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Minutes from Special School Board Meeting Held March 14, 2017

Mark Bacon, President called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm in the conference board room.

School Board Members present were Jeff Hopkins, Cindy Baumgartner, Jim Cesar, Wayne Cummings, Jim Knutson, Jerry Knutson, and Mark Bacon. Susan Lederer and Peggy Buckholt were absent. A quorum was declared.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited. Jim Cesar made a motion; Jeff Hopkins seconded and carried on a voice vote to adopt the Agenda.

The Math Curriculum was introduced by the 7th -12th grade Principal, Nicholas Marti. He gave an overview of the Math Curriculum meetings that have been taken place this school year. The committee has met 5 times in the boardroom to develop a scope and sequence for the math curriculum. Shawn Jepson, gave an overview of the scope and sequence. The committee members are Lorrie Dudei, Jackie Sigourney, Jessica Rettler, Lorna LaPorte, Dawn Byrum, Hattie Rettler and Annette Carroll. What they discovered in their meetings was that our current curriculum being taught had some gaps in it. We are required to teach the Common Core Standards and we needed to buy some new textbooks to better align with the common core. They also learned that the students taking the FORWARD test were about 1.5 months behind. Therefore, they will be realigning and making changes. At the 7th and 8th grade level, the new math textbook will be used for both grade levels. At the high school level, in order to meet the math needs of more students, we will be utilizing the second hour of block classes for an elective credit; math resource time. With the new math books, comes online help, online resources, and also help for the parents so they can understand the new teaching concept. The group would like to see a Parent Math Night, like our Reading Night, and also believe the District is in need of a Title 1 Math Specialist so there are available resources for not only our students, but for our teachers as well. The new math textbooks will be ordered in July. The math changes presented will start in the 2017-2018 school year.

The School Board Resolution on the School Start Date Change was presented. Wayne Cummings made a motion, Jim Knutson seconded and carried on a voice vote of 7-0 to send the resolution to John Forester, and our state representatives.

Nick presented two options for the policy 370.00AR. After much discussion about what activities should be included in 370.00AR, they decided that the extra-curricular activities listed in the survey should all be listed separately but will be included in 370.00AR. Jerry Knutson made a motion; Jeff Hopkins seconded and carried on a

voice vote to adopt including all the added activities (those listed in survey) in the policy 370.00AR for the 2017-2018 school year. Wayne Cummings and Jim Knutson voted no.

The board talked further about the ineligibility criteria and asked for a clarification between option 1 and option 2. Nick explained the differences. Jeff Hopkins made a motion; Mark Bacon seconded and carried on a voice vote to take option 2 with the above added activities in the last motion to the policy 370.00AR for the 2017-2018 school year. Jim Knutson voted no.

Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.
Recorded by: Wendy Hetzel

Submitted By:

Peggy Buckholt, Clerk