**NORTH RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 22, 2022**

**5:30 PM**

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**FLAG SALUTE**

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

**Chairman Koehn called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board Members present Chairman Debbie Koehn, Vice-Chair Lorenzo Churape, Director Josh Greiner, Director Dan Brown, and Director Jim Banas. Others present Interim Superintendent/Business Manager Pam Pratt, Asst. Business Manager Casandra Doll, ASB Student Jesse Doll, Maintenance/Transportation Manager Joe Fuquay and Re-engagement/Graduate Advisor Jamie Peterson.**

1. **VISITORS: Mecca Doll and Colin Nelson were in attendance. We also had several zoom visitors.**
2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA: Chairman Koehn motioned to move vouchers to (A1) New Business and Vice-Chairman Churape seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
3. **MINUTES: January 12, 2022, Special Board Meeting Vice-Chairman motioned to approve January 12, 2022 Minutes and Director Banas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. January 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, Director Brown motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Director Banas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. January 20, 2022, Special Board Meeting Director Banas motioned to approve January 20, 2022, Special Board Meeting and to include previous Special Board Meeting Minutes. Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None**
5. **ASB REPORT: Student Jesse Doll updated Board Members on Prom plans and currently ASB has $5400.00**
6. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**
7. **Financial Ending Cash Balance-- $233,698.00**
8. **Perspective Candidate for the remaining four months Interim Superintendent/Principal Position Colin Nelson.**
9. **Interim Superintendent Pam Pratt introduced Mr. Nelson and recommended him 150%. Director Banas also spoke highly of him. Mr. Nelson introduced himself to the Board Members and was happy to attend the meeting.**
10. **DIRECTORS REPORT: Vice-Chairman Churape sent the other Board Members a short video on mask rules.**
11. **CONSENT AGENDA: None**
12. **OLD BUSINESS: None**
13. **NEW BUSINESS:**
14. **Purchase a new bus-$144,223.59 Joe Fuquay ordered a Thomas 72 passenger bus that will be ready in approximately Sept. The transportation fund has enough in the pot to cover the entire cost of the bus. Director Banas motioned to approve the purchase of a new bus for $144,223.59 and Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**(A1) Vouchers-**

**Chairman Koehn motioned to approve vouchers and Director Griener seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Future Problem Solvers State- Kari Beyer announced 4 students are qualified for state. Mrs. Beyer would like to take the students the night before and stay in a hotel. Requesting approval from the board for accommodations for 2 staff members and 4 students. The board members and Mrs. Beyer agreed to address the cost at the March 4, 2022 meeting.**
2. **Board Policy 3241 and Procedures—Discipline. Chairman Koehn expressed concern for students being disciplined and having recess taken away. She went over the policy and according to the law students cannot be denied recess. Chairman Koehn would like to do a first reading and correct at a future meeting.**
3. **Board Policy 5221-Rights & Responsibilities of Instructional Staff. Chairman Koehn received a concern from the community and went over the policy and how it needs to be followed. With controversial issues happening in the community Chairman Koehn wanted to address the concern.**
4. **Board Policy 5281-Disciplinary Action and Discharge**
5. **New Hire Cook Position (old cook quit)-Stacey Vance applied and Interim Superintendent Pratt recommended approving and hiring her. Chairman Koehn motioned to hire Stacey Vance and Director Banas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
6. **New Para Position-Kelly Sainsbury (six hrs a day) (Totally paid from grant monies) Director Brown motioned to hire Kelly and Vice-Chairman Churape seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
7. **Resignation letter from Behavior Facility. Interim Superintendent Pratt read a letter from Jesus Rodriguez. Chairman Koehn motioned to accept the resignation letter and Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
8. **Renaming Position Title from Behavior Facilitator II to Reengagement/Graduate Advisor. Director Banas motioned to approve the name change and Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
9. **Permission to advertise for a Certified Counselor (full-time) (paid from grant monies). Chairman Koehn motioned to approve the advertisement and Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
10. **Retirement Letter from Interim Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager/Human Resources/Payroll/Contract Tracing. Interim Superintendent Pratt read her resignation letter. Chairman Koehn read a letter to Mrs. Pratt from the board expressing gratitude for her outstanding 24 years of service. Her leadership and love for the North River School & Community will never be forgotten and she will truly be missed by students and staff. Director Banas also thanked Mrs. Pratt for her dedication to North River. It was a very emotional teary-eyed moment for all in attendance and online. Director Greiner motioned to approve Mrs. Pratt’s retirement and Vice-Chair Churape seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
11. **TRAVEL: No travel**
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY: NR Teacher Heather Johnson announced that she would like students and community members to help with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. There will be applications in the office.**
13. **VOUCHERS: Moved to under New Business (A1)**
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board went into an executive session to discuss Colin Nelson’s application started at 7:09 PM to 7:30 PM. The board needed more time and concluded at 7:52 PM. Chairman Koehn motioned to hire Mr. Nelson and Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Director Greiner made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Director Banas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.**

**Mission Statement: Prepared for Life. Every Student Matters. Every Moment Counts.**