

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 18, 2020

Members of the State Board of Public School Education met via Microsoft Teams on Monday, May 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brian Duchscherer at 1:05 PM. The following State Board members were in attendance virtually for the meeting:

Ms. Maria Effertz Hanson

Mr. Josh Johnson

Dr. Steve Holen

Mr. Jeff Fastnacht

Ms. Sonia Meehl

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler

Dr. Brian Duchscherer

Also present: Allyson Hicks, Alice Johnson, Adam Tescher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Meehl moved that the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting be approved with corrections that had been sent to Caryn Woodstead. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF RECORD, DISCUSSION AND TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ANNEXATION (MONSON PETITION):

The State Board members reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order completed by the McKenzie County Reorganization Committee for the annexation of property from the Alexander Public School District No. 2 of McKenzie County in North Dakota to the Yellowstone Public School District No. 14 of McKenzie County in North Dakota (Monson Petition). After discussion and upon the advisement of counsel, the board decided to send the petition back to the county committee. Factors influencing this decision included: nothing listed on page 3 of the petition, box C.2 where it should be indicated how the property will be taxed; the enrollment used in the calculations on page 6 of the petition were not consistent with the enrollment numbers on page 4; the map is difficult to read so it is difficult to discern whether or not the least amount of property was used for the annexation; the board was unable to determine with the maps provided whether or not the property was contiguous to the district.

A motion was made by Mr. Fastnacht to send the Monson annexation of a part of the Alexander Public School District No. 2 of McKenzie County in North Dakota to the Yellowstone Public School District No. 14

back to the county committee.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Meehl.

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.

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

The State Board members reviewed the draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as prepared by Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General, for the annexation of property from 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 Mr. Johnson to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Holen.

Results 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.

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

The State Board members reviewed the draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as prepared by Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General, 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Effertz Hanson

Results of roll call vote:

Ms. Meehl – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Superintendent Baesler - aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The State Board members reviewed the draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as prepared by Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General, 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order with a correction to the factors which has been made.

Superintendent Baesler 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

Superintendent Baesler - aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The State Board members reviewed the draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as prepared by Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General, 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. Fastnacht to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Meehl.

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.

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

The State Board members reviewed the draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as prepared by Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General, 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. Effertz Hanson to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Holen.

Results of roll call vote:

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Ms. Meehl – aye

Superintendent Baesler – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL APPROVAL OF DRAFT FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSION OF LAW, AND ORDER, 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, RUGBY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

The State Board members reviewed the draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as prepared by Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney 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. A motion was made by Ms. Meehl to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Fastnacht.

Results of roll call vote:

Ms. Meehl – aye

Mr. Johnson – aye

Dr. Holen – aye

Superintendent Baesler – aye

Ms. Effertz Hanson – aye

Mr. Fastnacht – aye

Dr. Duchscherer – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

The State Board members reviewed the appointment of a new school board member for the Grand Forks Air Force Base. A motion was made by Superintendent Baesler to approve the appointment of Branden Shepperd to the board. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Results 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.

Discussion was held regarding the Voluntary Transfer of Property form. The board asked for a map to be attached to the form when submitted.

Next Special Meeting: Thursday, May 28, 2020

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2020

There being no other business brought before the board, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.