**West Central School District No. 49-7**

**School Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 20, 2020**

***Motions are carried and unanimously approved unless stated otherwise.***

The West Central School District No. 49-7 School Board convened in special session at 6:00 p.m. on September 20, 2020 in the Auditorium of the West Central High School in Hartford, SD. A Zoom videoconference link was available for patrons.

The following board members were present: Paula Hawks, Alison McGillivray, Alexia Klinkhammer, Justin Eich and Anna Johnson.

Also present: Superintendent, Brad Berens; Principals: Melinda Jensen, Mark Rockafellow, Amy Johnson and Ashley Bahrenfuss; Technology Director, Christopher Waltner; and Business Manager, Krista Stuessi.

**Call to Order**

President Hawks called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Action 21-090** Motion by Klinkhammer, second by McGillivray to amend the agenda to add the following to Regular Business: Claim Report.

**Action 21-091** Motion by Klinkhammer, second by Eich to adopt the amended agenda.

**Approve the Minutes**

**Action 21-092** Motion by Klinkhammer, second by McGillivray to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 14, 2020 as published.

**Conflicts of Interest**

Per SDCL 3-23-6 conflicts of interest are to be disclosed by school board members and administrative staff members. There were none presented.

**Public Input on Regular Business**

There was no input.

**Regular Business**

The school’s attorney, Rodney Freeman of Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, & Burns LLP spoke to the close contact protocol for students. Because the South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH) is not notifying the school districts of close contacts until five to seven days after a student has had close contact and because the school does not have legal authority to quarantine a student until the SDDOH notifies the school and because the school has a mask mandate and social distancing in place, Mr. Freeman does not recommend students be subject to a quarantine once identified as a close contact. However, students with religious or medical exemptions from wearing a mask will be subject to a quarantine once the SDDOH notifies the school of the close contact. Superintendent Berens will communicate the change in protocol to staff and families. The new protocol for students who are identified as a close contact will be: students who wear masks as per the West Central Starting Well Plan will not need to quarantine if they are a close contact. Students who do not wear masks as per the West Central Starting Well Plan will not need to quarantine until or unless the South Dakota Department of Health verifies they need to quarantine.

Superintendent Berens presented an updated Marco proposal for audio, paging and Viewpath blended learning for the High School and Middle School. The updated proposal, dated September 18, 2020 is as follows: High School Audio, $121,438.92, High School Paging, $60,627.60, High School Viewpath Blended Learning, $79,831.53, Boardroom, $2,091.81, Total $263,989.86.

**Action 21-093** Motion by Klinkhammer, second by Johnson to approve proposal from Marco dated September 18, 2020 for $263,989.86 for High School, Middle School, and Administration Boardroom audio, paging and Viewpath blended learning.

Superintendent Berens presented an updated Marco proposal for audio, paging and Viewpath blended learning for Hartford Elementary and Humboldt Elementary. The proposal, dated September 19, 2020 is as follows: Hartford Elementary Audio, $63,122.93, Hartford Elementary Paging, $35,182.38, Hartford Elementary Viewpath Blended Learning, $13,472.02, Humboldt Elementary Audio $53,969.59, Humboldt Elementary Paging, $31,226.60, Humboldt Elementary Viewpath Blended Learning, $15,485.57, Total $212,459.09.

**Action 21-094** Motion by Klinkhammer, second by McGillivray to approve proposal from Marco dated September 19, 2020 for $212,459.09 for Hartford Elementary and Humboldt Elementary audio, paging and Viewpath blended learning.

Superintendent Berens and Principals Bahrenfuss and Johnson presented proposals for curriculum to address loss of learning during COVID.

**Action 21-095** Motion by McGillivray, second by Johnson to approve the following quotes for elementary curriculum: Really Great Reading (K-2) Hartford, $22,308, Humboldt $5,311; Reading Ranger (K-5) Hartford $3,500; Raz Plus Hartford, $2,217, Humboldt $2,587; and Dream Box (3-5) Humboldt, $26,500.

**Action 21-096** Motion by Klinkhammer, second by McGillivray to appoint Paula Hawks as the district’s official delegate for the annual ASBSD Delegate Assembly.

**Action 21-097** Motion by Eich, second by McGillivray to approve the general checking claim for payment: Capital Outlay Fund, Vern Eide Motoplex, 2021 Kawasaki UTV, $8,031.00.

**Reports of the Superintendent**

Superintendent Berens gave an update on the following:

* Staff virtual in-service held on Friday, September 18th.

**School Board**

No discussion.

Executive Session for student matters was struck from the agenda for lack of need.

**Action 21-098** Motion by Eich, second by Klinkhammer to enter into executive session for personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:57 p.m.

President Hawks declared the executive session ended at 7:11 p.m.

**Action 21-099** Motion by Klinkhammer, second by Johnson to approve an employee reimbursement of $50 for all employees for personal protective equipment and supplies. And an additional employee reimbursement of $200 for all certified employees for supplies purchased to prepare classrooms for learning.

**Action 21-100** Motion by Johnson, second by Klinkhammer to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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