

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 18, 2016

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Bill Howard, Marie Sweley, Todd Wardyn, Mitch Feldman, Jim Holm, and Steve Heapy came late.

Visitors: Brian and Jeralynn Moser, Wade Finley, Michelle Buchanan, Tim Marchese, and his assistant Jennie.

President Mitch Feldman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room, and also indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Bill Howard made a motion to approve as read the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Todd Wardyn. Motion carried 5-0.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,283,737.38 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$202,796.91 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kjar reported 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Awards program, Secondary NESAs testing, our standardized state test, Junior High and High School Quiz Bowl, Megan Wood student of the Month, Track Season is underway, Activities for the end of the school year, and thanking the community for the opportunity to be part of a great place as he has accepted a job at Ravenna; Mrs. Kluender reported on the test schedule for the SA test, Third Quarter Award Assembly, and attending the APL Training.

In the Superintendent's Report Dr. Maline discussed new principal, new math instructor, Cannon Blauvelt, Special education Position, Transfer of Property, North Parking Lot Construction, Sprinkler System, Gym floor, and School District Residences to rent to educators.

Todd Wardyn made a motion to recommend that Wade Finley's contract be formally approved as presented by the board of education as our new K-12 principal for the 2016-17 school year. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd made a motion to recommend that Michelle Buchanan be hired as the new Jr. Hi Math and reading instructor for the 2016-17 school year. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

Cannon Blauvelt has been assigned the new Activities and Athletic Director for the 2016-17 school year.

We are still advertising for the Special education opening.

Todd Wardyn and Mitch Feldman will be attending the village board meeting to see if the village would like to share the cost of electronic sign.

Marie Sweley made a motion to recommend that John Kohl's bid be accepted as presented to remove the trees and to do the grading work for the parking lot projects. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd Wardyn made a motion to recommend that Johnson Lawn and Landscape be approved to install a new sprinkler system around our building and the proposed bid by the company be accepted as presented. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

The appropriate plan for the gym floor was tabled as are waiting for bids from repairmen and insurance specs to come in, the superintendent will call a special meeting or will discuss this in May. The idea of the school district purchasing houses for educators was discussed but no action was taken on the item.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on May 16, 2016. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary