

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
January 13, 2020

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on January 13, 2020 in the board room at the high school at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Brittany Dokken, Michael Forsgren, Jon Karger, Brenda Olson, Anne Peterson, Greg Larson. Board members absent: None. Others present: Superintendent Dr. Ed Richardson, Derrick Nelson, Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Barb Ripley, Lou Hogle, Logan Petznick, Trevor Steeves, Sean Fitzsimmons.

The meeting was called to order by Jon Karger.

Acting chair Jon Karger called for nominations for board chair.

Michael Forsgren nominated Jon Karger for the position of board chair. Due to no further nominations, Jon Karger acting chair, declared Jon Karger as elected 2020 board chair by acclamation.

Jon Karger called for nominations for vice chair.

Anne Peterson nominated Michael Forsgren for the position of vice chair. Due to no further nominations, Jon Karger declared Michael Forsgren as the elected 2020 vice chair by acclamation.

Jon Karger called for nominations for treasurer.

Anne Peterson nominated Brittany Dokken for the position of treasurer. Due to no further nominations, Jon Karger declared Brittany Dokken as the elected 2020 treasurer by acclamation.

Jon Karger called for nominations for clerk.

Brenda Olson nominated Anne Peterson for the position of clerk. Due to no further nominations, Jon Karger declared Anne Peterson as the elected 2020 clerk by acclamation.

Michael Forsgren moved to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Anne Peterson and carried.

Greg Larson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

- Approve board minutes December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting

- Financial claims – December bills

- Treasurer's Report

- Accept donations:

- Pledges for the Fine Arts Auditorium – West Central Initiative-Pelican Rapids School Foundation - \$377,520.34

To SADD – Bell Bank \$100, Arvig \$100, Azure Vision Care \$25, Riverview Place \$10, Pelican Drug, Inc. \$100

To Scholarships in memory of Allie Thompson – Jerry & Gloria Wilm \$25

To Valkyries Dance team in memory of Allie Thompson – George Gorton \$50

To SADD Toys for Tots – Grove lake Lutheran Church \$200

To MN Honor Society Sock Drive – Vergas United Methodist Church \$200

Personnel:

Hire Kara Bunkowski as a special education para effective 1/23/2020

Hire Seth Hibl as a full-time high school custodian effective 1/15/2020

The motion was seconded by Jon Karger and carried.

Greg Larson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION  
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS  
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment and,

WHEREAS, the reduction in expenditure and decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of program, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. #548 as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and as a result of reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion was seconded by Michael Forsgren and upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor:       Dokken, Olson, Karger, Forsgren, Larson, Olson

And the following voted against:     None

The resolution was adopted.

Greg Larson moved to set the following dates for policy meetings:

February 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm

March 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm

The motion was seconded by Anne Peterson and carried.

Anne Peterson moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the following policies:

427 Workload Limits For Certain Special Education Teachers

534 Unpaid Meal Charges

721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

The motion was seconded by Greg Larson and carried.

Michael Forsgren moved to close the meeting to discuss negotiations strategy. The motion was seconded by Jon Karger and carried.

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Board Chair

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Board Clerk