

UPSALA AREA SCHOOLS  
Upsala, Minnesota 56384

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Upsala Area Schools, Independent School District No. 487, held on August 24, 2016. Present were Chairperson Peterson, along with board members Nelson, Thomas, Soltis, Poppenhagen and Wensmann. Also present were Superintendent Capelle and Business Manager Harren.

Visitors included representatives from Ehlers and Northland Securities, MCR reporter, Jim Koczur and new hires-Gina Boeckermann, Chelsea Fuchs, Nikki Showalter and Thomas Riitters.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairperson Peterson.

Motion by Wensmann, seconded by Poppenhagen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Poppenhagen, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the July 27 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to approve the bills in the amount of \$161,501.34. Bill paid with check numbers 17862 to 17928. Motion carried unanimously.

New staff were introduced and welcomed.

Representatives from Ehlers gave a presentation on refunding existing bonds.

Representatives from Northland Securities gave a presentation on refunding existing bonds.

Dean of Students report was shared.

2016-17 enrollment projections.

K-12 Handbook is completed and ready for board approval.

2016-17 schedules are complete and will be handed out at open house.

Open House will be for grades K-12 on September 1 from 4-8 PM. 7<sup>th</sup> grade and new student orientation will be at 6 PM in the auditorium. The band brat supper fundraiser will be held in the commons area.

Welcome new staff for 2016-17: Chelsea Fuchs-3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Kennedy Eichers-4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Tom Riitters-3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> combo teacher, Jen Holmberg, Gina Boeckermann, Nikki Showalter and Marci Rich all paraprofessionals.

Superintendent Capelle's report covered: Refinancing of building bonds, building security issues, K-12 Open House, 2016-17 calendar changes, bus safety training, ITV Spanish, Junior High Football Coach, substitute teacher pay rate, meal charging policy, paraprofessional training.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Peterson to adopt the MSBA Policy number 721-Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Poppenhagen to approve the contact for Marci Rich as a paraprofessional for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Poppenhagen, seconded by Wensmann to approve the contract for Thomas Riitters as an elementary teacher for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Nelson to approve \$110 as the daily pay rate for substitute teachers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Nelson to approve the contract with Lindsay Bergmann at .875 FTE. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Poppenhagen, seconded by Wensmann to approve the anonymous donation of \$5000 for supplies for students. Motion carried unanimously with many, many thanks.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Soltis to adopt the revised UAS Policy on Meal Charging to go into effect on September 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wensmann, seconded by Nelson to approve the fall coaching assignments as follows: Jay Loven as Head Football Coach, Adam Gerads as Varsity Football Coach, John Fuchs as JV Football Coach, Brady Burggraff as JV Football Coach, Grant Allen and Austin Johnson as JH Football Coaches. Reba Leither as Head Volleyball Coach, Denise Cheney as JV Volleyball Coach and Melissa Palm as JH Volleyball Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to approve December 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM as the "Truth in Taxation" meeting date. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Poppenhagen to approve the agreement with Northern Pines for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thomas to adopt the resolution calling for General Election. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wensmann, seconded by Poppenhagen to have Northland Securities as the agent for the refunding of the existing bonds for the Upsala Area Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wensmann, seconded by Thomas to adopt the resolution approving the issuance of General Obligation Schools Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A; Covenanting and Obligating the District to

be bound by and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.55 to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Poppenhagen to approve the donation from Time Out in the amount of \$4500 for Letterman's Club. Motion carried unanimously with many, many thanks.

Motion by Wensmann, seconded by Nelson to approve the additional half day paraprofessional training scheduled for Monday August 29, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thomas to approve the K-12 Handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Karin Nelson, Clerk