

Isanti Community School

Stacy Johnson: Absent

Steve Moose: Present

Don Pike: Present

LindaRae Starlin: Present

Lizzie Swalley: Absent

Dewayne Wabasha: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

Stacy Johnson: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

Stacy Johnson came in at 5:27

I. I. OPENING THE MEETING

Absent: Stacy Johnson, Lizzie Swalley, **Present:** Steve Moose, Don Pike, LindaRae Starlin, Dewayne Wabasha. Present: 4, Absent: 2.

I.A. Call to Order

I.B. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

I.B.1. Publication of Meeting

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

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to not excuse absent members Lizzie Swalley and Stacy Johnson.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Absent, Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

I.D. Organization of Board of Education

School Attorney Karen Haase called the Annual Organization of the Board meeting at 5:00. She called for nominations for Board President.

Don Pike nominated Steve Moose for President

Steve Moose nominated Don Pike for Vice-President

Steve Moose nominated Dewayne Wabasha for Treasurer

Don Pike nominated LindaRae Starlin as Secretary

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to elect Steve Moose as President.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Absent, Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Steve Moose to elect Don Pike, Jr for Vice-President.

Roll call vote: Passed

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Steve Moose and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to elect Dewayne Wabasha for Treasurer.

Roll call vote: Passed

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to elect LindaRae Starlin for Board Secretary.

Roll call vote: Passed

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

III. APPROVE MINUTES AND REPORTS

III.A. Approve minutes of the December 7, 2020 regular board meeting;

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to approve minutes of the December 7, 2020 regular board meeting.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Absent, Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

III.B. Treasurer Report

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to approve monthly financial report for December 2020.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Absent, Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

III.B.1. Monthly financial report for December 2020 meeting and November monthly financial report.

III.C. Elementary Principal Report

Report was given by Mrs. Nagel:

Congratulations on School Board Appreciation Month.

At this time there are no virtual learners.

We have a few new students plus we lost a few students so we are at the amount of students.

79 students had 90% attendance in the month of December and having the incentive party next week.

There were 15 students who earned a free pizza in December.

Dr. Mausbach was in the building today and this afternoon the Elementary staff started creating the Math Curriculum as we finished the Language this past summer.

III.D. Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Baker gave a report to the Board:

We have had an interesting fall and the reflection between the two buildings have moved forward culturally and achievement wise.

On Wednesday this week will begin our Wednesday early out at 2:06. Students will have three weeks of getting extra help from teachers and one week will be for Teacher Profession Days.

This semester High School and Middle School has a change in the start and end times of a school day, it will be 8:20-3:40.

This is in hopes that students can get extra help at the end of each day. With this being said we were able to squeeze in six additional minutes of instructional time.

We had 98% attendance rate in December

L. Redowl will hold a pizza party for High School and gifts to Elementary this month. She has been a great asset having her work with the school through the Truancy Department. Graduation Rate goal when started was at 33% and last year we were at 50%. Right now all 12 seniors are on track and we are looking to have a 90% graduation rate at this time. This is thanks to all staff and especially to Mary Snowdon and Leah Thomas.

2 students are doing virtual and Leah Thomas has been running work to them every day if not multiply times throughout the day.

III.E. Athletic Director Report

Brought up by President Moose of getting Marty School back on the schedule.

Mr. Baker stated he has talked to Jay Bellar/NSAA regarding our schedule with Marty and have some outside things to work on and hope to have back on our schedule of playing here and then Santee goes there every year. It is in the works of putting a 2 day tournament together to include 5 other native schools to also include handgames and quiz bowl. Would like to have a Ceremony on the Friday night before the games begin.

Also looking into being a part of the Corn Palace - Sacred Hoops Tournament next year in Mitchell along with LNI and DOC.

Plans are to add more JV and Freshman Basketball games for next year as of right now for the boys team we only have one senior and many 8th graders coming up. This is the reason

for getting more games on the schedule to allow all to have a chance to play and not get discouraged.

Steve Moose also asked why we can't have concession stand and reason by Mr. Baker was not mixing and creating a gathering place . Possibility of being able to make and give popcorn away at games is an option and will look into it. South Door as an entrance and old locker room bathrooms for Santee fans is more reasonable than having oppenants as Santee understands where to go. This would decrease the mixing of fans.

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

Report was given from Ms. Stewart for the Infant/Early Toddlers. We were recently evaluated and on a 7.0 scale we received a 4.0

Talked to L. Redowl regarding an incentive for the 4 year olds and this will start on February 1, 2021 with a gift and we hope to continue to this partnership.

Preschool had 2 virtual learners last semester and now we are at zero. All students are coming to school.

The Sixpence grant is due Feb 5th.

IV. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

IV.A. Interim Superintendent

Steve Moose introduced Todd Chessmore as the candidate for Interim Superintendent. Mr. Chessmore gave a brief

description of the schools he has been with before and has worked 9 years as Administration on reservations. Major items on the list is meeting with the Business Department and Impact Aid. Also very proud of how the school has kept all negativity away from the kids. He also wants to visit each BOE member to see what they want as well as visit with Administration and each individual staff member. Stated he would do a 3 day work contract per week. Mr. Chessmore will be starting out Wednesday to Friday until first part of February and then will do Monday through Wednesday to end of contract. Mr. Chessmore also stated that he will be checking his emails for sure every morning and night, gave cell phone number 308-325-4211 and if at all possible to please send a text first till he recognizes our numbers.

Steve Moose stated Contract would be for 18 months and would include the rest of this year and next school year.

It was moved by LindaRae Starlin and seconded by Don Pike to to accept the contract for Mr. Todd Chessmore as Interim Superintendent.

Roll call vote: Passed

Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.B. Change School Name to "Isanti Community School"

President Steve Moose brought up that he would like to see the name changed for Santee Community School to Isanti Community School. Mr. Baker stated he spoke with Redwing Thomas who gathered students to discuss the possibility of the name change. This would be a traction to reclaim and embrace at a deep angle. The student body is wanting to embrace the change per Mr. Baker.

It is known it will take some time to get everything changed but the long term goal is everything for the school will be known as Isanti.

Linda Richards had spoke and stated she has talked to NDE and the school has their full support.

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by Lindarae Starlin to change the school name from Santee Community School to Isanti Community School..

Roll call vote: Passed

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.C. COVID: Return to Learn update

Mr. Baker reported not much different news than from their reports earlier.

Elementary and Middle School have stayed the same and the

High School is now eating in the lunch room due to behavior issues arising and hoping this helps.

There are still a couple of High School students doing virtual learning and Leah Thomas is helping with getting each student their needed assignments and picking up completed work.

The extra week has helped being off from school as many were quarantined and off in time to come back when school started.

Spring break we have a week off and possibility it may not happen as the school has used all banked snow days for Covid and may need for snow days.

IV.D. Remove Brooke Schmeckpeper as a signer and online access on all Santee Community Schools accounts.

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Don Pike to remove Brooke Schmeckpeper as a signer on all Santee Community Schools accounts and remove ACH/online access.

Roll call vote: Passed

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.E. Authorized signers for Santee accounts for Farmers and Merchants State Bank:

Present: Stacy Johnson. Present: 5, Absent: 1. Stacy Johnson came in at 5:27

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to authorize the following as signers on all Santee Community School Accounts at Farmers and Merchants State bank: Dewayne Wabasha, Lizzie Swalley, LindaRae Starlin, Don Pike Jr., Stacy Johnson, Steve Moose, Clarence T. Chessmore, Dawn Hefner.

Roll call vote: Passed

Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.F. Authorize Approver of Federal and State Grants and Funds.

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Don Pike to approve Larry Baker and Clarence Todd Chessmore as approvers of Federal and State Grants.

Roll call vote: Passed

Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.G. Negotiations (possible closed session)

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Stacy Johnson to go into Closed Session at 6:05 for Negotiations.

Roll call vote: Passed

Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Don Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to come out of Closed Session at 6:19pm.

Roll call vote: Passed

Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V. COMING EVENTS

VI. ADJOURN

*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.

**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.

It was moved by Stacy Johnson and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to adjourn at 6:20pm.

Roll call vote: Passed

Lizzie Swalley: Absent, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Steve Moose: Yea, Don Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1