

UPSALA AREA SCHOOLS  
Regular Meeting  
November 22, 2017

The regular meeting of the School Board of Upsala Area Schools will be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 in the high school library at 7:30 PM. Please be advised of the enclosed proposed agenda and any appendixes, which may be attached.

**Call meeting to order.**

**Recognition of visitors to board meeting.**

Members of the audience who wish to address the board will be recognized at this time as per the protocol posted. Members of the audience are reminded that this is a meeting of the Board of Education to conduct the business of the school district in the public. Anyone wishing to address an issue not on the agenda is to contact the Supt. or Board Chair in advance of the meeting.

**Approval of agenda.**

**Approval of the regular board minutes of 10/25/2017 and the 11/15/17 special meeting.**

**Approval of the bills**

**Informational Items:**

1. Dean of Students report.
2. Superintendent's report.
3. Committee reports.
4. Board members reports.
5. Schlenner/Wenner present 2017 Audit

Old Business:

1. Final Reading and Adoption of the following policy revisions:
  - a. Policy 620 - Credit for Learning
  - b. Policy 903 - Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites

New Business:

1. Motion to approve the 2017 Audit as presented.
2. Approve the updated list of fundraisers for the Europe trip from adviser Kara Poissant.
3. Approve the donation of \$3000.00 (payment number 1) for upgrades on the Football field.

4. Approve medical leave for personnel.
5. Approve the attendance of a District team to attend the AVID national conference as a component of the District's participation in a Region Innovative grant through NJPA.
  - a. All expenses incurred by the team's attendance are covered by the grant funding.
6. Approve the hiring of Rollie Johnson as the Asst. Boys Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 season.
7. Approve the Superintendent's request to attend the National Conference on Education presented by the American Association of School Administrators from February 14 - 18, 2018, per District policy.

For the first time, no students were able to present the bookfair report to the school board. Therefore, the results of the 57th annual Upsala Elementary book fair will be in print form.

People who live around Upsala bought \$4739.76 worth of books from our fair. The Sixth Grade earned 25% of that total to be used to go to Duluth. That amount is \$1184.94.

The class continued the tradition of donating back half of their profit to the Cora Eckstrom Elementary Media Center so all kids could have some books. That amount is \$592.47.

This year students learned some things about setting goals including setting reasonable attainable goals and, then, watching the goal be reached and smashed. Students who attended with their parent helped maintain the fair display, interacted with customers and learned how to correct errors. Thirteen parents helped with the fair this year, for which I am very grateful.

We also want to continue the tradition of gratitude, thanking, in the public record, the businesses and people who donated money or helped at the fair. First of all, thanks to parents for helping at the cashier's table, hanging posters, selling and buying books. We also thank the following businesses and people for their generous donations:

Elmdale Creamery  
Lange Oil  
Ripplinger Plumbing  
Schultz Auctioneers/Landmark Realty  
Central Minnesota Credit Union

A big thanks goes to Sheri Soltis for counting all the money.

For 2018, I (Wanda Erickson with input from others) made a decision to contract with a new book fair company. Follett, an international educational products company, announced in mid-October their entrance into the bookfair market. I believe they can bring much needed competition into this space. We will host our first fair with them in May 2018, with contracts signed for both fall 2018 and spring 2019.

Follett will bring us some benefits including multiple publishers (Scholastic offered only their titles), easier display setup and tear down and better customer service. The cash percentage is 20% as compared to 25% with Scholastic, but this may be made up in volume of sales. If Follett proves to be less than excellent, we can return to Scholastic. Area librarians and school personnel are eagerly waiting for our spring fair. I will be inviting everyone to view the new company. (Yes, I will be asking for some perks from Follett for this advertising.)

In three years, the 60th bookfair will be held. I am planning a big celebration with many opportunities to purchase books and support our school. Meanwhile, see you next year at the 58th annual Upsala Elementary Book Fair!