

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 20, 2020

Members of the State Board of Public School Education met via Microsoft Teams on Monday, April 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brian Duchscherer at 1:04 PM. The following State Board members were in attendance virtually for the meeting:

Mr. Jeff Fastnacht

Dr. Brian Duchscherer

Mr. Josh Johnson

Ms. Sonia Meehl

Dr. Steve Holen

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler

Ms. Maria Effertz Hanson (joined in progress)

Also present: Allyson Hicks, Alice Johnson, Riley Mattson, Jackie Kathrein

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting be approved. Ms. Meehl seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**REA AUDIT REPORT – RESP**

RESP– Riley Mattson presented the 2017-18 and the 2018-19 audits for the RESP. Mr. Mattson informed the board that there were no significant issues found in the audits.

A motion was made by Mr. Fastnacht to approve the audit report from the RESP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Result of the roll call vote:

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Ms. Meehl – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Duchscherer addressed item #4 on the agenda – the dissolution of Central Elementary School District #32 of Slope County. Allyson Hicks informed the board that there had been a procedural issue with the county hearing notice and advised the board that the county hearing should be re-noticed and held again before the board acted upon the matter. Mr. Fastnacht made a motion to send the Central Elementary Dissolution back to the county reorganization committee. Dr. Holen seconded the motion.

Result of the roll call vote:

Ms. Meehl – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson – abstain

Superintendent Baesler – aye

Mr. Fastnacht - aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW COUNTY COMMITTEE PACKET FOR DISSOLUTION OF WOLFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF PIERCE COUNTY AND ITS ATTACHMENT TO ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29, NORTH STAR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, LEEDS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, RUGBY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5**

The State Board members reviewed the packet presented by the county committee for the dissolution of Wolford Public School District No. 1 of Pierce County and its attachment to Rolette Public School District No. 29, North Star Public School District No. 10, Leeds Public School District No. 6 and Rugby Public School District No. 5. Dr. Duchscherer summarized the information on the districts that the Wolford District was attaching to as there was an abundance of information to present but presented in detail the information regarding the Wolford District.

County Superintendent Designee of Rolette County, Karin Fursather, was present and answered some questions from the Board.

Mr. Fastnacht made a motion to approve the dissolution of Wolford Public School District No. 1 based on the following:

- 1) The plan was developed by constituents from the affected area who appeared to have the best interest of the students in mind.
- 2) There was no opposition at the county level.
- 3) The plan was approved at the county level unanimously.
- 4) The land allocations in the plan were reasonable.

5) The taxable valuation was proportionate to the number of students attending each district.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Effertz Hanson.

Result of roll call vote:

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Ms. Meehl – aye

Superintendent Baesler- aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF RECORD, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ANNEXATION (MC GREGOR PETITION):**

The State Board members reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order completed by the Ramsey and Cavalier County Reorganization Committees, for the annexation of a part of Edmore Public School District No. 2 of Walsh, Ramsey and Cavalier Counties in North Dakota to Langdon Public School District No. 23 of Cavalier County in North Dakota (McGregor petition). A motion was made by Ms. Effertz Hanson to approve the McGregor annexation of a part of the Edmore Public School District No. 2 of Walsh, Ramsey and Cavalier Counties to Langdon Public School District No. 23 of Cavalier County based on the following factors:

- 1) There was no opposition at the county level.
- 2) The per-student taxable valuation is reasonable.
- 3) The amount of property to be annexed is reasonable.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Fastnacht.

Result of roll call vote:

Dr. Holen – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Superintendent Baesler - aye

Mr. Johnson - aye

Ms. Meehl – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF RECORD, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ANNEXATION (FLATT PETITION):**

The State Board members reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order completed by the Williams County Reorganization Committees, for the annexation of a part of the Williams County Public School District No. 8 of Williams County to the Williston Public School District No. 1 of Williams County (Flatt petition). A motion was made by Mr. Fastnacht to approve the Flatt annexation of a portion of the Williams County School District #8 to Williston #1 based on the following factors:

- 1) The annexation involves one family and one lot.
- 2) There was no opposition at the county level.
- 3) The family would get voting rights in the district.
- 4) The per-student taxable valuation is reasonable.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Holen.

Results of roll call vote:

Ms. Meehl – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Absent for vote: Superintendent Baesler

Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF RECORD, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ANNEXATION (DUGGINS PETITION):**

The State Board members reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order completed by the Williams County Reorganization Committees, for the annexation of a part of the Williams County Public School District No. 8 of Williams County to the Williston Public School District No. 1 of Williams County (Duggins petition). A motion was made by Ms. Meehl to approve the Duggins annexation of a portion of the Williams County School District #8 to Williston #1 based on the following factors:

- 1) The per student taxable valuation is reasonable.
- 2) The annexation involves one family and one lot.
- 3) There was no opposition at the county level.
- 4) The annexation passed the county level by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Fastnacht seconded the motion.

Results of the roll call vote:

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Ms. Meehl – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Absent for the vote: Superintendent Baesler

Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF RECORD, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ANNEXATION (ARP PETITION):**

The State Board members reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order completed by the Williams County Reorganization Committees, for the annexation of a part of the Williams County Public School District No. 8 of Williams County to the Williston Public School District No. 1 of Williams County (Arp petition). A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to approve the Arp annexation of a portion of the Williams County School District #8 to Williston #1 based on the following factors:

- 1) The per student taxable valuation is reasonable.
- 2) There was no opposition at the county level.
- 3) The annexation was approved at the county 5-0.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Fastnacht.

Result of roll call vote:

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Ms. Meehl – aye

Superintendent Baesler – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

**REVIEW OF RECORD, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ANNEXATION (MORARU PETITION):**

The State Board members reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order completed by the Williams County Reorganization Committees, for the annexation of a part of the Williams County Public

School District No. 8 of Williams County to the Williston Public School District No. 1 of Williams County (Moraru petition). A motion was made by Ms. Meehl to approve the Moraru annexation of a portion of the Williams County School District #8 to Williston #1 based on the following factors:

- 1) The annexation involves one family and one lot.
- 2) There was no opposition at the county level.
- 3) The annexation was approved at the county level by a vote of 5-0.
- 4) The per student taxable valuation is reasonable.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Holen.

Results of roll call vote:

Dr. Holen – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson - aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Superintendent Baesler – aye

Ms. Meehl – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**FINAL APPROVAL OF DRAFT FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSION OF LAW, AND ORDER, FOR THE FOLLOWING ANNEXATION (PACKINEAU PETITION):**

The State Board members reviewed the draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Amended Order as prepared by Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General, for the annexation of property from the New Town Public School District No. 1 of Mountrail County in North Dakota to the Parshall Public School District No. 3 of Mountrail and McLean Counties in North Dakota (Packineau Petition). Motion was made by Ms. Effertz Hanson to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Results of roll call vote:

Superintendent Baesler – aye

Ms. Meehl – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen- aye

Dr. Duchscherer - aye

Motion carried unanimously.

The final form for the Voluntary Transfer of Property is still being finalized with the state forms office.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2020

There being no other business brought before the board, the meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM.