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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

**Monday, July 23, 2018
7:00p.m.
Pepin Area School District LMC
510 Pine Street
AGENDA**

A. Action-Call to Order

President Tim Stajkowski called the regular meeting of the Pepin Area Schools board of education to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Action-Roll Call: Tim Stajkowski, Betty Glander, Debra Larson , Gordon Riesgraf, Ardyce Johnson.

Roll call attendance was taken, Tim Stajkowski, Betty Glander, Gordon Riesgraf and Ardyce Johnson present. Also in attendance, District Administrator Quinton and Lead Teacher Gayan.

C. Action-Approval of Agenda

President Tim Stajkowski stated the agenda was posted at three public buildings; Pepin post office, Bank of Alma Pepin Branch, and Pepin Area Schools. The press was notified of the agenda and was run in the Courier Wedge. Ardyce Johnson made the motion seconded by Betty Glander to approve the agenda as posted. No discussion, motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes voice vote

D. Information-Public Comment

E. Action-Approval of Minutes

1) Regular School Board meeting June 25, 2018.

Gordon Riesgraf made the motion seconded by Betty Glander to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 regular board meeting as presented. No discussion was held, motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes voice vote.

F. Information-Announcements:

Bruce Quinton and the board commented on how nice the front of the school looks and thanked Greg and Pat Sandstrom for their work.

G. Information-Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Committee member Tim Stajkowski updated the board from the meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2018. Tim stated the committee reviewed the summer maintenance projects progress.

H. Information-High School Lead Teacher and Technology Coordinator Report

John Gayan updated the board on district wide technology upgrades including the network conversion that takes our district from an internet speed of 100 mbps to 1 full gbps service and plans to add another mobile chromebook lab to the upper elementary and stations dedicated to the the EEN rooms.

Mr. Gayan announced that the district had a new web site with a much improved user interface and recognized Margie Collett for all her hard work to make on the background information that makes website work.

I. New Business

1) Action-66.030 Agreements for 2018-2019

District Administrator Quinton presented the 66.030 agreements for approval.

a) Pupil Services

We will share a pupil services director, Rachel Pommerening, with Alma each district paying 25% of cost of a 75% position and a second option to allow Alma to consider sharing 40% of a full time Pupil Services director if the desire.

b) Speech and Language

We will share our 50% of Speech and Language services with Alma this year.

Betty Glander made the motion seconded by Ardyce Johnson to approve the 66.030 agreements as presented. No discussion, motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes voice vote.

2) Action-Resignations

No resignations were acted on.

3) Action-Contracts

Mr. Quinton recommended the hiring of Sarah Vetsch as a 1st grade teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Gordon Riesgraf made the motion seconded by Ardyce Johnson to approve Sarah Vetsch as a 1st grade teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. No discussion, motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes voice vote.

4) Action-Co-Curricular Assignments

No Changes were made to the Co-Curricular assignments.

5) Action-Hot lunch prices for the 2018-2019 school year.

District Administrator Quinton reviewed the budget and final numbers for the district's 2017-18 hot lunch program.

<i>Total Expenditures for 2017-2018 unaudited</i>	<i>-\$126,607</i>
<i>Total Revenue for 2017-2018 unaudited-Est.</i>	<i>+\$94,542</i>
<i>Uncollected lunch fees as of 7/1/18</i>	<i>+\$2,350</i>
<i>Excess monies in lunch accounts as of 7/1/18</i>	<i>-\$2,683</i>
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<i>Est. Total Rev +/- for 2017-2018</i>	<i>-\$32,398</i>

Mr. Quinton stated his goal of having the food service program work towards breaking even, in doing so, the district will need to increase hot lunch prices. Mr. Quinton stated that the state is requiring a \$0.10 across the board increase to be eligible for state reimbursement. Mr. Quinton stated that his hope that these increases and our continued hard work to identify free and reduced students will increase our aid and move us one step closer to running our food services in the black each year. The board again expressed its concern with raising prices and the impact on local families struggling to pay their lunch bills. Mr. Quinton proposed the following increase.

	<i>Lunch Fee Comparables</i>	
	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
<i>Pre-K – 4</i>	<i>\$2.70</i>	<i>\$2.60</i>
<i>Grades 5-6</i>	<i>\$2.95</i>	<i>\$2.85</i>
<i>Grades 7-12</i>	<i>\$3.20</i>	<i>\$3.10</i>
<i>Adult</i>	<i>\$4.20</i>	<i>\$4.10</i>
<i>Seconds</i>	<i>\$2.20</i>	<i>\$2.10</i>
<i>Entrée</i>	<i>\$2.95</i>	<i>\$2.85</i>

Breakfast Fee Comparables

	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
<i>Pre-K – 4</i>	<i>\$1.95</i>	<i>\$1.85</i>
<i>Grades 5-6</i>	<i>\$2.05</i>	<i>\$1.95</i>
<i>Grades 7-12</i>	<i>\$2.20</i>	<i>\$2.10</i>
<i>Adult</i>	<i>\$2.70</i>	<i>\$2.60</i>
<i>Seconds</i>	<i>\$1.95</i>	<i>\$1.85</i>

Gordon Riesgraf made the motion seconded by Betty Glander to approve the proposed Breakfast and Lunch price increase as presented by Mr. Quinton. Motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes vote.

6) Action-Pepin Academic Standards

Ardyce Johnson made the motion seconded by Gordon Riesgraf to approve the following statement; “Pepin Area Schools has a board approved curriculum that has been locally developed by the teaching staff under the guidance of the school administration. That this curriculum is aligned with the state standards that are identified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and used to develop required state assessments that are used to assess student achievement and reported on a school report card at the school and district levels.” No discussion was held, the motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes voice vote.

7) Action-Homeless Guidelines Policy

Mr. Quinton presented the Homeless Guideline Policy related to our homeless education programming that was reviewed by the Policy committee at our April meeting. DPI recommended additional changes and the policy presented has those revisions made to meet the DPI recommendations. Betty Glander made the motion seconded by Ardyce Johnson to approve the proposed revision to the Homeless policy as presented by Mr. Quinton. Motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes vote.

8) Action-Donations

No donations were presented.

J. Information-Administrator's Report

1) State Aid for 2018-2019

Mr. Quinton shared that our state aid decreased again this year from \$242,879 in the 2017-2018 school year to an estimated \$206,447 for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a decrease of an estimated \$36,431. The reason for the decrease is twofold. First the state aid funding formula penalizes Pepin Area Schools because our district property values are so high. Second, low enrollment compared to our property value also has a negative effect on our state aid we receive.

The early numbers indicate that Pepin Area schools will be funded at 6% from the state. That is significantly lower than our neighboring districts that are funded at approximately 65% by the state. This is just another indication of how the current state funding system is broken and in need of a complete overhaul. While our community cannot argue that our property values are higher than our neighboring districts, our community's income level is not higher than our neighboring districts and I would argue, the average income in Pepin is lower. I will continue to work with the fair aid coalition to get a \$1000 per pupil floor for negatively aided school districts in the state. If this were in place we would hit that floor this year and we would not have lost any additional state aid this year.

Simply stated, Pepin Area School District taxpayers will pay an additional \$36,431 in taxes this year to educate children in other districts this school year due to our high property values, while at the same time reducing services and opportunities to the students of our district.

But what should be offensive to our local taxpayer is the fact that the same state budget that sends Pepin taxpayers less than \$1,000 of general state aid per student will force us to send private voucher schools \$7,856 per high school student and \$7,210 for K-8 students. These private voucher schools are not responsible to transport any student, abide by few state statutes that public schools must comply with. Mr. Quinton stated that he cannot comprehend why our state lawmakers are forcing taxpayers to subsidize a private voucher school education system, especially when the research indicates that private voucher schools perform at best as well as the public school system and in many cases below their public school peers. Every child in the state of Wisconsin has a right to a public school education and

every taxpayer has a responsibility to provide a public education to our children. This is guaranteed in the state constitution. A subsidized private education is not the responsibility of any taxpayer in the state of Wisconsin and is the epitome of an entitlement.

2) District Goals

The board reviewed state test scores from the 17-18 school year and agreed to leave our school goals the same for 2018-2019. Mr. Quinton shared that the district generally saw good to excellent growth at most grade levels as compared to the prior year's data.

K. Action-Approval of Vouchers

Gordon Riesgraf made the motion seconded by Ardyce Johnson to approve hand payables #25560 - #25612 in the amount of \$153,928.55, voucher checks #25613 - #25650 in the amount of \$78,786.63 and ACH payments in the amount of \$85,039.06 for a total of \$317,754.24. No discussion was held, roll call vote was taken, motion passes 4 – 0 yes vote.

L. Information-Set Future Meetings

- 1) Regular Board Meeting-Monday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.**
- 2) Policy Committee Meeting-Wednesday, August 1 at 3:00 p.m.**
- 3) Community-School Partnership-Wednesday, August 8 at 5:30 p.m.**
- 4) Buildings and Grounds Committee-Wednesday, August 8 at 4:30 p.m.**
- 5) Personnel Committee-“Meet and Confer”-Wednesday, August 15 at 5:00 p.m.**
- 6) Special Meeting-TBD**

M. Action-Executive Session.

The Board will convene to closed session as authorized by state

statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (e) (f): To consider various employment matters, including hiring, dismissal, demotion, promotion, compensation, performance evaluations and disciplinary matters, and/or personal information of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person. Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

The purpose of the closed session is to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations.

President Tim Stajkowski read the statement and stated the reason for closed session. Gordon Riesgraf made the motion seconded by Ardyce Johnson to move into closed session. No discussion, roll call vote was taken, motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes vote.

Gordon Riesgraf made the motion, seconded by Betty Glander to reconvene into open session. No further discussion was held. Motion passes with a 4 – 0 yes voice vote.

N. Action-Adjournment

Ardyce Johnson made the motion seconded by Gordon Riesgraf to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion was held, motion passes 4-0.