

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD February 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was held Feb. 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. with a quorum by P. WalkingEagle. Present: Felicia Greywater, Patricia WalkingEagle, Donna Black-Graywater. Present via Teams: Cinto Ramos, ReNa Lohnes. Absent: Lisa Greywater. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson, Kristi Black.

A motion was made by P. WalkingEagle to approve the agenda, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, one absent, the motion carried. Goal progress measures 2.1 and 2.2 math goals data were reviewed. STAR testing showed that all students are moving up levels even though percentages dropped. For instance, there were 10 sophomores who were at urgent intervention in the fall; now there are five students, with three having moved up levels and two transferred out.

L. Greywater entered at 5:08 p.m. The board requested an in-person one-day refresher training with C. Ramos. He will request an extension from NDDPI for renewing the contract with Elliot & McMahon. He reviewed the previous meeting stats, indicating that the board spent 52% of their meeting on student outcome and achievement.

P. WalkingEagle requested to table the board self-evaluation until the one-day refresher and include that in the extension request to NDDPI. CSI Check questions were answered, and the board requested a presentation at the next meeting.

A motion was made by P. WalkingEagle to approve the consent agenda: approve minutes of Jan. 16, 2024; approve bills; approve cash receipts; manual journal entry; approve purchase orders; approve financial report; set special election date for June 11, 2024; set poll hours for regular and special election 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; appoint two election clerks to serve both regular and special election; appoint two election judges to serve as both regular and special election; approve second reading of Policy KAB Family Engagement. Seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

GENERAL FUND table with columns for item and amount. Items include Admin Partners, Afac, Alderman Taylor, Amazon.com, Anderson, Christina, Beach Public School, District, BC Farmers Press, Benz, Stacy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND, Bommersbach, Erin, Bravera Insurance, Certification Central, Comfort Inn & Suites, Mandan, Decatoh Paper Co., C,FP, Dakota Dust-Tex, Devils Lake Cars, Digital Office Centre, Double Z Broadcasting, Far From Normal, Farmers Union Oil, Cenex, Gerrells of DL PE, Glass Shop, Inc., The Gleason, Roberta, Gregory, Jason, Haagenson, Jenna, Hudl, Instructional Empowerment, Kohls, Krantz's Floral, LR State College, Leavers Foods, Marco, Miller's Foods, NCS Pearson, Inc., ND Public Employees, Retirement System, NDCEL, ND Telephone Co., Newby's Ace Hardware, ND Counseling Assn., ND United, Olson, Jeff, Paul's C Store & Gas, Pearce & Durick, Pitsco, Inc., Spirit Lake Enrollment Dept., St. Aloisius Med. Ctr., Stein's, Inc., Sysco ND, Inc., Time Management Systems, Inc., Unum Life Insurance Co. of America, Walmart, WEX Health, Inc., Fund Total.

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A motion was made by L. Greywater to accept the resignation of D. Black-Graywater as school board president and open nominations for president, seconded by P. WalkingEagle. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Greywater to nominate P. WalkingEagle as president, seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

P. WalkingEagle took over the meeting as board president at 5:50 p.m. A motion was made by L. Greywater to nominate F. Greywater as vice president, seconded by D. Black-Graywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Black-Graywater to accept the resignation of Steven Groven and Roberta Gleason and to advertise the positions, seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

P. WalkingEagle set the time period to complete the superintendent's evaluation from February 26 to March 3, with a special board meeting on March 6, 2024 to review the evaluation.

A motion was made by F. Greywater to use the Rocky Mountain Business Manager Evaluation and complete it during the same timeframe as the superintendent evaluation, seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Black-Graywater to table the Elliot and McMahon contract until March 6, seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, one absent, the motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Greywater to table the graduation day change request until March 6 and to have the senior class present their request, a letter with their signatures, and information on who spoke with parents. Seconded by D. Black-Graywater. All in favor, one absent, the motion carried.

The next meeting will be on March 19, 2024 at 5 p.m. A follow-up to the board meeting with C. Ramos, P. WalkingEagle, F. Greywater, J. Olson and C. Anderson will be on Feb. 21, 2024, at 8 a.m.

March 19, a one-day board refresher will be at the NESCC from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the board meeting to follow.

A motion was made by F. Greywater to adjourn at 6:36 p.m., seconded by D. Black-Graywater. All in favor, one absent, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson Business Manager Patricia WalkingEagle President

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD March 6, 2024

A special meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was held March 6, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. with a quorum by P. WalkingEagle. Present: Felicia Greywater, Patricia WalkingEagle, Lisa Greywater. Present via Teams: Cinto Ramos, ReNa Lohnes. Absent: Donna Black-Graywater. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson, Dan Willert.

A motion was made by F. Greywater to approve the agenda, seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, one absent, the motion carried.

Introductions were made by individuals physically present at the meeting. The Seniors -- Del Ray DeMarce, Deng Deng, Georgia Alex; two senior advisors: Janet Dion and Taylor Alderman; and track coach Mark Bishop presented their letter of request to the board. Seniors stated that the vote was 41 agreed and three did not agree but gave no reason. P. WalkingEagle asked if and who spoke to the parents. D. DeMarce stated that the senior student body felt they were all capable and responsible to talk to their parents and bring any concerns back. No one did. D. Deng said that he has been training for quite some time for track and believes he has an excellent chance to attend state track. As the valedictorian, he would like to be able to experience both state track and graduation; if the date is not changed, he would not be at graduation. G. Alex said that she is competing in a powwow on Friday in her first-ever adult division and her culture is very important to her and if she had to choose, she would choose the powwow.

A motion was made by F. Greywater to approve the date change of graduation from May 24, 2024 to May 26, 2024 with a letter to parents and a copy of the letter to board members, seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, one absent,

the motion carried.

Copy of the superintendent's evaluation was distributed to board members. The business manager requested a copy as it has to be part of the board meeting documents. The superintendent evaluation was as follows: Goal and Vision Setting -- 18/40, unsatisfactory. J. Olson requested a copy of the evaluation as he has not seen it. Board Relations -- 113/220, unsatisfactory. Human Resources -- 96/200, unsatisfactory. Curriculum and Student Support Services -- 86/180, unsatisfactory. Community Relations -- 45/100, unsatisfactory. Operations and Management -- 129/260. Post-Evaluation Comments -- More communication with the board on how we will proceed to get out of academic probation. F. Greywater requesting information on past information and improved communication. R. Lohnes expressed concern that for all the years Mr. Olson has been superintendent, he has never received an unsatisfactory evaluation in any area ever and now all areas are unsatisfactory. Copy of business manager evaluation was distributed to board members and business manager as part of board meeting documents. Business manager had not seen the evaluation prior to the meeting. Coordinate Board Meetings -- 76/120. Oversee District Finances -- 176/340. Perform Risk Management Functions -- 57/120. Perform Personnel Management Duties -- 101/200. Overall Score -- 410/780, unsatisfactory. Post-Evaluation Reasons and Recommendations -- none. There was no discussion after.

Elliot and McMahon Work Plan that was given to board members at previous board meeting will be updated to include an in-person one-day refresher. A motion was made by L. Greywater to approve the contract with Elliot and McMahon with corrections, seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

The next meeting will be on March 19, 2024 at 5 p.m. A motion was made by F. Greywater to adjourn at 1:29 p.m., seconded by D. Black-Graywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson Business Manager Patricia WalkingEagle President

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD March 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was held March 19, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. with a quorum by P. WalkingEagle. Present: Felicia Greywater, Patricia WalkingEagle, Lisa Greywater. Present via Teams: Cinto Ramos, ReNa Lohnes. Absent: Donna Black-Graywater. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson, Dan Willert.

A motion was made by F. Greywater to approve the agenda, seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, one absent, the motion carried.

D. Black-Graywater entered at 5:10 p.m. The board requested a refresher one-day training from Elliot and McMahon with the new board coach, Cinto Ramos. It will be April 11 from 9-5 at the NESCC in Devils Lake.

The board requested that Stacy and Alyson present the CSI update at the next meeting. Goal progress measures 3.1 and 3.2 Choice Ready requirements have changed to add in multicultural awareness and cybersecurity. This means that there will have to be some changes to our current graduation requirements. The number of requirements will not increase, just change in the number in different areas.

Goal 3.1 -- The percentage of students exiting 9th grade with a four-year rolling plan will increase from 13% in June 2023 to 85% in June 2028. Shows an increase to 48% which is estimated to increase by the end of the fourth quarter. 3.2 -- The percentage of students military ready and measured by ASVAB will increase from 11% in June 2023 to 50% in June 2028. Shows an increase to 17.2% which is estimated to increase by the end of the fourth quarter.

A motion was made by F. Greywater to approve the consent agenda: approve bills, approve purchase orders, approve financial report, approve special election update, issue teacher contracts for the 2024-25 school year. Seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

GENERAL FUND Amazon.com \$1,427.86 Anderson, Christina 409.10 Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center 192.60 Black, Kristi 329.10 Blue Cross Blue Shield

Table with columns for item and amount. Items include of ND, Bravera Insurance, CDW-G, Creative Impressions, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, Estenson, Megan, Haagenson, Jenna, Innovative Office Solutions, LLC, Miller's Foods, ND Public Employees Retirement System, NDSBA, Newby's Ace Hardware, Pearson Assessment, School Nurse Supply, Fund Total, STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND.

Cankdeska Cikana Comm. College, Gate City Bank, Hunt, Chad, Johnson, Dave, Klier, Dean, Leavers Foods, Lehman, Jared, Maryanns Place, LLC, Mertens, Daniel, Paul's C Store & Gas, Pfeifer, Jaden, Ploium, Corey, Stotts, Jeff, Subway, ThreeIrons, Darwin, Walmart, Yankton, Justin, Yoder, Ryan, Fund Total.

P. WalkingEagle presented the information for the superintendent evaluation dates. Currently we have CAAB-E5 as a board policy. There is a companion policy CAAB if the board would like to look into it. P. WalkingEagle stated she would like to review it.

A motion was made by D. Black-Graywater to approve open enrollment for the 2024-25 school year, seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Lohnes to approve the tuition agreements with Devils Lake Public School, seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

At 5:54 p.m. P. WalkingEagle turned the meeting over to F. Greywater. P. WalkingEagle discussed a letter of support with Vocational Rehab that was signed previously. She asked why the lawyer was involved in this one and not last one. J. Olson stated that he contacted the lawyer to get clarification and review the letter and ensure all parties are protected. The lawyer recommended changes to be made to the letter of support before signing.

A motion was made by L. Greywater to approve the letter of support as presented, seconded by D. Black-Graywater. L. Greywater, F. Greywater, D. Black-Graywater in favor, R. Lohnes opposed, P. WalkingEagle abstained. The motion carried.

At 6:08 p.m. F. Greywater turned the meeting back over to P. WalkingEagle. P. WalkingEagle reminded everyone of the one-day training on April 11 from 9-5, and the next regular board meeting will be April 16, 2024 at 5 p.m.

A motion was made by D. Black-Graywater to adjourn at 6:18 p.m., seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson Business Manager Patricia WalkingEagle President

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD April 3, 2024

A special meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was held April 3, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. with a quorum by P. WalkingEagle. Present: Felicia Greywater, Patricia WalkingEagle, Lisa Greywater, Donna Black-Graywater. Present via Teams: Cinto Ramos, ReNa Lohnes. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson, Dan Willert, Dave Marquart, Janet Dion, Beck Diaz, Shantel DuBois, Manny Medicinestone, Paula Corbine.

P. WalkingEagle requested a motion to postpone the meeting until a later date due to people being in attendance without knowing why, including members of the FTEA which is the negotiating body for the teachers.

A motion was made by L. Greywater to postpone the meeting until April 8, 2024 at noon, seconded by D. Black-Graywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Greywater to adjourn at 12:12 p.m., seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson Business Manager Patricia WalkingEagle President

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD April 8, 2024

A special meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was held April 8, 2024. The meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum by P. WalkingEagle. Present: Felicia Greywater, Patricia WalkingEagle, Lisa Greywater, Donna Black-Graywater. Present via Teams: Cinto

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P. WalkingEagle addressed the audience, stating that she did not intend to have the board review teacher evaluations prior to contracts being issued since the evaluations do not have any bearing on the contracts and the board already approved issuing contracts. They should be issued as soon as the business manager can get them out.

P. WalkingEagle addressed the audience, stating that superintendent evaluations are due by October 15 and March 6 of each school year. She did reach out to the school's attorney but she was unavailable until next week as they are dealing with many non-renewals at this time. The board will be creating an improvement plan at a later date.

P. WalkingEagle addressed the audience, stating the business manager is an hourly employee and is just like a janitor, bus driver or secretary.

P. WalkingEagle addressed the audience, stating the reason the previous special board meeting was rescheduled was due to people attending the meeting and they were talking.

A motion was made by F. Greywater to adjourn at 4:42 p.m., seconded by L. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson Business Manager Patricia WalkingEagle President

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD April 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was held April 16, 2024. The meeting called to order at 5 p.m. with a quorum by P. WalkingEagle. Present: Felicia Greywater, Patricia WalkingEagle, Lisa Greywater, Donna Black-Graywater. Present via Teams: ReNa Lohnes, David Davidson, Reed Fraese, Amber Augustadt, Nathan Presnell, Charmain, Sam G., Felix D., Ariel, guest, guest, Bobbi, guest, guest, Clarice, Hailee, Absent: Cinto Ramos. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson, Dan Willert, Dave Marquart, Janet Dion, Beck Diaz, Shantel DuBois, Lynette Lovejoy, Vicki Beckstrom, Kristi Black, Catherine Howard, David Perry, Marte Stensli, Corey Ploium, Megan Estenson, Erin Bommersback, Carrie Atherton, Dale Alberts, Robin Herman, Deb LaValle.

Christina Anderson requested a change to 6bv. from para wages to hourly wages. R. Lohnes asked why the superintendent's and business manager's evaluation response letters were in the draft packet but not in the final draft board packet. P. WalkingEagle stated that the letters were not in a summary format. R. Lohnes stated that letters can be written in any format and included in the packet. P. WalkingEagle said she will discuss later in the meeting.

A motion was made by L. Greywater to approve the agenda, seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Greywater to approve the March 6, 2024 and March 19, 2024 minutes, seconded by D. Black-Graywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

P. WalkingEagle recommended tabling the student outcome monitoring report until the consultant from Elliot and McMahon is present. A motion was made by F. Greywater to table the student outcome monitoring report, seconded by L. Greywater. L. Greywater, F. Greywater, P. WalkingEagle, D. Black-Graywater were in favor. R. Lohnes opposed. The motion carried.

R. Lohnes stated that she has had community members and parents contact her regarding recent legal issues for Mr. Ramos, which are a matter of public record. She feels they have very valid concerns and agrees that this does not represent our school well at all. A motion was made by R. Lohnes to remove Mr. Ramos as our board coach and request a new coach from Elliot and McMahon, seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Greywater to approve the consent agenda, seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

GENERAL FUND Certification Central \$6,665.84 Dakota Dust-Tex 381.35 Digital Office Centre 325.32 Discovery Benefits, Inc. 19,300.00 eGoldFax 30.49 Estenson, Megan 191.62 Heart of America Medical Center 250.38 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 211.50 NDCEL 600.00 ND Telephone Co. 1,677.10

A motion was made by L. Greywater to adjourn at 6:11 p.m., seconded by F. Greywater. All in favor, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson Business Manager Patricia WalkingEagle President

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