

Proceeding of the Remsen-Union Community School Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting  
October 9, 2017  
Called to order at 7:00 P.M. – MMRU Commons, Marcus, IA

Board members present: Sara Krier, Jim Miller, Theresa Van Dam and Robin Weiler. Absent: Mike Sparr. Superintendent Jan Brandhorst, Principal Toby Young and Chris Poeckes were also present. Also present was the MMC School Board.

Let the record show there was a quorum.

It was moved to approve the agenda with the correction of removing the second agenda approval. Motion carried.

It was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 11, 2017, financial reports and bills allowed for payment. Motion carried.

The ending bank balances and cash balances on the books as of June 30, 2017 were examined.

Mike Sparr arrived at 7:26 p.m. and the meeting was turned over to him as President.

The Principals gave their reports.

The Superintendent gave his report.

There being no other old business, at 7:39 p.m. motion to adjourn the old portion of the board meeting. Motion carried.

Theresa Van Dam was thanked for her past years of service to the board of directors.

Board Secretary Leonard, acting temporary chairperson, took charge of the meeting and called the new board to order.

The Board Secretary administered the oath of office to the newly elected board members Chris Poeckes, Mike Sparr and Robin Weiler according to the Section 277.28, Code of Iowa.

The floor was opened for nominations for President.

Mike Sparr and Jim Miller were nominated for President. With no more nominations, the paper ballots were casted.

Mike Sparr received 3 votes and was elected President of the School Board and Jim Miller received 2 votes.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice President.

Jim Miller was nominated for Vice President. With no more nominations Jim Miller will be the Vice President.

The newly elected president and vice president took oath of office.

The meeting was turned over to Mike Sparr, School Board President.

Motion that the regular board meeting will be held jointly between the RU and MMC boards on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to be alternated between Remsen and Marcus. Special meeting can be called with the approval of the board president. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Clint Leonard as board secretary and treasurer. Motion carried.

The Board President administered the oath of office to the board secretary.

Motion to approve Barry or Chad Thompson of Thompson, Phipps and Thompson as the school attorney with Craig Bauerly of Trotzig and Bauerly, PLC as alternate if the board deems there is a need. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Remsen Bell Enterprise as the official newspaper. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Iowa State Bank and the American Bank as depositories for the school district deposits with a limit of (3) million dollars for Iowa State Bank and (1) million for the American Bank. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Level I investigators to be the building principal and school nurse and the Level II would be the local police department. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Mr. Young as the 504 coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Kayla Foresman as the Homeless Liaison coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Mike Sparr as the IASB Delegate. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Weiler AYE, Krier AYE, Miller AYE, Poeckes AYE and Sparr ABSTAIN.

Motion to request to SBRC-allowable growth for special education deficit if needed. Motion carried.

Motion to deny Jacob Fielder's request to resign as high school assistant boys' basketball coach. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Miller AYE, Poeckes NAY, Sparr AYE, Weiler AYE and Krier NAY.

Motion to add 4 hours per week to the TAG/ESL position in Remsen. Motion carried.

Hiring an IT person in the Marcus site or sharing was discussed.

The TAP agreement with Galva Holstein was discussed but no action taken as this was a MMC item.

Motion to not make up the day for Mr. George's funeral, so there will be no school on November 22 as per the original calendar. Motion carried.

The old gym mats in Remsen have been sold for a \$50 donation that goes to the RU Foundation.

Motion that the 17-18 board/superintendent goals will be the same as they were last year. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Reports and documents and the full text of motions considered by the board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary Office.