

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 November 22, 2017. Present were board members Nelson, Soltis, Thomas and Roerick. Also present were Superintendent Capelle, Dean of Students Klug and Business Manager Harren.

Visitors were Jon Archer with Schlenner Wenner, Jen and James Holmberg, and MCR reporter.

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

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

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Roerick to approve the minutes of the 10/25/17 regular board meeting and the 11/15/17 special board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Nelson to approve the Journal Entries as presented, the cash balance report as presented and the bills in the amount of \$209,309.51. Bills paid with check numbers 19122 to 19214. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean of Students Klug's report:

November Student of the Month for Senior High is Hayley Townsend and Junior High is Emma Scepaniak.

Subject area Students of the Month were shared.

Elementary Students of the Month were shared.

K-4 Conferences were held with 100% attendance.

5-12 Conferences will be on December 11.

Information was shared on the following: WIN Time, NHS Scare Hunger, CMBA Magazine, October College Knowledge Month.

Upsala Robotics team finished in first place out of 17 teams in their conference competition.

They also won the judges' award which is given to the team the judges feel did the best job representing FIRST Robotics and the Robotics Community.

Superintendent Capelle's report:

Shared information on the Verizon Proposal, more information is needed.

Football Field Improvement Plan-received a \$9000 commitment from the Upsala Lions Club for improvements to include irrigation. First installment from the Lions Club of \$3000 has been received. Thank you Upsala Lions. Mr. Herbes has been consulting with Kevin Lampert with Lampert Lawn Care on improving the turf quality. Will meet with a contractor in the near future. Scoreboard project.

Fall Activities report was shared.

Book Fair report from Wanda Erickson was shared. The bookfair raised \$4,739.76. The 6th grade class earned 25% of the total to be used to go to Duluth in Spring. That amount is \$1,184.94. 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. Thank you to the businesses who gave cash donations to the bookfair: Pine Country Bank, Elmdale Creamery, Lange Oil, Ripplinger Plumbing, Schultz Auctioneers/Landmark Realty, Central Minnesota Credit Union.

AVID grant initiative-information shared.

Mid-State Facility update.

Certified Negotiations.

Letter of Request to Negotiate from Mr. Capelle.

MSBA Annual Conference January 11 and 12.

2017 Volleyball Awards:

All-Conference-Laura Lange and Jenna Ripplinger

All-Conference Honorable Mention-Ashley Biniek, Stef Pohlmann, Annika Gunderson

Prairie Conf. Academic Award-3.75 GPA & Higher-Anna Woidyla, Stef Pohlmann, Ashley

Biniek, Annika Gunderson, Laura Lange, Amber Biniek and Abby Ripplinger

Academic All Star-Junior or Senior 3.75 GPA & Higher-Anna Woidyla, Stef Pohlmann, Ashley

Biniek, Annika Gunderson

Academic All State Team Gold Award-Top Ten Varsity Student Athletes GPA Average above 3.75

Motion by Roerick, seconded by Thomas to adopt Policy 620-Credit for Learning and Policy 903-Visitors to the School District Buildings and Sites. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Nelson to approve the 2017 Audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to approve the updated list of fundraisers for the Europe trip from advisor Poissant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Roerick to approve the \$3000 donation from the Upsala Lions club for upgrades on the football field and \$592.47 from the 6th grade class to the Cora Eckstrom Elementary Media Center. Motion carried with much thanks.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thomas to approve the medical family leave from Chelsea Fuchs March 21 through May 25. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Roerick to 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. All expenses incurred by the team's attendance are covered by the grant funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thomas to approve the hiring of Rollie Johnson Jr. as the Asst. Boys Basketball coach for the 2017-18 season. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to approve the agreement with Rural MN CEP for Career Advising Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Roerick to 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Soltis to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Karin Nelson, Clerk