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MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2020
5:00 P.M.

The regular board meeting of the Midway School Board was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the High School Library. The meeting was called to order by President Brian Schanilec and roll call was taken with the following members present: Brian, Brad Becker, Chad Thorvilson, Kelly Moen-SnoBeck, and Jared Peterka. Chad, Kelly, and Jared attended the meeting via ZOOM.

Brad made a motion to add an employee resignation to the agenda. Jared seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chad made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting from November 9, 2020. Jared seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Brad made a motion to approve the Business Manager's report. Chad seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Brad made a motion to approve the November 2020 bills for payment. This includes check numbers 13591-13617 for the General Fund and check numbers 16101-16111 for the Activity Fund.

Mr. Jason Keating gave the Building and Maintenance report. Window coverings are scheduled to be installed this week.

Mr. Jason Keating gave the Transportation Report. Mr. Keating went over two Transportation grants that we should be expecting to use towards new buses.

Mr. Jason Keating gave the Athletic Directors Report. Mr. Keating discussed the new event guidelines.

Mr. Jason Keating gave the Other Staff and Committee reports.

Mrs. Kristine Dale gave the Elementary Principal's Report.

Mr. Jason Keating gave the MS/HS Principal's Report.

Mr. Jason Keating gave the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Keating updated the board on funding. Kelly made a motion to change all early out days to full day pro-

fessional development days for teachers. Chad made a motion to keep snow days as is vs. turning them into virtual learning days. Jason seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chad made a motion to keep the capitalization amount to \$2,500. Jared seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jared made a motion to approve the first reading of the policy updates as well as all policies that need just one reading. Kelly seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Kelly made a motion to approve the resignation of Nancy Brueckner effective January 1, 2020 but honoring the remainder of her 2020-2021 contract.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Jared seconded.
Brian Schanilec, Board President
Amanda Bina, Business Manager

MUSINGS FROM THE HS MATH ROOM 110

Appropriately, the next word listed after pandemic in the Webster dictionary is pandemonium. How fitting! The COVID-19 pandemic has brought pandemonium to most areas of our lives, including education. There have been many Mondays where I have held my breath wondering who would be quarantined that week. Each weekend as I make my lesson plans for the next week, I am always trying to think of a Plan B in case we need to go remote, I have to be quarantined, or half of a class is forced to learn from home. At times, this constant, niggling worry has been exhausting for both the students and me. However, COVID has made some things blaringly clear about the people who learn and teach at Midway. We are resilient and persistent. We are adaptable. We have become better communicators and much more techie. We have tried many things, some of which have been successful and others which have

been failures, but through it all we have continued to learn and rise to meet the challenges that the pandemic has set before us.

Many students have told me that last spring's remote learning taught them that they learn best while in the building. They missed the one-on-one instruction, being able to get their questions answered promptly, and learning with their friends. Learning in isolation is a lonely affair and not the best situation for most students. I have been extremely grateful for the extensive planning that our administration and school board did before school began. I have felt safe being here and feel blessed to be teaching in the building while fellow teachers across the nation have had to continue teaching from their homes. It has allowed me to mostly stay on track with teaching my students the content they need for their high school education from solving equations to graphing various equations to proofs and logarithms. But most of all, it has allowed me to build the relationships with my students that area necessary to be an effective teacher.

As this first semester comes to an end, we celebrate small amounts of normalcy here at Midway. We embrace fun days when we get to wear PJ's and dress in silly outfits. We cheer on our friends who are able to have a sports season. We laugh at our mistakes and the sense of humor that some students display. We enjoy good conversation with friends even if it is 6 feet apart. But, most of all, we simply celebrate being together and look forward to a 2021 with less pandemonium and much more fun.

Mrs. Zikmund

High School Math Teacher

FOOD PANTRY

Midway's Food Pantry continues to be well stocked. We have had multiple donations come in which provides money for us to purchase items to supplement what we receive monthly from the Great Plains Food Bank. A big thank you to who have donated! We have been helping several families out through the Pandemic. However, I must say given the overall economic situation we are facing, that there must be other families or individuals within our school district who could utilize our program. The program is FREE and confidential. Anyone can qualify. Should you have a food inadequacy at any time, regardless of reason or length of time, please do not hesitate to contact the school to request food items to help you get through. No family, child, adult or senior living within the Midway School District need lack food adequacy in 2021.

Art Woods,

Midway Pantry Site Coordinator

MIDWAY PUBLIC SCHOOL OPTING TO USE ACT TEST AS HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY OPTION

The Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides flexibility for states with respect to high school assessments. Section 1111(b)(2)(H) of ESSA allows a Local Education Agency (LEA) to administer a locally selected, nationally recognized assessment in lieu of the state test in high school. Under the approved North Dakota ESSA plan, Superintendent Baesler has given school districts the option to use the ACT (grade 11) for accountability in lieu of the grade 10 North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics.

This past spring, we did not report accountability due to COVID-19, however, prior to this, there was an increase to 43 districts requesting to use ACT as their accountability tool, representing 62% of the junior population. For spring 2021, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is once again offering this option to districts.

NDDPI submitted evidence to the US Department of Education (USDE) in December 2018, in support of our continued use of ACT for accountability purposes. This evidence went through a federal peer review process and based off these findings, the USDE determined that the ACT substantially met the requirements as a locally selected, nationally recognized high school academic assessment in ELA and Mathematics for North Dakota. NDDPI has since approved additional evidence to the USDE, including alignment and comparability studies.

Midway Public School intends to use the ACT test beginning in the spring of 2021 as its accountability assessment. This will allow us to gather data on our junior class that did not take the NDSA in the spring of 2020. The ACT test is already administered to all of our juniors. It is paid for by the state of North Dakota. This will allow for our sophomores to spend more time in the classroom, and less time taking state assessments. Students in grades 3 through 8 will still be administered the NDSA.

If you have any questions, please contact Midway Public School.

DEAR MIDWAY FAMILIES,

Midway Public School has been awarded a North Dakota Department of Commerce Early Childhood Education Grant. According to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 15.1-37-01, parents must be notified on a quarterly basis the total amount of the grant provided to Midway Public School and the source of the grant. The intent of this letter is to meet this statutory

requirement.

Quarterly Grand Award for Midway Public School:
\$2000

Grant Source: North Dakota Department of Commerce

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Keating

Superintendent/HS Principal

Midway Public School

HS SOCIAL STUDIES/7TH GRADE LA

Along with being a very different COVID year, my 2020-21 schedule was adjusted to include 7th Grade Language Arts, and this has definitely added variety to my teaching experience. I am lucky that it is a smaller, yet very kind class who allows me to try new activities, and helps me with technology based learning when I need assistance. The class started with grammar, has completed 2 class novels, and is currently finishing the holiday season with the play "The Christmas Carol".

POD, the Seniors, made sure to finish their Civics Test needed for graduation just in case they had to adjust to distance learning. However, every Senior passed the test and has now completed that requirement. The class will start back in the 2nd semester with the 3rd branch of government, the Judicial Branch. To me, this branch is the most interesting and often holds the most weight on deciding constitutionality. I am sure the Seniors are hoping the Spring semester goes fast!

10th Grade World History finished the Roman Empire just before finals, and will be headed back to the empires of China and India. Then it will be on to the Middle Ages which experienced its own Black Plague, or pandemic. Maybe we can make a very old time period seem relevant again.

US History class put their 1920s projects on hold while taking finals, but the Juniors will return to this chapter after Christmas break. Each group of Juniors was assigned a different section to prepare a power point presentation on, and to 'teach' the information to their classmates. This is usually a fun chapter, as the Roaring 20s had much to offer in the way of entertainment.

This is only my 2nd year of teaching 8th grade US History, and the students have a new online textbook,

so my year has been filled with new technology and new information. The class is headed West to study wagon trains, the gold rush, and the concept of manifest destiny.

As most of you know, this has been a unique and challenging year. I would encourage all parents to do what they can to get familiar with their students' textbooks and schedules. Feel free to ask them what they are learning - as it might take all of us to help students keep up with both their academic grades and their love of learning this year! And always feel that you can reach out to me with any concerns. Here's to a slightly better 2021!

Mrs. Kelli Slominski

ND REGION 2 BASKETBALL STREAMING SITES

12-14-2020

The following streaming services are available free of charge to viewers this winter at these basketball host sites:

NFHS Network (www.nfhsnetwork.com):

Cavalier, Crystal, Edinburg, Hatton, Northwood, Larimore, Mayville, Midway, Minto, Park River, Thompson
***Thank you to these School Boards who have agreed to pay for the subscription fees for the 2020-2021 GBB & BBB streaming!

Streaming basketball games on the NFHS Network: Go to www.nfhsnetwork.com - Create an account (free) - Search for the host school under BROWSE - Scroll down to find the red LIVE NOW flag and click on the event at the scheduled game time - Scroll down for upcoming events and other information - Click the star next to FOLLOW on the right side to get email notifications when your school has games that are being streamed on NFHS.

YourLiveEvent.com

Finley, Hope, Page, Hillsboro, Central Valley
YouTube:

Grafton - Go Spoilers...

<https://www.gospoilers.org/activities/sports/activity-live-streams>

Walhalla - (North Border Live Stream)

MIDWAY PUBLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Midway School is to assist students, in a safe and friendly environment, to learn necessary skills that will enable them to reach their individual potential and live healthy, productive, responsible lives in a changing world.

WEBSITE/Twitter

www.midwayk12.org

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Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 10
Fordville, ND 58231

Return Service Requested

POSTAL CUSTOMER

Facebook Live - Drayton
Polar Channel 83 - Drayton home games
Polar Channel 71 - Edinburg and Crystal home games

13615 Upper Valley Special Education 21,793.84
13616 US Foods, Inc 3,741.97
13617 Verizon Wireless, Bellevue..... 393.79
TOTAL..... 46,971.84

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

SUMMARY CHECK REGISTER

13591 Bonnie Jarolimek 82.38
13592 Cash-Wa Dist. Fargo 2,090.05
13593 CHS Ag Services 1,193.60
13594 Far From Normal 779.53
13595 Harlow Bus Sales 1,230.18
13596 Hartley's School Buses, Inc 142.69
13597 Liminex Inc DBA Goguardian..... 1,485.00
13598 Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. 144.29
13599 Manvel Oil Coop..... 2,127.49
13600 Marco Inc..... 1,848.18
13601 Midway Building Fund..... 1,466.31
13602 Midway Services LLC..... 4,000.00
13603 Motion Picture Licensing Corporation 154.47
13604 Nardini Fire Equipment..... 1,112.82
13605 ND Council of Educational Leaders 815.00
13606 Opegard Implement..... 65.30
13607 Pan-O-Gold..... 122.67
13608 Papa Murphys..... 116.00
13609 Pitney Bowes Credit Corp 236.79
13610 Polar Communications 584.15
13611 Renaissance Learning 28.50
13612 School Specialty 24.20
13613 Jennifer Teruel 140.32
13614 Three Star Dairy..... 1,052.32

MIDWAY ACTIVITY FUND - November, 2020

16101 Hugos..... 152.37
16102 Hugos..... 492.10
16103 Rachaele Soderman 75.00
16104 Mike Carroll 100.00
16105 Jason Keating 60.00
16106 Juan Villanueva..... 20.00
16107 Katie Berry..... 20.00
16108 Jostens 1,453.03
16109 Jostens 166.79
16110 Scholastic Book Fair 2,360.71
16111 Sox for Kids 2,000.00
TOTAL..... 6,900.00

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

It is the policy of Midway Public School #128 that no person shall, on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance. Equal opportunity is a priority of the Midway Public School District #128.