NORTH BORDER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 26, 2018

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the North Border Public School Board was held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Border School-Pembina. Members present: Samantha Diemert, Tina Dorion, Jared Hanson, Jared Johnson, Luke Longtin and Mason Peters. Others present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Paul Stremick, Business Manager Lori Lorz and Principal Justine Gruenberg.

Members Absent: Mike Gapp.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mason Peters at 6:30 p.m.

There was no public participation.

Ms. Dorion motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Nick Amb, Elementary Principal in Walhalla under the Consent Agenda; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of January 15, 2018, January Bills, January Financial Report, and Personnel Report to include the resignations/retirements of Ms. Laura Freitag the 1st grade teacher in Pembina and Mr. Frank Martz the high school science teacher from Walhalla. Superintendent Stremick thanked them for their service to the district. Also included was the hiring of Ms. Michelle Mueller as 2nd grade teacher in Pembina, Ms. Taylor Schlenk as Mathematics teacher in Walhalla, Ms. Rebecca Johnson as English teacher in Walhalla and Mr. Nick Amb as Elementary Principal in Walhalla. Also included was the acceptance of Mr. Dave Clasen as Track volunteer in Walhalla and Mr. Mason Peters as Play and Golf volunteer in Pembina. Mr. Longtin seconded the motion, all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Superintendent Stremick reported that current enrollment is 313 for the district; 76 in the Pembina Elementary, 40 in Pembina High School, 94 in the Walhalla Elementary and 103 in the Walhalla High School. In addition, there are 13 enrolled in Pembina Pre-Kindergarten and 7 in Walhalla Pre-Kindergarten. He reported that Ms. Elizabeth Watts, science teacher in Pembina, has submitted a resignation effective March 16, 2018 and the procedure for this resignation can be referenced in the Certified Handbook. He reported that the legislature changed the North Dakota Teacher Loan Forgiveness program to assist with teacher recruitment and retention which channels more money to shortage and critical shortage areas. He reported that he and Mr. Tim Hartje, transportation supervisor for Hartleys, have been observing the Neche bus stop with the goal of making the bus stop as safe as possible. Last he noted that he is still waiting on a quote from Stateside Electric for the Neche Building.

Principal Gruenberg reported that Ethan Lawler and Kyle McCleod will represent the school at the county spelling bee held on February 15th. On February 20th the Pembina County Soil Conservation presented to grades K-6 on soil and water conservation. She reported that she attended a state assessment workshop on March 2nd. The elementary has been participating in Reading Olympic activities with a goal of reading 34,000 minutes. Students in grades 7-12 attended an Opioids presentation on January 25th in Langdon and on the same day the 8th grade toured the Vo-Tech in

Grafton. Last she noted that the 4th grade will be attending a NDSU Extension led , Pizza in Grand Forks, on the 27th hosted by Pembina County Farm Bureau.

Due to Parent Teacher Conferences Principal Gruenberg gave Principal Carson's report. She reported that on February 2nd Officer Hill met with elementary students regarding, "stranger danger". February 5th was the opening ceremony for "Academic Olympics". Students will work on academic and behavior goal setting. During the early out on February 7th teachers worked on using data to adjust instruction. They also learned how to make a BookSnap on their student tech devices. Taelyn Dunnigan and Jenna Fraser will advance to the county spelling bee. On February 21st they participated in a soil and water conservation assembly and last special education is in the continued process of reviewing intervention programs.

Principal Gruenberg reported for Principal Watts who was also absent due to Parent Teacher Conferences. The Walhalla students participated in the Opioid Lyceum in Langdon and the 8th graders attended the career fair in Grafton. Congratulations to Carter Brown for placing 2nd and Tucker Soli for placing 6th at the State Wresting tourney and the team for placing 5th overall. Last he congratulated Kenzie Carson for receiving the Prudential Service for volunteering award.

Ms. Diemert motioned to set the annual school election date of June 12, 2018. The terms of Ms. Tina Dorion of Pembina and Mr. Mike Gapp of Walhalla expire this year. Also on the ballot will be the question to publish the minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Diemert motioned the Destruction of Records as submitted by Business Manager Lorz. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted yes, motion passed.

Ms. Dorion motioned to approve the first reading of the revised FDB-Education of Homeless Students Policy. Mr. Longtin seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, motion passed.

A draft report of the Long-term meeting will be reviewed at the next school board meeting.

Mr. Longtin motioned to integrate the 7th grade in Walhalla to the high school starting the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Diemert seconded the motion, all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Longtin motioned making the instructional coach a 1 FTE from a .8 FTE. Ms. Dorion seconded the motion. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Board President Gapp requested that the Superintendent Formal evaluations be returned by March 8, 2018.

The Negotiation Committee updated the board with their recent discussions.

The next regular meeting of the North Border School Board will be March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Walhalla.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ _____

Michael Gapp, President Lori Lorz, Business Manager