

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 May 23, 2018. 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, Jen Henry and Tom Riitters.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairperson Peterson.

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

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Roerick to approve the bills in the amount of \$211,487.09. Bills paid with check numbers 19610 to 19694. And approved the Journal Entries and Cash Balance report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jen Henry reported to the School Board on the classes she taught the 2018 year and shared information.

Tom Riitters reported to the School Board on his classroom and shared information on his grade 3-4 combo class.

School Board thanked Mrs. Henry and Mr. Riitters for their reports to the board and for teaching the children.

Dean of Students Klug's report:

Senior High Student of the Month for May is Matt Herzog and Junior High is Elijah Wardlaw. Subject area Students of the Month were recognized for the High School and the Elementary. Athletes of the Month are Paige Binek for Softball, Levi Lampert for Baseball, Collin Prom for Boys Track and Anna Woidyla for Girls Track.

2018-19 enrollment projections were shared.

1 million word readers are Riley Westbrook, Jake Gunderson, Monica Nienaber, and Zak Stradtman. 2 million word readers are Alyssa Young, Kira Poppenhagen and Tucker Hollermann.

Drama Awards are Best Actor-Andrew Prokott, Best Supporting Actress-Stefani Pohlmann, Best Supporting Actor-Collin Prom and Directors Award-Alexis Krebs.

FFA Officer Team for 2018-19 was selected.

Members of the UHS Industrial Tech Class and FFA members built raised gardens for community members. This was sponsored by the Upsala Lions Club. Matt Herzog, Zach Kulla and Dylan Van Weinen led the project and had help from the 9th and 7th grade Ag Classes. Ms. Newhouse and Ms. Gondringer took a group of junior high students to Lit Con. The purpose of Lit Con is to celebrate teen literature, promote reading and writing and to create a community of readers by connecting teens and authors. The experience was well received by the students.

Graduation is May 26th.

Superintendent Capelle's report:

Budget update was shared.

Legislative update.

Summer maintenance and facility.

Staff news-Kara Poissant has been accepted into the Master Teacher program of the Perpich Arts Center.

Technology updates.

Superintendent Survey.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Soltis to accept the tentative agreement with Superintendent Capelle as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Wensmann to approve the donations from the Upsala Lions Club-\$2500 for Scholarships, \$250 for Raised Gardens FFA, and \$25 for parking fee for the Govt. Class trip. Motion carried unanimously with many, many thanks again to the Upsala Lions Club.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wensmann to approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement as presented for Food Service. Motion carried unanimously. Jan Notch and Sherry Soltis were thanked for the work they do for food service. Finding good quality food at a more reasonable price and watching the food service budget and the good meals served by Jan and the other food service workers.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Wensmann to approve the hiring of Ms. Jenna Robertson as the .125 FTE FACS Instructor for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Roerick to approve the hiring of Mr. Aaron Fisher as a 1.0 FTE 7-12 Social Studies Teacher for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Thomas to approve the hiring of Mr. Patrick Ross as a 1.0 FTE 7-12 Science Teacher for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to approve the hiring of Mr. Cody Van Sloten as a 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Nelson to approve Mr. Jonathan Leither, K-12 Physical Education Teacher for continuing contract status. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roerick, seconded by Wensmann to approve Ms. Melissa Ferguson, K-12 Physical Education/Health Teacher for continuing contract status. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Peterson to approve Ms. Chelsea Fuchs, Elementary Teacher for continuing contract status. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Nelson to approve 10 additional contract days for Mr. Robertson, Technology Coordinator, to complete summer technology projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roerick, seconded by Nelson to approve the quote from Scholastic Equipment Company, LLC of \$26,006 for replacement of student lockers in the elementary school. Quote includes removal, disposal of old lockers and installation of new lockers. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the 2019 Budget was tabled until the June regular school board meeting.

Motion by Roerick, seconded by Peterson to approve the list of fundraisers from Ms. Poissant for the Europe trip. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Capelle asked for 2 school board volunteers to serve on a Facilities Committee. Board members Roerick and Soltis volunteered to serve on the committee.

Motion by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Karin Nelson, Clerk