

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 February 22, 2017. Present were Chairperson Peterson, along with board members Nelson, Wensmann, Thomas, Soltis and Roerick. Also present were Superintendent Capelle, Dean of Students Klug and Business Manager Harren. Visitors were MCR reporter, Ms Lewis and the students and chaperones that went on the 2017 Presidential Inauguration trip.

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

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Roerick to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The students that were on the 2017 Inauguration trip shared information about their experience. Ms Lewis was thanked for again giving the students in Upsala the opportunity to attend the Presidential Inauguration.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the January 25th regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Nelson to approve the bills in the amount of \$7,639,083.34. Bills paid with check numbers 18391 to 18479. Cash balance report as of January 31st, 2017 was shared. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean of Students Klug's report:

Students of the Month for February are Kennedy Allen for Senior High and Darcey Hayes for the Junior High.

Subject Area Students of the Month were recognized from grades K through 12.

Athletes of the Month for girls basketball is Jenna Ripplinger, boys basketball is Myron Ripplinger Jr. and wrestling is Gage Loudon.

Congratulations to Lois Wardlaw, grade 4, for winning the local spelling bee. Lois will represent Upsala at the District Bee in Staples.

Upsala 1,000,000 word readers are Monica Nienaber and Alyssa Young.

Upsala 9th grade Knowledge Bowl Team took 1st place out of 64 teams in their region.

Members on the team are Collin Prom, Alex Roerick, Isaiah Wardlaw, Kennedy Allen, Payton Guthrie and Shanna Campbell.

Congratulations to Special Education teacher Courtney Justin for being nominated for the Educators of Excellence Award sponsored by NJPA.

Congratulations to Gretchen Schleper on being named the Ag Teacher of the year in Region 2.

Robotics team will attend their regional competition in Duluth March 2nd through March 5th.

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on March 3.

Grades 5-12 Parent Teachers Conferences will be held on February 27.

Upsala Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Upsala NHS will be held on February 27.

Superintendent Capelle's report:

Recommends seeking a teacher licensed in English/Language Arts with a background in Reading and/or the potential to teach College in the Schools courses.

The scoreboard in the small gym is in need of repair or replacement. Recommends we purchase new scoreboards for the big gym and move those scoreboards to the small gym.

This is the final year for our current operating levy authority. In order to levy in 2018, we would need to renew the current levy or replace with a new authority.

We have been awarded a Pathways II grant for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. We have been awarded \$22,500 per year and the grant provides funding for pre-school scholarships.

We will have a finance committee meeting March 22 at 6:30 PM.

Negotiations Seminar is March 14 in St. Cloud.

Paired Sports Update: New logo proposal. Consensus by the Upsala board to go ahead with the plan.

Football Classification: the consensus of both AD's and Head FB coach is to opt-up into Class A (11 man). The Upsala School board agrees with the recommendation.

Superintendent Capelle gave an award from MSBA to each of the School Board Members for School Board Member appreciation week. Thank you to our School Board Members.

Board member Thomas reported that he was voted onto the NJPA board.

Board member Nelson reported that the local DFS committee will be awarding \$12,500 in scholarships to the class of 2017.

Board member Nelson reported on the Clerk Training that she attended.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wensmann to adopt the Resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thomas to approve the Spring Coaches as presented.

Baseball: Adam Gerads-Head Coach, John Fuchs-Asst. Coach, Ken Solarz-Asst. Coach-JV, Barney VanHavermaet-Junior High Coach.

Softball: Jonathan Leither-Head Coach, Melissa Palm-Asst. Coach and Chris Leners-Junior High Coach.

Track and Field: Pete Swisher-Head Coach Boys, Jim Drill-Head Coach Girls, Curtis Robertson-Junior High Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Wensmann to approve the 4 course/1 year agreement with Dave Piasecki as a part-time Adjunct College-in-the-Schools instructor for the 2017-18 academic year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roerick, seconded by Soltis to approve the following donations: Upsala Lions Club-\$1000 to the Robotics Team and \$255 for the elementary snow tubing field trip. The Upstage Arts Board-\$200 to the Visual Arts Department. Motion carried unanimously with many, many thanks.

Motion by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Karin Nelson, Clerk