

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17-2
October 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Deb Olson at 5:00 PM at the Mitchell Middle School 800 West 10th Avenue, Mitchell South Dakota, Davison County.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of members present: Deb Olson, Brittini Flood, Matthew Christiansen, Shawn Ruml, and Kevin Kenkel. Absent: None. Others present: Dr. Joseph Graves Superintendent, Steve Culhane, Business Manager.

Motion #3351575

Motion by Kenkel, seconded by Flood to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. At this time, the school board recognized the 3 time State Girls Tennis champions who had just won the State Tennis tournament in Sioux Falls. They are coached by Pat Moller and Bruce Mastel.

Also, the school board recognized all of the Blue Ribbon winning K-12 art students at the South Dakota State Fair. The art departments of the Middle School and High School finished 1st in their category's and Gertie Belle Rogers Elementary finished 3rd.

Motion #3351576

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Ruml to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the board meeting on September 13, 2021. These minutes had been furnished to the Daily Republic in unapproved form all in accordance as per SDCL 13-8-35. Also on the consent agenda that was approved were the claims, personnel items and one open enrollment request.

New Certified Hires: Melissa Miller, MS Musical Instructor, \$2,055, effective 2021-22 school year. Emily Brunsing, 3rd grade (.5 FTE)/GBR, \$23,375, effective September 20, 2021.

New Classified Hires: Linus Mayer, Custodian, \$14.00/hr., effective September 21, 2021, Becky Anderson, Librarian/LO, \$14.00/hr., 7.5 hrs./day, effective October 18, 2021. Lee Gair, Custodian/LBW, \$14.00/hr., 8 hrs./day, effective October 15, 2021. **Other:** Kimberly Max, Dean of Students/Senior High, \$52,500, effective October 1, 2021. TerriAnn Murray, Power Strong Interventionist/LO, \$25,000, effective August 18, 2021. **Resignations:** Cassey VerHey/MHS Basketball Cheer Coach, effective 2021-22 school year. Allison Pierson/MMS Oral Interp Advisor, effective 2021-22 school year. Nikki Beukelman, Library Aide/LO, effective October 15, 2021. Cody Foreman, Head Track Coach, effective 2021-22 school year. Jenny Kunkel, Food Service/MS, effective September 23, 2021. Keri Munsen, Head Girls Golf Coach, effective 2021-22 school year. **MTC Resignations:** Stephanie Friesen, Events and Corporate Head Coordinator, effective September 24, 2021. Laurie Kenworthy, Campus Store Manager, effective October 5, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion #3351577

Motion by Ruml, seconded by Flood to approve the Construction Manager at Risk for the new Senior High School Project to Puetz Design + Build from Mitchell, SD. They were selected based on three criteria of experience, services provided and costs/fee structure. Their cost of their services will be at 2.5% of the total cost of the project. Motion carried.

Motion by Ruml, seconded by Flood to livestream future school board meetings using the recommendations presented by Dr. Graves and Levi Hohn.

Discussion was then held on all the options including the present livestreaming of the meetings being done by the Mitchell Daily Republic. Currently the paper has the streaming for free for those who hold a subscription to the paper. Others can access for free if they have not met the maximum number of times they have accessed the paper online. Different options were also discussed. The vote was taken on motion and all board members voted no. Motion fails to pass.

Motion #3351578

Motion by Ruml, seconded by Christiansen to have the Superintendent and Technology Director Levi Hohn look at other options including the Daily Republic streaming option and bring back to the December board meeting. Motion carried.

Board members reported on the meetings they had attended since the last meeting.

During Dr. Graves report, he told the School board that the design process of the new High School has begun as the Architect Company SCHEMMER is now visiting with all faculty of the High School to gather ideas. Also, the flu shots for those who want them has begun for employees of the School District.

During public commentary, those in attendance asked the School Board to remove the Mask Mandate. They asked who the School board was talking with to keep the mandate in place and the school board told the audience that they consult with the Medical community at Avera Health Systems. The board will address the return to protocols at the November meeting.

Motion #3351579

Motion by Flood, seconded by Christiansen to adjourn the school board meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Cash Balance as of September 30, 2021

Beginning Balance, \$19,592,379

General Fund Balance \$8,252,137 Capital Outlay Balance \$3,412,567, Special Education Balance \$697,605, Mitchell Tech Balance \$4,181,823, Food Service Balance \$994,889, Driver's Ed Balance \$4,581, T/A Balance \$2,084,544, James Valley Coop Balance \$-(35,767)

Total Revenue, \$2,377,212

General Fund \$172,268, Capital Outlay \$82,050, Special Education \$17,192, Mitchell Tech \$1,523,486, Food Service \$121,855, Driver's Ed \$-0-, T/A \$460,361, James Valley Coop \$-0-
Total Expenditures, \$5,966,017

General Fund \$1,725,524, Capital Outlay \$59,274, Special Education \$395,544, Mitchell Tech \$3,142,051, Food Service \$169,544, Driver's Ed \$-0-, T/A \$431,180, James Valley Coop \$42,900

Ending Balance, \$16,003,574

General Fund \$6,698,881, Capital Outlay \$3,435,343, Special Education \$319,253, Mitchell Tech \$2,563,258, Food Service \$947,200, Driver's Ed \$4,581, T/A \$2,113,725, James Valley Coop \$-(78,667)