

Public Notice

MINUTES OF THE NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM APRIL 7TH, 2022 AT 8:15 A.M.

Members present: Mary Kay Price, Mike Jacobson, Alyson Myhre, Mike Schaefer, Todd Allmaras, Patti Larson, Travis Benson, Superintendent Dr. Jill Louters, Business Manager Dave Skogen.

President Price called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

TRANSPORTATION

Discussion was held regarding continued challenges Transportation has presented the district in the aspect of availability of vehicles and drivers. The Rocket Bus is currently unavailable due to mechanical issues, leaving it out of commission for an unknown time. It will be looked at by a vendor in Bismarck within the next 2 weeks. Options were presented to the board for discussion including, purchase of a new bus for \$93,000 from Harlow's with the potential to resell it to them when the school year is done for estimated \$70,000; to purchase a bus from former route driver Bob Hanson for \$7,400, or to hold on all. Holding would mean waiting to see what the Rocket Bus repairs will bring and could mean asking parents to transport students to school or to their activities. No motion was made as after discussion it was decided to reach out to parents of the NW bus route to inform them that transportation may not be available, and parents of students of the NW bus route would be offered \$0.50 a mile for transporting their children to and from school as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Dave Skogen, Business Manager
Mary Kay Price, President
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NEW ROCKFORD CITY COMMISSION NEW ROCKFORD, NORTH DAKOTA NEW ROCKFORD CITY HALL April 4, 2022, Regular Meeting

President Richter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall with Commissioner Hager, Commissioner McKnight, Commissioner Belquist (via phone) PWS Hirschert and Attorney Peterson present.

President Richter immediately recessed the Regular Meeting to open the Annual Tax Equalization Meeting. The Annual Tax Equalization meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m. President Richter reconvened Regular Commission meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Hager moved to approve the agenda. McKnight seconded. Schumacher requested the Commission add: permanent financial options for street project to New Business. McKnight requested the Commission add: Lawnmower for cemetery to New Business. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hager made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022, Meeting Minutes as presented. McKnight seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Belquist seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hager made a motion to approve the March bills. Richter seconded. In a roll call vote, Hager, Belquist, McKnight and Richter all were for. Motion carried.

Interstate Eng.....30,118.93
North Star Logistics.....69,654.08
North Star Logistics.....25,650.00
James R. Belquist642.62
Ryan Hager.....692.62
Kelly McKnight692.62
Stuart Richter831.15
Justin Ystaas692.62
Eddy County.....13,005.00
Northern Plains Coop.....53.63
NDTC514.50
Hawkins.....1,125.71
Transcript.....477.15
AT&T256.12
Hager Excavating420.00
Dakota Dust Tex38.25
Otter Tail Power Co4,560.84
Ecolab111.96
Locators & Supplies4,883.04
Cash and Carry693.13
Ironhide Equipment1,090.10
Grand Forks Utility.....52.00
Micks 281547.45
One Call Concepts2.60
D&E Supply107.71
Cendak Coop22.00
Starion Bond51,623.75
Duchscherer Supply1,204.09
Otter Tail Power Co245.87
NR Park District.....4,774.17
NRABC6,650.76
Jason Munson.....345.91
Napa Auto Parts22.99
Kim Johnson125.00
Central Plains Water30.00
Cardmember Services.....319.35
Butler Machinery1,114.98
Linderman Cons93.83
MDU3,941.98
Bruce Hirschert3,233.69
Jason Munson2,484.87
Becki Schumacher2,810.30
Susie Sharp1,687.68
Kristi Swenson.....96.27
Richard Swenson2,122.20
BCBS of ND7,893.82
Newman Signs65.00
USPS200.00
Orr Auctions1,914.43
EFTPS.....646.74
EFTPS.....2,199.96
NDPERS.....2,691.28
Wade Senger from Interstate Engineering presented the results from the bid opening that had been conducted at 3:30 p.m. on April 4, 2022. Six bids were submitted and opened. The base bids ranged from \$5,933,127.50 to \$9,088,022.50. Senger sug-

gested the Commission accept the lowest bid, which was submitted by Bituminous Paving, Inc. Senger reported that Bituminous Paving was used last time the city had the streets paved. Senger also noted that Bituminous Paving is a reputable company that is aware of the city's timeline.

Hager made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Bituminous Paving for \$5,933,127.50 for the street project. McKnight seconded the motion. In a roll call vote it was Richter aye, Hager aye, McKnight aye, and Belquist aye. All being in favor. Motion carried.

Senger also reported on the water project - the bypass system will be effective April 5, 2022. Senger expects the water plant project to be concluded in the upcoming months, with the new RO system to be in use by the end of April. Senger presented payment No. 15 for North Star Logistics for the water project in the amount of \$126,457.57.

Richter made a motion to approve the pay estimate for North Star Logistics for \$126,457.57. Hager seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Senger encouraged the Commission to begin the process of securing financing for the street project. Senger suggested two options, funding from the Bank of North Dakota as a loan and funding from selling bonds. Schumacher reported she had contacted both BND and a bond company.

Belquist made a motion giving Stuart Richter the authority to act on behalf of the city in determining the best option for permanent financing for the street project. Hager seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PWS Hirschert reported that the snow blower was traded in, and PW got a new blade. PW opened drains in the city for drainage. Hirschert has updated the emergency lighting at the Brown. The backflow report has been submitted. Hirschert suggested the city look at a new meter reader, as parts for the current reader are no longer available.

Hager made a motion to approve the public works report as presented. McKnight seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Richter addressed the Garbage Removal Bids opened at the previous meeting. Richter made a motion that the city reject all bids and look at the garbage contract at a later date. Belquist seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, it was Richter aye, McKnight aye, Hager aye and Belquist aye. All in favor. Motion carried.

McKnight made a motion to approve the building permit for Alfred Ritzke, Jr. for shingles and LMZ, Inc for new construction/car wash. Hager seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A specific delinquent account was brought to the Commission by Schumacher. The PW employees are unable to shut off service. It was suggested that a lien be assessed on the property.

McKnight suggested the city act as a pass through for the cemetery to purchase a needed new mower. Richter made a motion to purchase a new mower as a pass through for the cemetery. Hager seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMISSION APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING.

Stuart Richter, President
Becki Schumacher, City Auditor
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NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Mary Kay Price, Mike Jacobson, Alyson Myhre, Mike Schaefer, Todd Allmaras, Patti Larson, Travis Benson Others present: Dr. Jill Louters, Superintendent; Natalie Becker, Elementary Principal, Avolt Baumbach, Secondary Principal, Amzi Meier, Student Representative, Dave Skogen, Business Manager.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Allmaras and seconded by Jacobson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Benson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes from the February 14th, 2022 meeting, the business manager report, and the bills - general fund of \$46,874.78, hot lunch fund of \$9,580.76, and the activity fund of \$7,214.91.

MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elementary Principal stated that the elementary curriculum committee had recently met. She briefed the board as part of her Principal report.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal Becker's report to the board centered around the recent elementary curriculum meeting. STEM and exploration were items of interest, as well as possibility of "unplugging" more. Hands on activities at the end of the day may be looked at. An escalation in behavioral needs has been no-

tioned, additional work or emphasis on relationship building and mentoring may help the social/emotional needs of some. The new ELA curriculum is going well, and teachers are happy to have curriculum to support learning needs. Math and Social studies curriculum have become outdated, and some nontraditional options are proving to be successful in other areas. Online options can provide an effective product at a more cost-efficient price point than a traditional textbook. Lastly, some discussion was had on potential to change the elementary grading system style, from a letter to a number system that would display independent ability in each area.

Secondary Principal Baumbach presented his report. Third quarter ended March 11th, just prior to parent teacher conferences on the 17th. Prom and graduation planning is well underway with Prom on April 2nd, and graduation set for May 29th. Planning for the 2022-2023 master schedule is in process, as well as continued trainings and guidance for implementing the MTSS program. Lastly, the Attendance Committee had recently met, and data showed students at 93% attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Louters shared her report with the board. Lindsey Unified School District will welcome NR-S staff back for one more visit. Planning for the trip has begun. Lindsey has funded the Student Engagement position here at NR-S, this being the last year of the agreement. The music team had recently met to address declining participation. Continued work with transportation and the dress code, both of which will be discussed later this evening. NR-S recently hosted local legislators on campus. Post-visit follow up with the legislators expressed the need for SEL research and funding needs associated with it. Lastly, applications for posted positions are starting to come in, with interviews to be set up soon.

TEACHER REPORT

Secondary Science teacher Mark Huber presented to the board. He discussed his focus on Pedagogy, the methods of teaching, and some of the ways he has altered his teaching this year and the results he has seen. Recently he has tried more project based/shorter lecture group based teaching, and has seen good results. From his viewpoint students seem more engaged. MTSS style has also been helpful in the classroom. Some of the challenges he has seen are students wanting to work with like-minded students in group activities, and time management. Students really seem to enjoy the labs, they seem more active and understand the material better.

STUDENT REPORT

Student rep Amzi Meier reported briefly on the work done, and preparation for tonight's Dress Code agenda item. Amzi recently met with the Principals to discuss safety and general thought to the dress code. Later he will present his findings on a recently conducted student and staff survey as well as an example of what an updated dress code could look like in comparison to the current policy.

EAST CENTRAL - APPOINTING OF PRINCIPAL BECKER AS REPRESENTATIVE

It was moved by Myhre and seconded by Allmaras to appoint Principal Natalie Becker as a representative to the East Central Board. Motion carried unanimously. Elementary Principal Becker will now serve as one of the two NR-S representatives to the East Central Board.

EAST CENTRAL

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Benson to appoint Board Members Schaefer, Allmaras, and Larson to the East Central Board Committee and to recommend Judge Klein to handle the mediation. Motion carried unanimously. Board member's Schaefer, Allmaras and Larson will represent the NR-S School Board in upcoming mediations. Judge Karen Klein of Fargo has been recommended to oversee the mediations upon agreement from all parties. Discussion was held on the topic of East Central mediation. Earlier in the day East Central's board appointed two members to represent them in mediations. East Central is also open to using Judge Klein. Mediation can be done in person or via Zoom. Per Judge Klein roughly 75% of mediations are done via Zoom as it fits schedules and time better for most parties involved.

POLICY FFH - STUDENT DRESS CODE

No motion was made as discussion was held regarding potential update to the student dress code. Student Board Rep Amzi Meier presented to the board results of surveys he conducted with students as well as some staff. Meier also presented a potential updated policy revising some language and specifics. Discussion was held by board members on potential revisions, and thanked Rep Meier for his work on this. A revised policy will be brought to the April meeting for a first viewing and discussion.

DISTRICT TUITION AGREEMENT

It was moved by Myhre and seconded by Jacobson to approve the District Tuition Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Agreement is for three students already enrolled who recently moved out of district. Due to transportation limitations, transportation will not be provided as part of the agree-

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on the preliminary budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Items such as staff additions, transportation needs, market inflation, curriculum needs, and previously negotiated staff compensation adjustments were explained and discussed. Further work is to be done, as budget is still in the preliminary stages, discussion to continue at future meetings.

TRANSPORTATION

Discussion was held pertaining to District transportation. Superintendent Louters presented to the board an overview of each bus route the school currently runs daily. Overview showed the route taken in coordination with district lines. Recent legislation has limited the funding available for out of district student transportation. Statewide transportation has caused issues in availability, and with recent fuel prices surging, budget struggles as well. Business Manager Skogen presented to the board an example of a contracted transportation contract, and how additional fuel costs are figured into the contracted total per mile rate paid out. Further discussion was held about the future of district transportation and options the school may have.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATIONS

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Benson to approve the formative evaluation of Superintendent Louters as Satisfactory. Roll call vote unanimous, motion carried with seven yes votes. Board members completed their own individual evaluation of Superintendent Louters using an online format from Rocky Mountain Evaluations. Each area of evaluation was scored on a 1-4 basis. Each section was reviewed, and a roll call vote was made for each section. Each section presented carried a satisfactory score. A roll call vote was held for each section to approve the score calculated; approval of each section was unanimous. Roll call votes as follows, Area A. Goal and Vision Setting: Area A rated as satisfactory with seven S votes. Area B. Board Relations: Roll call vote unanimous, Area B rated as satisfactory with seven S votes. C. Human Resource Management: Roll call vote unanimous, Area C rated as satisfactory with seven S votes. D. Curriculum and Student Support Services: Roll call vote unanimous, Area D rated as satisfactory with seven S votes. Area E. Community Relations: Roll call vote Area E rated as satisfactory with six S votes and one U vote. Area F. Operations and Resource Management: Roll call vote unanimous, Area F rated as satisfactory with seven S votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 11th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Collaboration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

GENERAL FUND:

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Bakers Dozen, Baumbach, Avolt, Becker, Natalie, Bilden, Jacob, CentDak Cooperative, Central Business Sys, CHI Foster Co Med Ctr, Colepapers, Concordia College Athletic Dept, Cudworth, Robert, Dakota Dust-Tex, Dauenhauer Diesel, Duchscherer Supply, East Central CFEC, Eichelberger, Brady, Flinn Scientific, Hager Excavating, Hager, Laura, Harvey Public School, Horace Mann Co, Insure Forward, Jostens, Leaf, McGraw-Hill, Micks 281, Minot Plg & Htg, NDRPA, NR Utility Services, ND Public Health Trust, Pearce & Durick, Pitsco Education, Purchase Power, Ramkota Hotel, Region V Music, Rockford Cafe, Time Management Sys, Transcript Publishing, US Foods, USI Education & Govt. Sales, Verizon, Wonder Lanes, Yri Electric.

SCHOOL LUNCH:

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Bakers Dozen, Dept. of Pub. Instruction, JS Wholesale, Meadow Sweet Dairy, Rocket Boosters, US Foods.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS:

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Anderson's, Bakers Dozen, D & D Enterprises, Group Travel Planners, Myhre, Sara, Northern Bottling DL, Ramkota Hotel, Schaefer, Michael, Todd Cameron/GRLLC, Transcript Publishing.

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Dakota Recreation Report by Patricia Stockdill



Outdoor notes: *People are asked to report any dead birds and abnormal behavior in migrating birds, especially waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors, to the N.D. Game and Fish Dept. on their wildlife mortality reporting form, (gf.nd.gov/wildlife/diseases/mortality-report), due to a national outbreak of highly contagious avian influenza. It can also impact domestic poultry. While rarely infectious to humans, hunters or anyone handling poultry should use precautions, such as avoiding handling sick animals, wear gloves when dressing birds, wash hands and equipment thoroughly, and cook meat to an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

Fishing: *Devils Lake elevation, April 12: 1,447.79 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

*Stump Lake elevation: 1,447.52 MSL.

*Lake Sakakawea elevation: 1,827.6 MSL; 14,500 cubic feet per second average (CFS) Garrison Dam daily releases.

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. Dist. game wardens: No reports from east-central area lakes or Devils Lake. North Arm of Lake Audubon open with some boat and shore activity, weather permitting. Anglers can access small boats along the county road embankment on Lake Audubon, as well. Overall success slow yet, however, and beware of shifting ice.

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: No reports.

*Devils Lake, Lakeview Lodge, Minnewaukan: No new reports.

*Devils Lake, West Bay Resort, Minnewaukan: No activity after recent weather front moved through.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Open water shorelines on Devils Lake with much of the lake losing ice. Try casting plastics from shore and around any of the bridges for a mix of walleye and pike.

*Foster County area lakes, Dry Dock, Carrington: No new reports.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Pioneer Bait & Tackle, Jamestown: No activity although area lakes have open water.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Sooper Stop, Jamestown: No new reports with limited activity after storm.

*Lake Ashtabula, The Hungry Pelican at the Crossing, Luverne: The lake is open with some shore-fishing activity, weather permitting.

*Lake Ashtabula, Bayshore, Valley City: No new reports although the lake is open.

*Lake Sakakawea, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Spotty walleye success on the east end of Lake Sakakawea prior to the weather change with a few pike and catfish mixed in. Boat can access from several bays but beware of shifting ice packs. Try smelt or minnows from shore or jigs and minnows from boats. Some small boat activity on the east end of Lake Audubon around the county road crossing but watch shifting ice, as well, with activity also on North Lake of Audubon. No reports on success, however. Missouri River tailrace spotty and inconsistent.

*Lakes Audubon & Sakakawea, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Open water in bays on the east of Lake Sakakawea including Steinke, Centennial, and Douglas bays but wind will dictate access with shifting ice. Use caution in areas with moving ice in any of the bays. Some pike success from shore. North Lake of Lake Audubon has some boat and shore activity but no reports on success.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon/Missouri River, Scott's Bait and Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace producing pike from shore with a few walleye mixed in. Wing walls remain slow with occasional fish. Some walleye success down river using jigs and minnows. Try floating jigs down river for trout. Best time to fish the chutes is at night with 3-way swivels with white plastics. East end of Lake Sakakawea producing pike along open water back bays, but watch for floating ice. Try smelt or herring with slower success casting yet.

Turkey hunting:

*Birds active and strutting opening weekend but weather could change activity.

Migration:

*Snow geese still moving through north-central N.D. with a few in the northwest yet prior to the weather change.

Numbers to know:

*N.D. Game and Fish Department, main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (http://gf.nd.gov).

*N.D. Game and Fish Department, Devils Lake office: (701) 662-3617.

*N.D. Game & Fish Department, Jamestown office: (701) 253-6480.

*Report All Poachers: (701) 328-9921.

Public Notice

MINUTES OF THE NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM MARCH 28TH, 2022 AT 7:00 A.M.

Members present: Mike Jacobson, Mike Schaefer, Todd Allmaras, Patti Larson, Travis Benson.

DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION PURCHASE - GMC YUKON XL

It was moved by Schaefer and seconded by Allmaras to approve the purchase of a 2020 GMC Yukon XL. Motion Carried Unanimously. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of new district transportation. Currently the district owns a 2005 Chevy Suburban with 189,000 miles. Employee confidence in the current vehicle has declined, leading to more personal transportation being used. Area dealers have been contacted as local purchase and service is preferred. Vehicle at hand is located at Finley Motors. Options of used vehicles are slim & expensive, and buying new leads to a longer, undefined lead time. Original proposal featured trading in the district's current vehicle, however Board would like to see it sold outright to maximize value.

ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:19 a.m. Dave Skogen, Business Manager
Mary Kay Price, President
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCKFORD BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

President Richter called the Tax Equalization Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 4, 2022, in City Hall with Hager, Belquist, McKnight, City Attorney Peterson PWS Hirschert and City Auditor Schumacher present. City Assessor Kristy O'Connor handed out information packages. 142 increase notices were sent out with three calling to discuss the increase. O'Connor did a residential 6 percent increase and a commercial sixteen percent increase to improve the sales ratio. The sales ratio is within tolerance required by the State of North Dakota. O'Connor reviewed the net value break down, taxable valuations, and city mill levy. Hager moved to accept the 2022 property valuations with the increases as presented. Richter seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Tax Equalization meeting was closed at 7:13 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the proceedings of the City of New Rockford Board of Equalization of New Rockford, Eddy County, North Dakota. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this Seventh Day of April, 2022.

Becki Schumacher, City Auditor
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