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MIDWAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 11, 2019
4:00 P.M.

The regular board meeting of the Midway School Board was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 4:00 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 Schanilec, Brad Becker, Chad Thorvilson, Kelly SnoBeck and Jared Peterka.

No additions to the agenda.

Brad made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting and Jared seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jared made a motion to approve the business manager's report. Kelly seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jared made a motion to accept the February bills for payment. Kelly seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jared made a motion to approve the additions to the expenditure budget. Chad seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Abbe gave the Transportation Report. He discussed some options to fill the duties in the bus shop when Mr. David Foerster retires this summer.

Dr. Abbe gave the Athletic Director's Report. There are 7 people signed up for track, 5 people signed up for baseball and 3 people signed up for softball.

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

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

Dr. Abbe gave the Superintendent's Report. Kelly made a motion to approve Mrs. Kaci Hjelle's resignation. Chad seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Kelly made a motion to approve the open enrollment request for the two kindergarten students from Fordville-Lankin. Chad seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Kelly made a

motion to accept the request to collateralizing our deposits with the Letter of Credit vs the pledge of securities for better interest rates. Brad seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Chad made a motion to approve draft 3 of the 2019-2020 calendar. Jared seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Kelly made a motion that the Midway School Board, after investigation of the petition filed by the Midway Education Association requesting that said organization be recognized as the representative organization for the previously recognized appropriate negotiation unit, has determined that the Midway Education Association does represent a majority of the persons within that unit and hereby recognizes the Midway Education Association as the exclusive representative organization for a minimum of one year beginning March 11, 2019. Chad seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chad seconded.

Brian Schanilec, Board President
Amanda Bina, Business Manager

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

SUMMARY CHECK REGISTER

11682	Ecolab Pest Elimination Div	179.59
11683	Fordville Co-op Elevator	2,480.00
11684	Interstate PowerSystems	61.92
11685	Marco Inc	1,757.79
11686	Mutch Gas.....	625.50
11687	Mutch Oil Company.....	3,318.40
11688	Nardini Fire Equipment	189.80
11689	Ness Graphics Inc.....	397.84
11690	Orchard Oil Company	148.50
11691	Upper Valley Special Education..	20,970.05
11747	Agassiz Water Users.....	44.35
11748	Altru Health System.....	88.00

11749	Butler Machinery	80.48
11750	Center on Teaching & Learning	140.00
11751	Food Services of America	3,756.46
11752	Fordville Co-op Elevator	4,569.38
11753	Grafton Floral	101.80
11754	Grand Forks Welding & Machine	54.94
11755	Hansons	418.28
11756	Hartley's School Buses, Inc	643.85
11757	Home of Economy	297.52
11758	Johnson Controls	919.97
11759	Kutz & O'Brien Inc	116.00
11760	Marco Inc	1,757.79
11761	Menards	33.74
11762	Marc Mid American Research	614.36
11763	ND Center for Distrance Edu	1,529.00
11764	Nodak Rural Electric	11,689.28
11765	Northwest Tire	29.86
11766	Oppegard Implement	424.75
11767	O'Reilly Auto Parts	347.68
11768	Pan-O-Gold	162.87
11769	Pitney Bowes Credit Corp	682.75
11770	Polar Communications	481.33
11771	Praxair Distribution Inc	24.16
11772	Rydell Auto Center, Inc	72.49
11773	School Specialty	41.12
11774	Svoboda Sanitation Inc	520.00
11775	Three Star Dairy	663.10
11776	Upper Valley Special Education	20,970.05
11777	US Foods, Inc	1,302.68
11778	Verizon Wireless, Bellevue	217.74
11779	Workforce Safety & Insurance	159.67
	TOTAL	83,084.84

15701	Welch's Bakery	22.00
15702	Hugos	69.80
15703	Sheila Korynta	25.00
15704	Jostens	24.00
15705	Matt Hell	129.00
15706	Isaiah Hylden	129.00
15707	Vince Hylden	129.00
15708	Shannon Uhlir	21.45
15709	Craig Hahn	129.00
15710	Spencer Halvorson	129.00
15711	Nate Mertens	129.00
15712	Robert Goll	129.00
15713	Zac Sundre	129.00
15714	Nic Lundquist	129.00
15715	Jimmys/Bonita's Fro	1,648.00
15716	Thompson FCCLA	264.00
15717	First Methodist Church	65.00
15718	cash box	2,500.00
15719	Cavalier School	25.00
15720	Walsh-Pembina Adm	100.00
15721	Jimmys/Bonita's Fro	52.00
15722	Hatton High School	60.00
15723	Allison Lund	75.00
15724	Shannon Uhlir	20.73
15725	Diane Muir	219.71
15726	Grant Skibicki	166.00
15727	Nic Lundquist	166.00
15728	Isaiah Hylden	166.00
15729	Katie Osowski	13.00
15730	Ashley Sailer	436.15
	TOTAL	12,394.77

PRE-PAID CHECK SUMMARY

23108	Midway Student Activity	89.00
23109	City of Gilby	24.00
23111	Midway Student Activity	182.74
23112	Midway Student Activity	12,000.00
23113	Deb Aakre	142.98
23116	Jason Keating	96.30
	TOTAL	12,535.02

ACTIVITY FUND - March 2019

13052	Heather Berg	32.00
15681	Craig Hahn	151.00
15682	Dale Elfman	118.00
15683	Jordan Stevens	118.00
15684	Mike Lkeinschmidt	97.00
15685	Collin Hanson	97.00
15686	Brayden Schildberger	97.00
15687	Terry Bohan	161.00
15688	John Cowger	161.00
15689	Todd Elfman	161.00
15691	Kristine Dale	142.39
15692	Shannon Uhlir	19.90
15693	Diane Muir	64.89
15694	Josh Zikmund	939.75
15695	Minto School District	1,722.00
15696	Jimmys/Bonita's Fro	840.00
15699	Tri-College Math	53.00
15700	Dakota Science Center	120.00

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET A BUS DRIVERS LICENSE

There are several reasons that now would be a great time for you to get a bus drivers license. They include:

- A retirement will result in at least one full-time route being available next year.
 - The district's two primary substitute drivers will be retiring within the next two years.
 - The requirements for obtaining a school bus license will be changing in 2020.
- Currently, the steps for obtaining a school bus license are the following:
- Pass 3 written (computerized) tests. These tests are for a CDL license, one for a passenger bus license and one for a school bus license. Many people pass all of them at the same time.
 - Pass the inspection/driving test.
 - Pass a Department of Transportation physical.
 - Take a Defensive Driving course sometime within the first year after obtaining a license.

We can help prepare prospective drivers for the written tests, the inspection test and the driving test.

needed.

- Preparation of vehicles for annual inspections.

- √ These are currently done by the State Patrol before school starts. We've been told that they are trying to get rid of that responsibility so we don't know what will be done with this in the future.

- Monitor fuel tanks and order gas/diesel fuel as needed. Generally the company we deal with monitors and fills the tanks as needed but there are times we need to contact them. The drivers can help with this.

- Monitoring routes. This involves somebody in the bus barn listening to the 2-way radio and ready to respond if a problem arises during a route. Since problems rarely occur, it's possible that a 2-way radio could be installed in a shop off-site and an extra bus could be kept at that spot. Drivers need to have phone numbers of people they can contact when on all routes including ESP routes. This person would need to take a bus out to a route if a bus is disabled while on the route or arrange to get it pulled out if stuck. Parents will contact drivers themselves to pass along messages about their child(ren)'s riding status and the district will have somebody at the school ready to also take phone calls.

- √ Morning routes: 6:45-8:30am: Drivers are starting their morning routes about 6:50am and are to school by 8:15am. It would be helpful if this person would stay until at least 8:30 to see if any drivers report needed repairs.

- √ Afternoon routes: 3:00-6:15pm: Drivers are getting to school shortly after 3:00 fuel up or take care of any other necessities. School dismisses at 3:30 and buses leave about 3:35. They are generally done by 4:30. There is another run related to the district's after-school program that leaves school at 5:35 and is completed by 6:15. Somebody to be available in case of problems is especially vital during the winter.

- √ Midway has tracking software on all route buses that we can monitor during the routes. It also allows us to collect information after routes are completed. Currently, we primarily use this to monitor our buses (speed, complete stops, routes, progress during bad weather, etc.) but it can be set up to provide notices of regular maintenance if desired.

- Snow removal: Midway takes care of the sidewalks and by the doors but we would like to contract to do the parking areas and driveways, front and back. There are times that could mean starting as early as 3:00am so things are cleared for vehicles to start arriving. Delivery trucks can be as early as 5:30am. Staff start arriving around 7:00am.

- Weeds: Provide a certified person to oversee spraying for weeds on the grounds.

- Assist the superintendent with decisions re-

lating to weather related announcements.

- It would be good if the service could provide at least one substitute driver. Midway will assist with the training and will pay all related costs.

- Payment (this is just an idea. It is open for discussion)

- Drivers: This year, drivers are paid \$48/route. This also applies to substitute drivers.

- Maintenance/Repairs: Paid on an hourly basis or a contract for all of the above services could be worked out. If a contract is used then, since this is the first year of a new program, there should be the opportunity to renegotiate during the school year if necessary.

- Supplies/Parts/Fuel: The district has an expense account to cover this.

Anybody interested in applying for this, or who would like more information, should contact Dr. Roger Abbe at Midway School, 701-869-2432. Preference will be given to applicants who will do it all over those who want to do just one or two duties.

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.

WEBSITE/Twitter

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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.



**SAFE
K:DS
GRAND FORKS**

Keeping kids safe at **HOME**, at **SCHOOL**,
at **PLAY** and **ON** the **WAY**.

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To access our safety information, donate or volunteer in our efforts to keep kids safe from preventable injuries, visit www.safekidsgf.com or call 701.780.1489.



Altru Health System is proud to serve as the lead agency for Safe Kids Grand Forks. For more information, LIKE us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.



**MARCH IS NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION MONTH:
IS YOUR HOME POISON SAFE?**

MARCH 2019



Medications are the leading cause of poisoning. Be sure that all medications are kept out of sight and reach of children. Treat medications (pills, creams, drops, patches, etc.) just as you would any other poisonous agent. While they may assist in keeping you healthy or managing a disease, medications need to be treated as a cause of poisoning. If you need FREE cabinet locks for your cabinets, contact Safe Kids Grand Forks at safekids@altru.org or 701.780.1489.



“Vaping” and the use of electronic cigarettes is becoming more and more prevalent. Companies are targeting young children with these products, so stay alert and know not only what your youth are doing, but others that come to your home to visit or to babysit. While it would require a young child to eat almost two packs of regular cigarettes to become critically ill, it takes only one teaspoon of the liquid nicotine for a child to die. And they don’t have to inhale the substance, as it can be swallowed or absorbed in the skin. The liquid nicotine comes in a variety of “fun flavors” such as cotton candy, mint, watermelon, etc. so the smell is appealing to young and curious kids. To learn more about the dangers of e-cigarettes, visit our website at www.safekidsgf.com under our Safety Info tab (poisoning).



While the convenience of laundry and dishwasher pods are helpful, they are posing a poisoning danger to kids. These items are colorful and attractive to the eye of young and curious children and are often times bitten into, causing them to explode. When this happens, the very concentrated liquid is often times inhaled into the lungs, making it hard to breathe. Besides that danger, this highly concentrated soap can make kids and teens sick. Be sure to keep these products up and out of sight and reach of young children. Talk to your kids about the dangers of the “Tide pod challenge” that has made its way around the circle of teens and young adults.

The National Poison Control Center has a toll-free number that parents and caregivers can call to see what to do in the event of a poisoning. This number (1.800.222.1222) should be put into your cell phone so you have it in case of an emergency. To obtain Poison Control Center stickers (like the one to the right), contact our office at safekids@altru.org or 701.780.1489.



The district reimburses the costs of the tests and the physical. As of 2020 there will be an additional requirement of attending a class before any of the tests can be taken. We don't know yet what this class will amount to. It might require physical presence in a classroom or it might be online. Either way, you can avoid this step if you get your license in 2019.

Current pay for bus driving is \$48/route which amounts to \$96/day if you drive both morning and afternoon routes. Additional pay is available for extra-curricular trips, field trips and ESP routes. Including prep time, driving times are generally 6:50-8:40am and 3:15-4:30pm. Please call Dr. Roger Abbe or Mr. Dave Foerster at the school (701-869-2432) if you would like more information.

ESSA DASHBOARD

The state of North Dakota has submitted its plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to the US Department of Education. North Dakota was one of the first states to have its plan approved. Part of that plan called for the state to develop a "dashboard" that provides information about each school district. The first phase of that dashboard is now online. More information will be added over the next two years. The dashboard for each district in North Dakota can be found by going to <https://insights.nd.gov/> Contact a Midway administrator if you would like to discuss any information on that dashboard.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Midway will no longer be accepting printer and toner cartridges for recycling. There are now numerous other options available and the program we had been using no longer reimburses enough to make it worthwhile. Shipping costs pretty much use up any reimbursement we get. We want to thank those of you who brought your cartridges in the past. We got several hundred dollars for them over the course of several years but, unfortunately, the return is no longer worth the effort. We encourage you to use one of the other recycling opportunities that exist.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD FILING DATE

Individuals interested in filing for the Midway

School Board must do so by 4PM on April 8, 2019 in the office of Amanda Bina, Business Manager. The Inkster and Mekinock areas currently served by Brad Becker and Kelly SnoBeck are open.

The annual election will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the High School Library at the Midway Public School located at 3202 33rd Ave. NE, Inkster, ND 58233. Polls will be open from 11AM to 7PM.

Please feel free to call us at (701) 869-2432 with any questions.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REQUESTED

Midway's Transportation Director, Dave Foerster, will be retiring this year after numerous years of very good service. A committee to study how to replace Mr. Foerster was formed and the decision was made to contract out as many services as possible. Below is a description of the services. The deadline for submitting your name, or your business' name, for consideration of this will be Tuesday, April 2, 2019. If you would like to be considered for this, or would like more information about, contact Superintendent Roger Abbe at the school.

Midway Transportation Program

- Midway provides vehicles, drivers and a budget for supplies/parts.
- Midway will set up and schedule all bus routes and extra-curricular/field trip activities.
- Make sure buses are fueled up and ready for extra-curricular trips and field trips.
- Most drivers take their buses home so they take care of the pre-trip inspections.
- Midway currently runs 5 bus routes, 4 with full-sized buses and 1 with a 14-passenger bus. We are hoping to eliminate 1 full-sized bus route next year. We also have summer school routes during 6 week of the summer.
- Want to "outsource":
 - Regular maintenance and record keeping on all vehicles/equipment (e.g.: oil changes, tire rotations, preparations for different seasons).
 - √ Midway currently has 7 full-sized buses, 2 14-passenger buses, a Chevy Uplander van, a Chevy Suburban, a Ford Taurus, 1 John Deere 1545 riding lawn mower, 1 pickup and 1 tractor.
 - Other repair as reported by drivers or notices during regular maintenance.
 - √ This is recognizing that certain repairs can only be done by a mechanic certified for that engine. In cases when a vehicle needs to be transported to such a mechanic, Midway can help with that if