NORTH BORDER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 25, 2018

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the North Border Public School Board was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Border School-Walhalla. Members present: Samantha Diemert, Shannon Cosley, Amber Dunnigan, Jared Hanson, Jared Johnson, Luke Longtin and Mason Peters. Others present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Paul Stremick, Business Manager Lori Lorz and Principals Nick Amb, Justine Gruenberg and Jeff Watts.

Members Absent: None.

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

There was public participation in regards to Chromebook Fees, the patron was asked to present during the budget portion of the meeting as there were no items that pertained to Chromebook Fees on the agenda.

Mr. Longtin motioned to approve the agenda, Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda including the regular meeting minutes of August 20, 2018, August Bills, August Financial Report, and Personnel Report to include the hiring of Mr. Jonathan Schiltz as Prom Advisor in Pembina, Ms. Taylor Schlenk and Ms. Rebecca Johnson as Prom Advisors in Walhalla. Changes in Classified Staffing include the reassignment of six hours of Ms. Tammi Misson to Assistant Cook in Pembina and the resignation as of September 28, 2018 of Ms. Lisa Smith as Secretary/Assistant Business Manager in Pembina. Ms. Dunnigan seconded the motion, all members present vote d yes. Motion passed.

Superintendent Stremick reported that current enrollment as of September 14th when fall enrollment is due to the state, was 319 for the district. Last year we were at 311. We currently have 322 students; 82 in the Pembina Elementary, 49 in Pembina High School, 88 in the Walhalla Elementary and 103 in the Walhalla High School. In addition, there are 11 enrolled in Pembina Pre-Kindergarten and 3 in Walhalla Pre-Kindergarten. Superintendent Stremick reported that we will move forward with our Federal Homeland Security Grant which will provide additional cameras and electronic door systems. School safety and security is a priority at state and federal levels with the state proposing a 5 mill levy for safety and security. He reported that he feels the legislature will not phase out the "hold harmless" clause which grandfathers funding to districts such as North Border. He informed the board that Ms. Taylor Schlenk, Ms. Ashley Johnson, Ms. Rebecca Johnson and Ms. Terri Wieler are teaching dual credit classes for the 2018-19 season. Also, Ms. Ashley Johnson, Ms. Terri Wieler, Mr. Daniel Syljuberget and Ms. Brett Wuori will serve as Intra-District teachers for the 2018-19 school year. He noted that Valuations Northwest has been in the school reassessing our inventory. Last he acknowledged and allowed new staff from Walhalla, who were present at the meeting, to introduce themselves to the board.

Principal Watts reported that the 7th grade attended Ecology Education at Icelandic State Park on September 6th, the juniors attended a career fair on September 19th in Devils Lake. October 3rd is Manufacturing Day for the 7th grade and October 8th is College Appreciation Day. Last he noted that we have two foreign exchange students in the building this year.

Principal Amb reported that he has been busy learning new faces and meeting families. He stated that this year the elementary has a theme, "Be Kind" and they have planned various activities throughout the year

reinforcing kindness He noted that they are using a positive behavior referral system this year. Students will be referred to him when they do good things. He noted that he attended the Advance Ed meeting in Grand Forks learning new ESSA requirements. He reported a big push this year is getting teachers from both buildings to collaborate. The NDSA science test will be administered to grades 4, 8 and 11. Last he noted that hearing and vision screening have been scheduled and the Pembina County Health nurses will be here to update immunizations for students on November 8th.

Principal Gruenberg added that the Pembina building is doing the same things as Walhalla. They have been working on collaborative planning. She reported that during the early out on September 12th they reviewed building, professional and personal goals while working towards the district goals. She added that Homecoming was a great success. September 27th is picture day. Starting September 28th and every last Friday of the month the students will invite someone to come in and read with them between the hours of 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. for STAR reading.

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the final 2018-19 General Fund Budget of $6,048,226, the Capital Projects Fund of $288,920, the Food Service Budget of $243,273, Activity Fund Budget of $125,000 and the Trust & Agency Fund of $500,000. The General Fund levies 60 mills, lowest mill amount allowed by the state, and 5 mills for the Building Fund. Mr. Longtin seconded the motion, all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Beginning at 7:02 President Peters opened the meeting for public comments or concerns regarding the mill levy and budget. Mr. LeRoy Carpenter addressed the board in regards to Chromebook Fees. There were no other comments. That portion of the meeting closed.

Mr. Hanson motioned to amend the 2018-19 calendar changing the early dismissal on November 7th to November 14th. Ms. Dunnigan seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, motion passed.

The bids for the Neche School were reviewed. They discussed the specials owed to Pembina County in the amount of $11,188.04. The board directed Superintendent Stremick to pay all specials in full. Ms. Diemert motioned to accept the bid of $1,750 from Glenn Danielson and enter into a purchase agreement to sell the Neche School and to transfer ownership of the two empty lots to the City of Neche. Mr. Longtin seconded the motion. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Hanson motioned, Ms. Cosley seconded, to approve the 2018-19 budget for the Pembina County Special Education Unit as presented. All members voted yes, motion passed.

Superintendent Stremick reviewed, with the board, the NDSA scores from the previous ten years.

The board reviewed the English Language Learner Policies and Procedures.

Mr. Longtin motioned to approve the second reading and adopt Policy FDH-Students in Foster Care, regulations and exhibits as submitted. Ms. Diemert seconded the motion. All members voted yes, motion passed.

The Buildings and Grounds committee reported that they met with the City of Walhalla with regards to a storm drain behind the shop.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ _____

Mason Peters, President Lori Lorz, Business Manager