

Isanti Community School

Stacy Johnson: Present

Steve Moose: Present

Don Pike: Present

LindaRae Starlin: Present

Lizzie Swalley: Present

Dewayne Wabasha: Present

Present: 6.

I. OPENING THE MEETING

Present: Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Don Pike, LindaRae Starlin, Lizzie Swalley, Dewayne Wabasha. Present: 6.

I.A. Call to Order

I.B. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

I.C. Publication of Meeting

I.D. Roll Call; Excuse absent Board of Education Members

All board members were present. Donnie Pike Jr was excused to leave during the meeting due to an ambulance call, returned shortly after.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REPORTS

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III.A. Approve minutes of the November 2 2020 Regular Board Meeting and November 7 2020 Special Board Meeting, and December 3 2020 Special Board Meeting.

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Stacy Johnson to Approve minutes of the November 2 2020 Regular Board Meeting, November 7 2020 Special Board Meeting, and December 3 2020 Special Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Lizzie Swalley: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

III.B. Monthly financial report

Board members were questions outstanding amounts that were showing up on the bank reconciliation report. The board decided to hold out on approval until further clarification was given.

III.C. Elementary Principal Report

The elementary has started their Winter MAPS Testing.
As of November 3, 2020 there were 31 K-5 virtual learners, as

of December 7, 2020 there are only 3 virtual learners.
Attendance has been ranging between 93-96%, L. Redowl has
been working with the school to contact parents.
Incentives - They are going to be having a November
attendance pizza party for students with 90% or higher
attendance for the month on Friday December 11, 2020. Out of
the 125 elementary students, 81 students will be participating.
They are also doing a reading incentive with the students.
PRIDE, it is similar to what Pizza Hut did with the Book It
program. They have been working with Mr. LaPlante and Mr.
LaPointe from Tribal Enterprise to set this up. The students
are asked to read 15 minutes every night and have the
parents sign off on the calendar. There were 6 students who
received the certificate for November.

III.D. Secondary Principal Report

Secondary students are also doing the MAPS Testing and will
finish up next week. They are feeling pretty encouraged so far
with over 70% of the students showing growth.
There is talk about doing Wednesday School where the
students will be dismissed at 2:06 pm but will need to stay
until the regular release time if they are missing assignments
or failing classes. It is important for the school to have
student supports in place. This does follow Rule 10 in regards
to seat time. Right now we have hours to spare but want to
stay on top of the amount left. There are also days already
built into the school calendar to help make up time if needed
due to snow days. Board suggested to possibly start the

classes earlier to allow time after school for the students to stay with their teachers.

III.E. Athletic Director Report

Participation in athletics is high right now. For sporting events the attendance is limited to outside people. Only allowing two per household and employees. The school also asks that households spread out and try to maintain safe social distancing. Players were given tickets to give out to parents/guardians. The school is working on going virtual for the games, possibly might be able to do a Facebook live. No visiting fans allowed at this time.

There is currently only one active case on the reservation. In regards to wrestling, there is currently no one participating at this time. They are looking at doing a youth wrestling program later this winter, possibly January, February, or March. It would be a volunteer coaching from Mr. Baker and Mr. Chambers.

III.F. Early Childhood Department - Little Warriors Daycare Report

The three and four years attendance is at 33 students, all are here except one who is virtual right now but plans to come back January 11th.

The preschool are working on getting their winter assessments done before the Christmas break. They are also working on utilizing the Step Up to Quality program throughout the facility.

The daycare currently has 14 children

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IV. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

IV.A. Interim Superintendent

The number one priority is getting the financials back in order. Discussion about how a part time interim superintendent does meet Rule 10, wondering if the potential candidates would be interested in full time position. Two candidates were discussed. Dr. Mann from Grand Island, a professor at UNL, is a retired superintendent but still very much active within the school community. Dr. Winchester from Chadron, is not interested due to health concerns. Board decided to table until later on making a decision.

IV.B. Business Office Consultant

Nebraska Department of Education said the major focus needs to be the business office and getting it back on track. Matt Fischer and Carl Dietz from First Financial suggested a retired Business Office Manager from Sioux Falls that would be willing to come in and set up the systems and get them on the track. She said it would possibly take up to a month. Board suggested to include in the contract based on the findings in the audit and also up to the amount of \$12,000.

It was moved by Stacy Johnson and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to approve the business office consultant based on the contract.

Roll call vote: Passed

Steve Moose: Nay, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Don Pike: Yea,

LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Lizzie Swalley: Yea, Dewayne

Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 1

Steve Moose: Nay

IV.C. Holiday Break Date Change

The decision was made to move the holiday break to students getting out on December 22nd at 1:45 and coming back on January 11th. This would give a full two weeks after Christmas gatherings in hopes of continuing to keep everyone safe and healthy. Staff has been encouraged to limit exposure after the 26th to help keep the possibility of increased risk at a low.

IV.D. COVID: Return to Learn Update

It has been suggested to stay with the current color tier plan, masks are still being required throughout the school. Lunches are still being served in their classrooms. The question has rose on when do they close the school It was discussed that this would take place if there was a tremendous amount of spread in the school. The school and community remember to keep doing what they are doing to stay safe and healthy during this pandemic.

IV.E. Priority Plan Update

Nebraska Department of Education was here and their main concerns are still the business office, the middle school is on their radar, and high school attendance. The middle school is showing growth and are on the right track. The December report will be coming soon.

IV.F. Certified/Classified Hire(s) Reassignment(s) Resignation(s), Teacher Resignation K. Flyinghawk Effective 1/5/2021, Approve New Teacher Contract B. Schmeckpeper Effective 1/11/2021

K. Flyinghawk resignation effective 1/5/2021, resignation letter was read by Board President. It was motioned by Stacy Johnson and seconded by Donnie Pike Jr to accept her resignation. Motion passed with 6 yes, 0 nays. New Teacher Contract of B. Schmeckpeper. She has a FCS endorsement, pay will be the same as current contract, along with the insurance. She will step out of the Business Office and into the classroom when school resumes January 11th. It was motioned by Lizzie Swalley and seconded by Lindarae Starlin to approve B. Schmeckpeper new teacher contract. Motion passed with 6 yes, zero nays.

IV.G. Remove Justin Hayes as a signer on all Santee Community Schools accounts. These are the authorized signers for Santee accounts: Dewayne Wabasha, Lizzie Swalley, Linda Rae Starlin, Donnie Pike Jr., Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Dawn Hefner, Brooke Schmeckpeper

It was motioned by Lizzie Swalley and seconded by Stacy Johnson to remove Justin Hayes as a signer on all Santee Community Schools accounts. Motion passed with 6 yes, 0 nays

It was motioned by Donnie Pike Jr and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to have the authorized signers for Santee accounts be Dewayne Wabasha, Lizzie Swalley, Linda Rae Starlin, Donnie Pike Jr, Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Dawn Hefner, and Brooke Schmeckpeper. Motioned passed with 6 yes, 0 nays.

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to remove Justin Hayes as a signer on all Santee Community Schools accounts and have the authorized signers as Dewayne Wabasha, Lizzie Swalley, Linda Rae Starlin, Donnie Pike Jr., Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Dawn Hefner, and Brooke Schmeckpeper.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Lizzie Swalley: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IV.H. Negoations (possible closed session)

Mr. Baker suggested to wait until January to discuss any negotiations. He looked at surrounding schools and they are waiting as well.

V. COMING EVENTS

VI. ADJOURN

It was moved by Lizzie Swalley and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea,
LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Lizzie Swalley: Yea, Dewayne
Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VII. *Closed Session: If during the course of the meeting discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

VIII. **Sequence of Agenda: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board. Please arrive at the beginning of the meeting.