

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2020

Board Meeting

The Murray City School Board met in a regular board meeting on April 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Kami Anderson, Jaren Cooper, Glo Merrill, Belinda Johnson, Elizabeth Payne, Jennifer Covington, Superintendent, and Richard Reese, Business Administrator. The meeting was held via video conference due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2020 and March 26, 2020, claims and financial reports, and SP 914 Purchasing Policy. Elizabeth Payne made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Glo Merrill seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Administrative Appointments

Superintendent Covington announced the following individuals and their new administrative appointments effective July 1, 2020

Heather Nicholas – Principal, Parkside Elementary
Whitney Anderson – Principal, Horizon Elementary
Hannah Dolata Hafemann – Principal, McMillan Elementary
Jon Jensen – Assistant Principal, Murray High School
Vanessa Jobe – Assistant Principal Intern, Horizon Elementary

Delegations

MEA – Mark Durfey, President, congratulated the new administrative appointees and welcomed them to Murray City School District. He said that teachers have adjusted well to the new digital teaching environment and that he is receiving good feedback. Mr. Durfey singled out the District Tech department for their great support and efforts to assist teachers.

MASA – Jill Burnside, President, thanked the outgoing administrators and welcomed the incoming administrators. She offered a special thanks to Superintendent Covington and District Administration.

MESPA – Thayn Burnett, President, acknowledged the great things that MCSD is doing during the pandemic shutdown. He said that the classified employees are grateful to keep working and receiving pay. He also welcomed the new administrators.

Foundation – No comments.

Patron Statements – Kelli Taeolii, parent, shared thanks for all district employees for their efforts during this unprecedented time.

Report of the Board

Kami Anderson – Ms. Anderson commended Superintendent Covington for her leadership during these difficult times.

Glo Merrill– Ms. Merrill congratulated Superintendent Covington and David Trujillo, Food Service Director, for their efforts to provide food for students while schools are shut down.

Jaren Cooper – Mr. Cooper commended the District Office, Administration, and teachers for all of their hard work to continue school and district operations during the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” period as directed by Governor Herbert.

Belinda Johnson – Ms. Johnson also thanked all district employees and remarked that it has already been one month since schools were closed. She made the comment that students feel supported at Parkside Elementary.

Elizabeth Payne – Ms. Payne welcomed the new administrators. She also thanked Jill Burnside for organizing the teacher parade and said it has made a positive impact.

Report of the Staff

Teaching and Learning – Robin Williams

Sex Education Committee – Mrs. Williams presented an annual update of the district Sex Education program as required by district policy.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Jennifer Covington, Superintendent

School Land Trust Amendment – Grant Elementary

Superintendent Covington submitted the proposal which amends the plan to include moving the budget amount of \$1,000 from textbooks to salaries to support student interventions. Glo Merrill made a motion to approve the amendment. Jaren Cooper seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

School Land Trust Amendment – Viewmont Elementary

Superintendent Covington submitted the proposal which amends the plan to include moving the budget amount of \$2,500 from salaried to software to purchase additional digital learning software. Jaren Cooper made a motion to approve the amendment. Elizabeth Payne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.


School Land Trust Plans 2020-2021

Superintendent Covington presented the school plans to the Board of Education as a first reading.

The Board was polled and was unanimous in conducting a closed session for personnel and property issues at 5:52 p.m.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Board President – Kami Anderson



Business Administrator – Richard Reese