

Minutes of the Board of Education
Leeds Public School District No. 6
April 21, 2021
Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Present: Jeff Jacobson, April Duchscher, Brandi Anderson, Kim Nelsen, Eric Haagenon, Supt Robert Thom, Principal Robyn Eberle, and Maria Dunlap, Business Manager

Absent: none

Visitor: Linda Young

Brandi Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the March 10, 2021, meeting; March financial reports; Pledge of Securities; and list of bills. Motion was seconded by Kim Nelsen and approved by Jeff Jacobson, April Duchscher, Brandi Anderson, Kim Nelsen, and Eric Haagenon.

Linda Young reported to the Board the community is working on a bike/walk path and asked about using school property, if needed.

Mr. Thom presented 3 proposals from G & R Controls for servicing the Steffes heaters.

Kim Nelsen moved to accept the proposal to service and clean the existing Steffes heating units for \$8,410.00. Motion was seconded by Brandi Anderson and approved by Jeff Jacobson, April Duchscher, Brandi Anderson, Kim Nelsen, and Eric Haagenon.

Principal's report: Mrs. Eberle reported on state testing; prom; post-prom at Leeds Community Center; April 26 music contest; 5 students in Know Your State Contest; April 28 is Valutatorian and Salutatorian luncheon in Devils Lake; Sunday May 2 is school grounds clean-up day; MAPS testing; Perception survey; HS music concert on May 4; Playday scheduled May 5; Senior Night on May 5; Coop Sports Banquet on May 10; Elementary music concert on May 14; Kindergarten graduation on May 18; semester testing; early dismissal on last school day on May 21; and May 23, 3:00 p.m. HS Graduation.

Mrs. Eberle also reported on forming a co-curricular committee; new student; possibility more paraprofessionals may be needed; COVID committee recommended retaining current mask mandate through the end of the school year.

April Duchscher moved to approve the tuition agreement for 2021-2022 school year and the open enrollment beginning 2022-2023 with North Star Public School district. Motion was seconded by Kim Nelsen and approved by Jeff Jacobson, April Duchscher, Brandi Anderson, Kim Nelsen, and Eric Haagenon.

April Duchscher moved to accept the petition for recognition of Leeds Education Association as the representative organization submitted by the teachers. The School Board has investigated the petition filed by the Leeds Education Association requesting that the association be recognized as the representative organization for the negotiating unit and has determined that the LEA does represent the majority of the teachers within that unit. The Board recognizes the Leeds Education Association as the representative organization for a minimum of one year beginning April 22, 2021. Motion was seconded by Brandi Anderson and approved by Jeff Jacobson, April Duchscher, Brandi Anderson, Kim Nelsen, and Eric Haagenon.

Kim Nelsen moved to enter into executive session pursuant to NDCCC 44-04-19.2 for negotiation strategy. Motion was seconded by April Duchscher and approved by Jeff Jacobson, April Duchscher, Brandi Anderson, Kim Nelsen, and Eric Haagenon.

The Board entered into executive session at 6:33 pm and resumed open meeting at 7:19 p.m.

April Duchscher moved to increase the ancillary wages by \$0.25 an hour for 2021-2022. Motion was seconded by Brandi Anderson and approved by Jeff Jacobson, April Duchscher, Brandi Anderson, Kim Nelsen, and Eric Haagenon.

Mr. Thom reported on Business Manager applications and Jeff Jacobson, April Duchscher and Robyn Eberle will be on the interview committee.

Superintendent's report: Mr. Thom reported on drain tile pump and line from propane tank to the district house; possible school building improvements/beautifications; a counselor was hired to be shared by both Leeds and Maddock Public Schools; and music room needs new siding.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President.

Attest: _____
Business Manager