UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ESTELLINE SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 AT THE ESTELLINE SCHOOL.

The Estelline School Board met in regular session on February 10, 2015 at 6:00PM in the Administrative offices with the following members present: Tianna Beare, LeAnne Johnson, Krecia Weinberg, Ron Gorder and Larry Poppe.

Others present: Pat Kraning, Justin Pitts, Kris Lilla, Shane Dahl, Jenna Aderhold and Kristy Hollenbeck.

Chairman Beare called the meeting to order at 6:07PM.

Motion by K. Weinberg, second by R. Gorder to approve the agenda as written. Aye: all members.

NOTE: All votes are unanimous unless stated otherwise.

At this time, Elijah Pomrenke thanked the school board and presented them with a plate of cookies on behalf of the Estelline Tae Kwon Do group, for allowing them to use the arena to meet and practice.

Motion by L. Poppe, second by L. Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting.

Motion by R. Gorder, second by L. Johnson to approve and pay all January 2015 bills as presented.

Krecia reported on behalf of the Estelline Community Development that 90 surveys have been returned. Of those, 49 were students and 41 community members.

Ron Gorder gave a brief review of the Northeast Ed Coop board meeting he attended.

Motion by K. Weinberg, second by L. Poppe to approve the business and financial reports as presented.

Mr. Kraning reviewed a proposed 2015-16 school year calendar with the board. Start date would be August 25th with the last day of school being May 18th. There will be more discussion regarding the calendar at the March meeting.

The board reviewed the first 14 pages of the board policy handbook. Mr Kraning handed out the remainder of the policy book to be discussed at the March meeting.

Administrative comments:

* Elementary conferences had a 92% attendance.
* Grades K-8 watched a Magic of Being Kind performance on February 5th.
* The Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser has set their goal for $2500. If that goal is raised, Mr. Pitts has agreed to let the students tape him to the wall.
* 2rd thru 4th grade have been receiving plaques and incentive prizes for their AR.
* The proposed football coop with Castlewood has been approved by the High School Activities Association for the 2015-16 season. We will be playing 9A and should be receiving our schedule in March. Castlewood has invited our high school boys and parents to stay after the boys basketball game for a meal and to get to know the other players and coaches.
* Mr. Kraning reported a minor bus accident this morning on the ice. Bus #7 hit a metal pole and punctured the radiator. The bus is being towed to Watertown for repairs.
* Mr. Kraning handed out an example of a cell phone policy that he would like the board to review. There is currently a policy in use, but we feel it could be updated for next year.
* There are 2 seats up for the school board election on April 14th and currently 3 petitions out. Petitions are due back in the Business Managers office by February 27th at 5:00PM.
* Ms. Lilla went over the quarterly budget review. We are currently at 48% of this year’s budget overall with 5 months left in the fiscal year.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the board is set for March 9, 2015 at 6:00PM in the Administrative office.

Motion by L. Johnson, second by L. Poppe to enter into Executive Session for Superintendent evaluation per SDCL 1-25-2.1 at 8:18PM.

Regular session resumed at 9:11PM.

Motion by R. Gorder, second by L. Johnson to adjourn at 9:12PM.

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