

December 15, 2011                      Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting  
Nelson School District  
Nelson School, 4:00 p.m.

Present:                                      Mike Cornog, School Board Member – Vice Chair  
Allison Aldrich, School Board Member  
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools  
Tim Ruehr, Business Administrator for Towns (left @ 4:34 p.m.)  
Sheila Vara, Principal  
Jill Wdowiak, Recording Secretary

Absent:                                        Kelly French, School Board Chair

Also in Attendance:                      Candyce Fulford  
Kristin Roach  
Amelia Whippie

1.     Call to Order  
Mr. Cornog, in Ms. French's absence, called the Board meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.  
The automatic second will be in effect throughout the meeting.

The Board hopes that all goes well regarding Ms. French's family emergency.

2.     Approval of Minutes  
A motion was made by Ms. Aldrich to approve the Board Minutes of November 17, 2011 (R). Mr. Cornog seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.
3.     Demonstration of Website Redesign (Candyce Fulford)  
The Nelson website was shown on the school's Promethean board. Ms. Fulford explained that her goal was to redesign the website and to market the school; while making it look warm and welcoming.
4.     Bills and Manifests  
A motion was made by Ms. Aldrich to approve the bills and manifests (cks # 6002920-6002955) in the amount of \$88,983.32. Mr. Cornog seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

5. Financial Report

Mr. Ruehr presented the Financial Report showing a net available balance of \$44,521.00 as of December 15, 2011. He explained that we are about where we were last month.

Mr. Ruehr went over the Budget Overview for the 2012-2013 school year.

6. Reports

- a. Principal – Ms. Vara submitted her report and shared with the Board that Amer Electric fixed the lights in the parking lot and attributed their outage to being hit by lightning. She updated the Board on the greenhouse and they suggested that since the community was part of the fundraising, we should include them in the greenhouse project. Ms. Vara updated the Board on the heating strip that runs in the crawl space beneath the main corridor in order to keep the pipes from freezing. The Board suggests that it only be on in the winter and shut off during the rest of the year. The Board authorizes Ms. Vara to look into and take care of this.
- b. Co-Superintendent – Mr. Woolridge updated the Board on legislative issues and shared that he and Mr. Ruehr met with area representatives to discuss education funding with state representatives and senators. He also informed the Board that one 9th grader was absent for 8 days due to truancy and an 11<sup>th</sup> grader missed 7 days due to illness.
- c. School Board Members – None
- d. S.A.U. 29 Committees – Mr. Woolridge informed the Board that there will be an SAU Meeting held on December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the LGIA at KHS.
- e. Nelson Parent Teacher Organization – None
- f. Facilities Committee – Previously discussed
- g. Technology Committee Update – Ms. Vara shared that they are all on board for the typing program, adding that this is what the students reported that they were behind on at the middle school.

7. Old Business

- a. Forum Subcommittee Update – Ms. Aldrich shared that the Forum Subcommittee went very well and was well attended. She explained that the overall consensus was to get started on this after the first of the year.
  
- b. Blizzard Bags – Ms. Roach shared that she attended the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference and presented a PowerPoint of what the blizzard bags are all about. She explained that the blizzard bags follow a unit of study that teachers would cover during the school year. Ms. Roach adds that these can be an online activity or a hard copy that will be made available. She also explains that the blizzard bags are not optional and they have to be turned in the day after the snow day, or if there is no school due to a power outage, the students aren't expected to do this and it will become a snow day. Ms. Aldrich feels that this is a terrific idea and recommends that we create a policy. A motion was made by Ms. Aldrich to continue onward with the blizzard bags. Ms. Cornog seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of 2-0 in favor was taken.
  
- c. Other – None

8. New Business

- a. Designation of Board Representative for SAU Structural Review Committee – This item will be discussed at the January board meeting.
  
- b. Review of Photo Release Policy/Procedure – This item will be discussed at the January board meeting.
  
- c. Other – The Board decided to schedule the Budget Review Session at 3:00 p.m.; prior to the January board meeting.

9. Future Agenda/s

- January – Status of KHS Students
- January – Blizzard bag policy
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10. Non-Public Session – R.S.A. 91-A:3  
None
  
11. Adjournment  
Mr.Cornog adjourned the Board Meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Wdowiak  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 1/19/12