

Birch Grove Community School

School Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017 at 6:00pm

Mission: Birch Grove Community School will promote academic excellence utilizing our unique natural setting allowing students to reach their potential, preparing them to become socially and environmentally responsible, self-directed, life long learners.

1.0 Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Members: 6:00pm

Members Present: Judy Motschenbacher, Kathy Lawrence, Sara Lizakowski, Sarena Nelson, Ex-officio Diane Blanchette

Members Absent: Skip Lamb

Others: Krystal Singleton and Sheryl Martinsen

2.0 Reading of the Mission Statement:

3.0 Review and Approve the Agenda: **Kathy Lawrence made motion, seconded by Sara Lizakowski. Motion carried unanimously.**

4.0 Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from April 18 and April 27, 2017: Motion by **Sarena Nelson, seconded by Kathy Lawrence to approve with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.**

5.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest: NA

6.0 Community Comment: This is an opportunity for the public to address the school board on school-related items in accordance with the guidelines printed on the reverse of this agenda.

Special presentation from 3 Enhancement Program BGCS students on the history of Tofte, Lutsen, and Schroeder

7.0 Financial Reports and Purchase Orders

7.1 Purchase Order Review: in review

7.2 Cash Flow Projection: Reviewed

7.3 Monthly Payment Register: Reviewed

7.4 Revenue Report: Reviewed

7.5 Expenditure Report: Reviewed

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Sale of school bus: Tabled

8.2 Curriculum 17-18: Tabled

8.3 Task Force Recommendation update: Reviewed

9.0 New Business

9.1 Accept Donations: **Kathy Lawrence made motion to accept donations, with a second from Sarena Nelson. Motion carried unanimously**

9.2 Approve School Closure Day-Wednesday, April 26: **Kathy Lawrence made motion to approve, second by Sara Lizakowski. Motion carried unanimously.**

9.3 Approve Contracts: Indigo Education/Special Ed Director, A Chance To Grow/Speech Language Therapy Services: **Kathy Lawrence made motion to approve contracts, with a second from Sara Lizakowski. Motion carried unanimously.**

- 9.4 Membership: MSBA/MACS: **Motion to go with MSBA with the policies. Kathy Lawrence made motion, with a second from Sarena Nelson. Motion carried unanimously**
- 9.5 MCA and NWEA Testing Results (to be handed out at meeting): Reviewed by board. Collected by Director
- 9.6 Township Support for 16-17: \$20,000 per township presented to each township for appropriations under *Minn. Stat. § 471.935* for Fund 4 Community Education.
- 9.7 Gala for the Grove: Binders handed out. 2 weeks before event
- 9.8 Community Education Advisory Board: **Kathy Lawrence made a motion to appoint Sara Silence and Jessica Klemmer to the Community Education Advisory Council, second by Sara Lizakowski. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.0 Reports and Information
- 10.1 Administrative Report – 3 weeks of testing, Director Training at MDE, last community lunch on the 9th, wrapping up enhancement programs, Forest service planting on Friday. Red Pines in Tofte. Wolf Ridge, Bear Center in Ely, graduation
- 10.2 Teachers Report – Busy, busy, busy. Year is coming to a close and still a lot to take care of
- 10.3 Board Member Report –
- 11.0 Committee Up-dates
- 11.1 Finance Committee: Will set a meeting
- 11.2 District Advisory & Academic Excellence Committee:
- 11.3 Fund Raising Committee: Gala on Saturday, June 3. 4th of July: Decision on bouncy house and/or smoothie stand. No decision at this time.
- 11.4 Student Recruitment Committee:
- 12.0 Approve Purchase Orders: **Kathy Lawrence made motion to approve, seconded by Sarena Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 13.0 Set Date for the Next School Board Meeting: Rescheduled to Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00pm
- 14.0 Adjourn 7:46pm meeting adjourned. **Kathy Lawrence made motion to adjourn, seconded by Sara Lizakowski. Motion carried unanimously.**