

**NORTH RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 19, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**  
**In Home Ec Room**

**FLAG SALUTE**

- I. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Chairman Mizushima called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Board Members Present: Chairman, Beth Mizushima; Vice-Chairman, Jim Banas; Legislative Representative, Bob Sholes; Director, Carolyn Lande; and Director, Julie Miles. Others Present: Jamie Peterson filling in for Recording Secretary, Pam Pratt. Superintendent, David Pickering was attending a workshop.
- II. **VISITORS:** Robin Gumaelius, Trish Nelson, Rich and Melinda Brock.
- III. **MINUTES:** September 17, 2019 and October 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. November 6, 2019 Special Workshop Meeting Minutes.  
September 17, 2019 A motion was made by Director Lande and was seconded by Director Banas to adopt September 17, 2019 Board Minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.  
October 15, 2019 A motion was made by Director Banas and was seconded by Director Sholes to adopt October 15, 2019 Board Minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.  
November 6, 2019 Working Board Meeting Minutes  
A motion was made by Director Banas and was seconded by Director Sholes to adopt November 6, 2019 Working Board Minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** There were no items for the Consent Agenda
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**  
Robin Gumaelius spoke about concerns for the Speech Therapy part of our Special Education program. She discussed the previous year of online therapy having many missed appointments due to tech and other issues. Her son did not benefit from the online program. She was excited that we were able to hire an onsite therapist only to find out that she was leaving. She wanted to know what was happening at school to cause the Special Ed person(s) to leave.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - (a) **Mission/Vision Statement**  
Those who have attended updated the Mission and Vision statement meeting. The Board asked the student meeting attendees about a previously discussed invite to parents and Community to attend the monthly Board meetings. Ruby stated that she had been recommended to wait on that project since the Superintendent was leaving and the goals could change. The Board voted that they should go forward with creating the invites, then present and discuss more at a future board meeting whether to proceed with sending the invites.

**(b) Stan Smith—Gloforge**

Mr. Smith spoke about updated information for the Gloforge. He spoke with another teacher who had been successfully using one for 3 or 4 years. He suggested we purchase a lower level model than what was previously discussed. It would save money and resolve the issues regarding concerns of laser issues. The Board decided to table the decision on this in the absence of Mr. Pickering and wanting to investigate the concern of lack of funds for speech therapy first.

**(c) Girls Basketball Coach—John Gumaelius**

The Board was unsure whether we needed written notice from Cody to decline the position before moving forward to vote for John Gumaelius to receive a contract. The Board decided to schedule a Special Board meeting to finalize this when unknown procedures could be clarified. They were also concerned about the amount of pay.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**

**(a) Report Financial: The Financial Spreadsheet showed an ending cash balance of \$395,816.00.**

The Board stated how excited they were for LeAnna's success in Cross Country. There was a brief discussion on how the late night basketball practices were going. Student reps felt it was going okay, but some late nights and lack of time for homework was a concern.

Jamie discussed concerns for additional late nights for a bus driver should the schedule shift to the bus leaving the school at 7 P.M. for future practice rotation schedule, but she was unsure of all the details. The Board felt that any other ideas or clarification on the bus issue if needed could be made when Mr. Pickering was available to discuss.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**(a) Future Time for Regular Board Meetings**

The Board discussed future Board Meeting time and place. Days were discussed and confirmed that this was a Policy change. The Board concurred that future regular meetings would be held on the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of each month, starting at a new time of 5 P.M. and preferably in the school library. A motion was made by Director Banas and was seconded by Director Sholes to amend Board Policy 1400 with the new information. The motion carried unanimously.

**(b) ASB Report**

Lila discussed that her school that she attended last year, offered a class or a period for High School students to discuss future planning such as having students research a college that they were interested in attending, the costs of living in a dorm, apartment, or living at home. There were also vocational speakers that discussed opportunities for the students.

Ruby discussed the lack of counseling or college prep. She said that students did not know where they were as far as credits that they have or what they still needed for high school graduation. Jamie stated that some of the information was available by

asking the office to print out a current transcript and other Skyward docs that show which graduation requirements that they have met and/or still need.

They representative also discussed the possibly of “buddy” programs

- (a) **One:** where students could have a community member attend lunch with them and discuss careers of future life paths
- (b) **Two:** program for High School students to buddy with the elementary to foster friendships and mentoring across age ranges within the school
- (c) **Committee Reports—**Director Sholes spoke about the near passing by legislature to require comprehensive sex education to students in all grades and some concerns associated with that. There is a group called “CARDEA”, that will provide training and or grants for training should this become a requirement in the future. Director Sholes said that he has made many phone calls to discuss this matter, but no one will return his calls.

#### **IX. VOUCHERS:**

A motion was made by Director Banas and was seconded by Director Lande to approve signing the vouchers. The motion carried unanimously.

**GF Warrant #332854-332920 Total \$117,161.95. CP \$0. ASB 2611-2612 Total \$155.69.**

Special Board Meeting will be this Friday, November 22, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. For the purpose of discussing the Girls High School Basketball contract for John Gumaelius. Also, the ASB representative was asked to have a rough draft to invite the parents and Community to attend the Board meetings.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Director Banas and was seconded by Director Lande to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.