

UPSALA AREA SCHOOLS
Upsala, Minnesota 56384

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Upsala Area Schools, Independent School District No. 487, held on December 21, 2016. Present were Chairperson Peterson, along with board members Nelson, Thomas, Soltis, Poppenhagen and Wensmann. Also present were Superintendent Capelle, Dean of Students Klug, Stephen Roerick, Andy Wensmann, Simone Bolin, Wanda Erickson, Ty Poppenhagen and Emma Scepaniak.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Peterson.

Motion by Wensmann, seconded by Thomas to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Erickson and 6th graders Ty Poppenhagen and Emma Scepaniak presented the results of the 2016 Elementary Book Fair. It was a very successful book fair with a total income of \$3,699.02. The 6th grade earns 25% of this and donated \$500 to the Elementary Media Center.

Mrs. Erickson presented a report on the Great River Regional Library and the Cora Eckstrom Media Center.

Simone Bolin, Executive Director and Special Education Director of Mid State Education District, gave a presentation to the board regarding the services provided by Mid State, including technology, Early Childhood Screening, ECFE, Birth – 3 classes, and 3 – 5 classes.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Poppenhagen to approve the bills in the amount of \$224,010.32. Bills paid with check numbers 18208 to 18297. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean of Students Klug presented his report. December Students of the Month are Cheryl Zimmerman for Senior High and Carter Johnson for Junior High. Students of the Month for Subject Areas were shared. Athletes of the Month are Boys Basketball: Alex Thieschafer, Girls Basketball: Abby Ripplinger, and Wrestling: Austin Wensmann. December Elementary Students of the Month were shared. Congratulations to Seniors Parker Barth and Katlin Welinski for being nominated for the Triple A Award (Arts, Athletics, and Academics). Congratulations to Juniors Matt Herzog and Stefani Pohlmann for being selected as the ExCEL Award nominees. Congratulations to 1,000,000 Word Readers Elijah Wardlaw and Tayler Cramlet. Two elementary holiday concerts were held on December 15th and both were well attended and the students did a great job. High school spring semester schedule was shared.

Superintendent Vern Capelle presented his report. He discussed the World's Best Work Force summary report. He will seek to establish an advisory committee to review and provide input in the development of the finalized plan. MSBA Leadership Conference is January 12 – 13, 2017 in Minneapolis. The Solar Initiative is being discussed.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Soltis to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Group Employee Benefits and other Financial and Risk Management Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Wensmann to approve the 2016 pay 2017 maximum levy in the amount of \$1,008,109.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Poppenhagen to approve the World's Best Workforce summary report to the Minnesota Department of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Nelson to approve January 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM as the re-organizational and regular board meeting date. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Poppenhagen, seconded by Soltis to approve the following donations to the Robotics program with many thanks: Blattner Energy \$1,000; Stearns Electric Grant \$250; Seitz Stainless \$100; Midwest Machinery \$75; and Felling Trailer \$100. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Peterson to approve the following donations for the football charter bus with many thanks: Time Out \$300 and Red's \$300.

Motion by Peterson to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Karin Nelson, Clerk