

Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 8/17/2022
APPROVED 9/28/22

School Staff:

Christi Thompson-Director
Shawn Meyers-Teacher Liaison
Kristin Funk
Bette Reed

Board Members:

Mike Allaire
Sandi Viau
Jennifer Barrett-Neet
John Casey
Sarah Seppa

Public attendance:

5:30pm Time Quorum is present

I. Public comment:

- A. None present
- B. Consent agenda
 - 1. Approval of 7/20/22 Board Meeting - Sandi Viau made a motion to approve, Sarah Seppa seconded the motion- Minutes approved
 - 2. Approval of 8/10/22 Special Board Meeting- Sandi Viau made a motion to approve, Jennifer Barrett-Neet seconded the motion- Minutes approved

II. Old Business

A. Financial Update

- 1. Bus loan- Daimler offered a 50% payoff discount on the bus loan. The loan balance is \$19,271.41, payoff offer \$ 9,635.71. SMS previously offered \$8000, but was denied.
 - a) Sandi Viau made a motion to accept the payoff at \$9,635.71. Sarah Seppa Seconded the motion. Motion carried, all were in favor.

B. Teacher Update

- 1. Lower grades and Christi attended a conference in Boise called Cultivating Readers.
 - a) Will be a very intensive time and energy commitment but exciting for the understanding. Idaho Smart which is part of the program
 - b) Time intensive as well but excited to get this implemented.
 - c) Dyslexia training has to be completed by idaho teachers but our teachers will get that through the Idaho Smart program
 - d) We needed a parent participant to help bridge the gap between home and school and Megan Burns volunteered.

C. Parent Council update

- 1. John Casey gave report
 - a) Carter created a spreadsheet
 - b) They have all the current or previous fundraisers listed.
 - c) There are new ideas for more fundraisers
 - (1) Goal on the budget \$126,000
 - (2) Our projection is \$106,500
 - (3) New goal from Parent Council is \$130,000

D. Adoption of the 2018 Special Education Manual

1. Jennifer Barrett-Neet made a motion to approve the adoption of the manual, John Casey seconded the motion. Motion approved all in favor.

E. ISBA Training Sandi Shawn Michele Christi

1. Training will cost \$6,000
2. All of this is reimbursable
 - a) All Board agreed this is important so Christi will schedule

III. New Business

A. The board recognizes that Michelle Harris has resigned from the board as she has taken a position with the school. Thank you for all your support with everything.

B. Sarah Seppa has accepted the title of Vice Chair of the Board. We are very excited for her to take on this new role. Thank you!

C. Anthony Miller wrote to the chair and resigned as a board member. Thank you for your service and all your contributions with the website and marketing support.

D. Action Item: Approve monthly payables

1. Sandi Viau made a motion to approve them at \$21,660.74. John Casey Seconded. Motion approved.

E. Superintendent training update

1. Agenda needs to be taken over by secretary

F. Unfilled positions

1. Hired a part time cleaner.
2. Need for maintenance. May add a stipend to the current contract.
3. Will go into executive session to discuss options.
4. Special Education is not filled. Looking at a grant from the state department.

G. Approval Supplemental Contract

1. Maintenance contract as a supplemental stipend
 - a) \$5,000
2. Special Education Director/Teacher added stipend
 - a) \$12,000

(1) Sarah Seppa made a motion to approve the supplemental contracts, John Casey seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

H. Covid Protocol

1. American rescue plan

- a) Airflow: Nigel Whittington had looked into replacing windows and adding windows that opened. Christi will reach out to Nigel.
- b) Every room has a filtration system
- c) School got Covid back to school preparedness kits from the Idaho Health Department
- d) Recommend the parents to follow the guidelines

2. See plan

- a) https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/FY23-Covid_ReEntry_Plan.pdf

I. Calendar Event Date

1. See calendar
2. Outdoor Trips are already scheduled for the beginning of the year for the upper grades.

IV. Executive time - In at 7:25 pm

A. Sandi Viau, Mike Allaire, Jennifer Barrett-Neet, Sarah Seppa, John Casey

B. Christi Thompson invited to join

V. Out of Executive Session and into regular session at 8:09pm- adjourn at 8:11pm