FARGO BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 2016

The Board of Education of the City of Fargo met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.

Members present: Jennifer Benson (via phone) Jim Johnson Robin Nelson
Linda Boyd Rebecca Knutson John Strand
Dinah Goldenberg Paul Meyers

Members absent: David Paulson

President Linda Boyd called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Robin Nelson moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the HR addendum. Dinah Goldenberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously (Yes: Boyd, Goldenberg, Johnson, Knutson, Meyers, Nelson, Strand; Absent: Benson, Paulson).

THE STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION – CELEBRATING SuCCESSES REPORT
A report was given on the Work Experience Education Program at Fargo Public Schools. Jolene Schue and Mari Wanzek shared on the program, which assists students with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining competitive employment. The program includes pre-employment transition services and work experience. The program is offered at all four FPS high schools. A student in the program shared about his experiences interning and working at The Arc.

GUEST REPORT
FPS Foundation Annual Report
Becky Bakke, executive director of the Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation, presented the Foundation’s Annual Report for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The Foundation currently provides 104 scholarships to graduating seniors. The Foundation also serves as the fiscal host for the Trollwood Performing Arts School, runs the FPS Adopt-A-School Program and operates the FPS alumni network. The Foundation will participate in Giving Hearts Day for the third year in the row in February; funds raised will support the Got No Milk Program. The alumni and friends breakfast will be held in April.

STAFF REPORTS
Jim Frueh, director of maintenance and operations, reported to Board members what projects have been accomplished in the last year as part of the District’s Long Range Facility Plan. He reviewed the contracted maintenance projects and associated costs for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 budget years. Discussion occurred. The District is in the fourth year of the Long Range Facility Plan and is on track with the set timeline.

FEA Report
FEA President David Marquardt said the Calendar Committee will begin meeting to create the 2017-18 school calendar. The FEA will be monitoring the Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association court
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case related to education association dues. North Dakota United will be holding an advocacy and bargaining conference on February 6.

CONSENT AGENDA
Robin Nelson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the addition of the HR addendum. Dinah Goldenberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously (Yes: Benson, Boyd, Goldenberg, Johnson, Knutson, Meyers, Nelson, Strand; Absent: Paulson) thereby causing the following actions to be taken:

A. The minutes of the regular meeting of December 8 were approved as written.
B. The following Human Resources Actions were approved:
C. The securities pledged by local designated depository banks were approved in accordance with NDCC §21-04-09 and NDCC§21-04-11 as delineated in Board Memo #74. (Memo #74)
D. The low bid of Luther Family Ford in the amount of $45,011 for a 4x4 Truck Cab and Chassis with 19,500 GVWR for the District Grounds Department was accepted and approved to issue a purchase order accordingly. (Memo #75)
E. The low bid of Wallwork Truck Center in the amount of $59,117 for a 33,000 lbs. GVWR Truck Cab and Chassis with Regular Cab to be fitted with a dump box for the District Grounds Department was accepted and approved to issue a purchase order accordingly. (Memo #76)
F. The low bid of RDO Truck Center in the amount of $43,139.33 for a Cube Van for the Nutrition Services Department was accepted and approved to issue a purchase order accordingly. (Memo #77)
G. The following financial reports were approved:
   1. The Fund Balance Report for November
   2. The Revenue and Expenditure Reports for November
3. Statement of Bank Reconciliation for November
4. Check Register for November

BUSINESS

Authorization to Resolution – Eagles Bonds
Jim Johnson said the Board needs to approve the resolution for the bond sale for the Eagles Elementary School construction project. No protests were filed during the 60-day protest period. The district will participate in the school bond credit enhancement program, which will allow the district to receive a better interest rate. Jim Johnson moved to adopt the Resolution Determining That No Protests Were Filed and adopt the Resolution Providing for Public Sale of $9,500,000 Limited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2016A, and Participation in School Bond Credit Enhancement Program and provide the notice of the bond sale. Robin Nelson seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously (Yes: Benson, Boyd, Goldenberg, Johnson, Knutson, Meyers, Nelson, Strand; Absent: Paulson). (Memo #78)

Bond Refunding Authorization
Jim Johnson said the district began the process to refund bonds associated with the construction of Davies High School in 2015. The process is being completed in two parts to continue to have bank qualified bonds. The District is at the point to complete the second half of the process. Refunding the bonds will save the District $2.2 million in interest and will increase capacity in the building fund. Jim Johnson moved to adopt the Resolution Providing for Public Sale of $16,785,000 Limited Tax School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B and adopt the Resolution Providing for Participation in School Bond Credit Enhancement Program. Paul Meyers seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously (Yes: Benson, Boyd, Goldenberg, Johnson, Knutson, Meyers, Nelson, Strand; Absent: Paulson). (Memo #82)

Board Compensation
President Boyd said changes made in 2009 to GP-2E provide for the Board to annually review Board member compensation so that it can be incorporated into the budget planning process. The Governance Committee reviewed Board compensation at its November meeting, but did not forward a recommendation to the Board. President Boyd opened the floor to discussion on the topic. John Strand distributed information to Board members on compensation and a proposal for consideration of which he reviewed. John Strand moved that Board compensation shall be increased annually by a percentage that is equivalent to the across-the-board average percentage increase provided to all other staff, effective July 1, 2016. Paul Meyers seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed by majority vote (Yes: Goldenberg, Knutson, Meyers, Nelson, Strand; No: Benson, Boyd, Johnson; Absent: Paulson). (Memo #79)

GP-2E Policy Revision
President Boyd said the Governance Committee has discussed the Board agenda structure. The committee recommends removing the Debriefing section from the agenda. The agenda structure is included in GP-2E. Any concerns relating to a meeting can be brought to the Board President, who will address the concern as needed. Robin Nelson moved that the Board adjust GP-2E as presented. Dinah Goldenberg seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed by majority vote (Yes: Goldenberg, Johnson, Knutson, Meyers, Nelson; No: Benson, Boyd, Strand; Absent: Paulson). (Memo #80)
EL-15: Student Learning Environment and Discipline Monitoring
President Boyd said all nine Board members completed a written assessment of EL-15 in advance of the meeting. Jim Johnson moved to receive and file EL-15 as provided. Dinah Goldenberg seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously (Yes: Benson, Boyd, Goldenberg, Johnson, Knutson, Meyers, Nelson, Strand; Absent: Paulson). (Memo #81)

BOARD REPORTS

Board Retreat Agenda Review
President Boyd reviewed the agenda for the January 15 Board retreat. Board members were provided with the meeting packet to review in advance of the retreat. Discussion occurred.

Committee & Liaison Reports
➢ The Governmental Affairs Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19 morning. (Nelson)
➢ The Development Foundation Board seeks judges for an upcoming DECA competition. (Goldenberg)
➢ The Calendar Committee will meet at the end of January to begin creating the 2017-18 school calendar. (Knutson)
➢ The Communications Committee met on January 11 to finalize recommendations for the Board retreat. (Knutson)
➢ The Planning Committee met on January 8 and reviewed the bond resolutions, south side land acquisition, and the Standard of Effort Report. The committee meetings next on February 5. (Johnson)

President’s Report
President Boyd said the Governance Committee met on January 5. The Community Development Committee met and approved the Community Service and Housing Budget, which will now be send to the City Commission for review.

The next regular meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office. A short debriefing session occurred. It was requested to use full names on the agenda for guest presenters. There being no further business to come before the Board, President Boyd declared the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.