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Follow-Up Report

Parkston May School Board Meeting

Elementary Conference Room

Regular Meeting Monday, May 14, 2012 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Establish a quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approve agenda
5. Approve minutes

6. Accept financial reports – As a note, you will notice that as compared to last year, the cash balance in the general fund is about \$170 higher than last year at this same time. I believe this is partly due to the following: a) we paid for 50k of retirement out of the pension fund last year as well as moving 50k of general fund expense to capital outlay, b) the Weber donation is in this amount, c) the one time money is in this amount. I believe if we made all of the adjustments to compare apples to apples, we would nearly the same amount of cash this month as we did this time last year.

7. Approve claims

8. Visitors and Correspondence – The board recognized the new members whom will be taking their seats in July, Anita Honke and Rob Heisinger.

9. Superintendent report

10. Principal Report/AD Report – Mr. Monson addressed the board and submitted his resignation effect at the conclusion of the current year. The board thanked him for his years of service and gave appreciation for his work. The board then discussed at length how or if they would fill the position. Knowing the district is running a structural deficit, the board is always looking to analyze each opportunity to reduce the budget. Thus, they are carefully weighting the pros and cons of filling this position. The board was provided data showing what other schools do and is currently seeking feedback from the public. They will hold a special meeting on May 23 to make a final decision, thus if you have thoughts on the matter, please contact a board member. (Attached is the informational piece provided to the board)

11. Old Business
 - a. Capital projects – The board approved moving forward with two different projects, repair of the parking lots and the remodeling of the Armory Lobby Bathrooms.
 - b. Pay for Student Representative to School Board – The board opted to pay the student representative to the school board \$25 per meeting, retro-active.

12. New Business
 - a. Catastrophic Insurance – The board held a conversation on a catastrophic insurance plan that is offered thru the SDHSAA. They have asked for not only a legal opinion regarding this type of insurance and the district's exposure, but also about another option that we have used in the past. The administration is to report back to the board next month.
 - b. Competitive Cheer – After a survey of the cheerleaders, this item was dropped from the agenda.
 - c. SDHSAA Ballot for Board Members and Amendments – The board cast a ballot to the Board of Control for Jason Uttermark and in support of a constitutional amendment to change the how students will be counted for eligibility if they open enroll.
 - d. SDRS Ballot – The board cast their vote for the incumbent school board member to the South Dakota Retirement System board of directors, Dave Merrill of Plankinton.
 - e. Chemical Disposal –The district will proceed with chemical disposal with Waste Recovery Services Incorporated at a cost of \$3300. We will also apply for a grant from the SD DENR to cover half of these costs.
 - f. Consider supplemental budget – The board approved a supplemental budget to cover salaries.
 - g. Preliminary budget – The board had the first look at the preliminary budget for the 2012-2013 school year. A PDF file of the budget is also posted on the webpage. The numbers for the general fund are not good. While expenditures are up only slightly, revenue has decreased more dramatically. As a result, we are looking at spending more reserves to balance our budget. This was anticipated in light of the 8.6% funding cut we took from the State and with the declining enrollment the district is experiencing.
 - h. Create Enterprise Fund – Due to changes made during the legislative session, the board approved the creation of an enterprise fund so that we can account for drivers education and preschool funding.

i. Accept contracts – We will ask the board to accept the contracts we have received from current staff. Furthermore, we will ask for the acceptance of Lisa Heisinger’s contract contingent upon the proper documentation that she will be able to fulfill the requirements of the contract.

j. Executive Session

- i. Legal Matters
- ii. Negotiations
- iii. Personnel

13. Adjourn