

Hazen Public School
Regular Board Meeting
January 17, 2024
HS Room 102

Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Jennifer Wallender, Stephanie Huber, Jody Murschel, Laura Zingg. Also present were Supt. Ken Miller, Bus. Mgr. Billie Jo Peterson, Principal Brandon Zahn, Principal Sinclair. Absent was AD/Dean of Students Bret Johnsrud.

Meeting called to order at 6:32p.m.

Minutes for the regular December monthly meeting were presented. Huber moved to approve, second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C

Financial Reports: a.) December Financial Statement; b.) December Bills totaling \$147,037.76; JP Morgan, 30,433.70; ComputerShare, 1,050.00; Innovative Office Solutions, 337.87; Center Coal Co., 3,846.02; Eckroth Music, 2,120.00; Everspring Inn & Suites, 176.40; Farmers Union Oil, 310.24; Harlow's School Bus Service, 25,779.75; Hazen Star, 187.12; The Hub, 351.85; John Flemmer, 2,487.24; Marco Technologies, 187.00; Napa, 133.43; NDCEL, 270.00; City of Hazen, 2,589.17; Bret Johnsrud, 281.65; D&E Supply, 373.68; Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, 17,271.00; David Mittelsteadt, 55.00; East West Library Books, 518.57; Eggers Electric, 1,150.81; Farmers Union Oil, 181.82; Fastenal, 20.59; Harlow's School Bus Service, 51,027.01; Hazen Hardware, 880.83; Hazen High School-Act. Account, 99.39; Hazen Motors, 135.00; Hazen Star, 47.74; Hot Lunch Program, 1,337.08; Jaymar Business Forms, 114.68; Know Buddy Resources, 72.85; Krause's Supervalu, 1,391.34; Susan McCarthy, 127.00; Mercer Co. Landfill, 118.35; Kendall Miller, 182.25; Tina Miller, 80.00; MDU, 10,036.01; Sarah Osland, 25.00; Pitney Bowes, 300.00; Record Keepers, 52.50; Smart Apple Media, 165.70; Stein's Inc., 2,132.78; Gary Ternes, 600.00; Time Management, 278.00; West Dakota Lumber, 207.97; Laura Zingg, 216.55.
c.) Food Service Report; d.) Activities report; e.) Investments; f.) Pledge of Securities. Murschel moved to approve financial reports a-f, second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C.

Committee Reports:

Extracurricular Committee Meeting: This was held December 18th discussion about changing out the white volleyball jerseys with black ones. The committee decided not to recommend the change at this time.

Personnel and Finance Committee Meeting – This was held December 21st regarding teacher staffing positions.

New Business:

Budget Revisions: Due to new employees taking health insurance and extra Title money received from the state. Huber moved to approve as presented, second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C

Open Enrollment Requests: Three student open enrollment applications for the 2024-25 school year were presented to the board for consideration. Wallender moved to approve, second by Murschel. All voted aye. M/C

Staffing Recommendations for 2024-25: The personnel and finance committee met on December 21st to discuss teacher staffing for the next school year. The discussion consisted of the district's two ESSER positions, part-time grades K-6 counselor and the middle school academic support specialist. Other positions discussed were adding two additional primary elementary positions which would allow 3 sections in grades K-3. If approved, the district could be looking at an estimated \$210,500 deficit at the end of the 2024-25 school. If the district sees another increase in coal severance and conversion revenue and a smaller increase than expected in insurance premiums, and the operating costs are less than a 3% increase, the budget deficit could be less than projected. Roll call vote, Wallender aye, Huber aye, Zingg aye, Murschel aye, Nolan aye. All voted aye. M/C

Recommended Start Time for February board Meeting: Murschel moved to start meeting at 6:30pm on February 12th, Zingg second. All voted aye. M/C

Administrative Reports:

The Principals and Superintendent presented their reports.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46_p.m.

Brian S. Nolan

School Board President

02-12-2024

Date approved

Brian J. Petersen

Business Manager