes on proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 to the SDHSAA constitution. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Werdel to vote yes on proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 to the SDHSAA constitution. All voting aye.

Motion by Werdel, second by Schroeder to select Mike Ruth as the District III Representative on the SDHSAA Board of Directors. All voting aye.

Motion by Werdel, second by Schroeder to declare the Armory Bleachers as surplus with a value of \$200.00. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Werdel to approve certified staff contracts issued and received for the 2011-2012 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Werdel to approve classified staff work agreements issued and received for the 2011-2012 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Werdel, second by Schroeder to approve the teaching contract with Katie Smith for the position of 7-12 SPED Instructor/Assistant Track Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Werdel to approve negotiated agreement with Miller Education Association for the 2011-2012 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Watts to enter into Executive Session for the express purpose of personnel issues at 10:00 p.m. All voting aye.

President Fremark declared return to regular session at 10:26 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. in the junior/senior high school library.

Motion by Werdel, second by Zacher to adjourn at 10:27 p.m. All voting aye.

_____ David Fremark, President
Board of Education

Lisa Werdel
Business Manager