

**Lavina Public School
Regular School Board Meeting
January 12, 2016**

On Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Lee Burroughs called the regular school board meeting to order. Trustees Ben Lehfeltd and Craig Jensen, Superintendent Steven Schwartz and Clerk Julie Sperry were in attendance. Guests present were Deirdre Schwartz, Christina Schwartz, Kendy Jensen, Tani McKeever, Dennis Arnold, Cathleen Brown, and Allen Grammens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ben made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Public Participation/Comments: Mr. Grammens suggested finding a handyman willing to occasionally do some small construction-type projects.

Communications:

- **Trustee's report:** The Board received a thank you note from Mrs. Parker for the Christmas gift card.
- **Student Council:** None
- **Teacher's organization:** Mrs. Schwartz presented a request to open negotiations for the 2016-2017 school year.
- **AD's Report:** Mr. Grammens reported that our football team was #1 in Class C for Academic All-team and our volleyball team ranked high. The Montana High School Association annual meeting is next week. They will be deciding on two proposals: allowing 8th grade students to participate in high school sports and one about wrestling. Basketball season is going well. Jr. High boys basketball begins in February. The track schedule is being developed. Our Co-op contract with Broadview is up for renewal this spring.

Allen left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

1. We had a student from MSU do eighteen hours of observation for an early field experience.
2. Mr. Schwartz received a resignation from Special Education Aide Donie Wright. Mrs. Mattheis would like to do some rescheduling of current staff to see how it works without trying to hire someone at this time of year.

Sherry Habener joined the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Old Business:

1. **Boiler:** Dorsey & Whitney information concerning bond issuance was made available. The Board asked Mr. Schwartz to prepare a time table for boiler replacement considering using a Quality Schools grant to relieve the burden to the taxpayers. They discussed fixing immediate issues and possibly using an Intercap Loan. A list of repairs will be developed and an article will be in the *What's Happening* discussing the plan. No action was taken.

2. **Attendance – Les and Holly Davenport:** The Davenports were not here for the second time. Therefore, the Handbook policy will be followed and the parents will be notified.

New Business:

1. **Senior Class:** Ben made a motion to approve Sharon Parker as the graduation speaker for the Class of 2016. Lee 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
2. **Superintendent Contract:** Mr. Schwartz received the written copy of his evaluation. Lee called for Executive Session and Mr. Schwartz turned it down. Lee made a motion to not offer Steven Schwartz a contract for the 2016-2017 school year. Craig 2nd, then after comments from the public, the Board voted all in favor, motion passed.

Craig made a motion to approve the bills and payroll as presented. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

A special meeting will be held Friday, January 15, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Chairman of the Board

District Clerk

Date

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