

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 February 28, 2018. Present were Chairperson Peterson, along with board members Nelson, Thomas, Roerick, Soltis and Wensmann. Also present were Superintendent Capelle, Dean of Students Klug and Business Manager Harren. Visitors were Mid State Director Simoine Bolin, and the MCR reporter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairperson Peterson.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Wensmann to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Peterson to approve the bills in the amount of \$841,335.99. Bills paid with check numbers 19392 to 19482. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to approve the cash balance report and the journal entries as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean of Students Klug's report:

Students of the Month are Isaiah Wardlaw for High School and Taylor Soltis for Junior High.

Subject Area Students of the Month were recognized.

Athletes of the Month for Boys Basketball is Alex Thieschafer, Girls Basketball is Ashley Biniek and Wrestling is Max Lange.

Elementary Students and Specialties Students of the Month were recognized.

Congratulations to Brandon Young on being selected as an EXCEL Award State Winner. Brandon is one of 36 winners picked by the MSHSL. Brandon will be introduced at halftime of the Girls AA State Championship game.

Alyssa Young (6) won the 2018 District Spelling Bee. She will now move onto the Regional Bee in Staples. Congratulations Alyssa.

Congratulations to Haylee Vershure and Mary Jo Peterson on being selected as Teachers of Excellence for 2017-18. The award is sponsored by NJPA and they will be honored at a banquet with other teachers in Region 5 on May 9th at Grand View Lodge.

Eric Staricka and Alexandra Wuebkers were selected for the Students of Excellence Rising Star Award for 2017-18. The award is sponsored by NJPA and they will be honored at a banquet with other students from Region 5 in May. Congratulations to both of them.

The 10th grade Knowledge Bowl Team from Upsala qualified for the Regional Tournament. They had a great season. Out of 89 teams, they are currently in 3rd place and only trail 2nd place by half a point. Members on the team are Isaiah Wardlaw, Peyton Guthrie, Shanna Campbell, Colin Prom and Alex Roerick. Coach is Jen Henry.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Deputies held ALICE (active shooter) training in our school for teachers and some staff. They conducted a two-hour presentation and the staff participated in some scenarios. The training was well received by all.

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Friday, March 2nd.

Superintendent Capelle's report:

Budget update- Currently running levy summaries. Beginning to look at staffing models for next year.

There will be a finance committee meeting on March 28 at 7:00 PM.

District branding/website: Received 2 quotes from developers. Recommend Sytek.

High Tech Workforce Development Meeting information was shared.

AASA Conference information shared.

Simoine Bolin, Midstate Director, shared information with the board about what Mid State does and shared information on the new facility that will be built.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Wensmann to adopt the 2018-19 school calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roerick, seconded by Soltis to approve to hire Cody Van Sloten as a long term substitute teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, second by Peterson to adopt the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Wensmann to approve the spring coaching assignments as presented.

Baseball: Head Coach-Adam Gerads, Asst. Coach-John Fuchs, Asst. JV Coach-Ken Solarz, JRHI-TBD.

Softball: Head Coach-Melissa Ferguson, Asst. JV Coach-Mindy Klosowski, JRHI- Chris Leners. Track

and Field (USA): Head Coach Boys- Pete Swisher, Head Coach Girls- Jim Drill, JRHI- Curtis Robertson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Nelson to approve the staff development request of Ms. Poissant for out-of-state-travel as a part of her ACP project. The cost of the conference will be paid in full by the ACP Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wensmann to approve the donations from the Upsala Lions Club in the amount of \$720.00 for the Europe trip and \$300.00 for the Govt. Class Field trip. Motion carried unanimously with many thanks to the Upsala Lions Club.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Peterson to approve the quote from Sytek for the development and re-design of the District website for the amount of \$21,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Karin Nelson, Clerk