

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 23, 2015
Endicott School Library
7:00 p.m.

Marvin Schmick called the Endicott meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Toni Blackwell called the St John meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Greta White led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Present from Endicott were Marvin Schmick, Nancy Anderson, Greta White, Jamie Misner and Debbie Schlomer. Present from St John were Toni Blackwell, Janet Leifer, Heidi Hough, Kelly Lundberg and Corrie Tollett. Also present were Suzanne Schmick (Superintendent), Bruce Porubek (Endicott Principal), Mark Purvine (St John Principal) and Dana Crider (Business Manager). Guests at the meeting included Alan Blumenshein, Shantyl McGuire and Valerie Brewer.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Greta White moved and Jamie Misner seconded the motion to approve the board minutes of the November 23, 2015 regular meeting and the agenda of the current meeting as mailed. All Endicott board members agreed. Heidi Hough moved and Janet Leifer seconded the motion to approve the board minutes of the November 23, 2015 regular meeting and the agenda of the current meeting as mailed. All St John board members agreed.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS, COMMENTS

We are all very grateful to Avista and Inland Power for their hard work during the recent wind storm and power outages. The SJE Junior class play was a success! Mrs. Schmick welcomed the newly elected St John board members and thanked them for attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

ENDICOTT – Debbie Schlomer moved and Jamie Misner seconded the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Approved were the November 2015: payroll warrants #30806231-30806261 in the amount of \$96,216.22 and direct deposit funds in the amount of \$39,143.20; the General Fund accounts payable warrants #30806262-30806316 & #30806322 in the amount of \$59,954.47; ASB Fund accounts payable warrants #30806317-30806321 in the amount of \$951.62. Also approved: supplemental contract for Robin Hallenius – Open Gym supervisor. All Endicott board members agreed.

ST JOHN – Kelly Lundberg moved and Heidi Hough seconded the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Approved were the November 2015: payroll warrants #32207978-32208018 & 32207977 in the amount of \$122,142.11 and direct deposit funds in the amount of \$65,702.72; the General Fund accounts payable warrants #32207976 & #32208019-32208069 in the amount of \$46,444.51; the ASB Fund accounts payable warrants #32207975 & #32208070-32208081 in the amount of \$16,434.62. Also approved: supplemental contract for Megan Dorman – district volleyball stipend; supplemental contract for Jennifer Johnson – district volleyball stipend; Roger Beck – winter season site manager. All St. John board members agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion, Janet Leifer moved and Heidi Hough seconded the motion to approve St John Resolution #15-04 – 2017-18 M & O Levy in the amount of \$480,000. All St John members agreed. Also, after discussion, Debbie Schlomer moved and Nancy Anderson seconded the motion to approve Endicott Resolution #15-03 – 2017-18 M & O Levy in the amount of \$330,000. All Endicott members agreed.

With the roll off of the Capital Projects Levy at the end of 2016, Mrs. Schmick presented a proposal to the St John board for another Capital Projects Levy that would include, but not limited to, the purchase of upgraded technology, security systems and improved bus/transportation communications. This would be a 2-year levy for collections in 2017 and 2018. After discussion, Janet Leifer moved and Corrie Tollett seconded the motion to approve St John Resolution #15-05 – 2017-18 Capital Projects Levy in the amount of \$200,000. This amount will not increase property taxes. Property owners will actually experience a decrease in their overall tax obligation due to increasing property values. The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Janet Leifer – yes; Heidi Hough – yes; Corrie Tollett – yes; Kelly Lundberg – yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

With the current certificated teacher substitute shortage, Mrs. Schmick recommended to the boards that the daily rate be raised from \$100 to \$110. We hope to attract more subs to our district and also, this keeps us in line with neighboring districts. Debbie Schlomer moved and Greta White seconded the motion to approve the new certificated teacher substitute daily rate of \$110 effective December 1, 2015. All Endicott board members agreed with Nancy Anderson abstaining. Janet Leifer moved and Kelly Lundberg seconded the motion to approve the new certificated teacher substitute daily rate of \$110 effective December 1, 2015. All St John board members agreed.

COOPERATIVE BOARD MATTERS

Participants of the recent WSSDA Annual Conference shared their experiences and knowledge gained by attending.

NEWESD 101, with the help of district superintendents, produced a one-page sheet that outlines 2016 Legislative Priorities for school districts. These are to be used as talking points with local legislators.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Suzanne Schmick provided an update from the recent windstorm. There was some damage to the Endicott pool and the concession building. There was no damage to the St John building or grounds. She also discussed problems that arose from the Honeywell Alert System during the windstorm. Mrs. Schmick has been contacted by the Lacrosse School District about the possibility of forming an athletic cooperative. The coop would only involve Lacrosse School District. Discussion will be held at future meetings.

Bruce Porubek provided updates for the Endicott building including conferences, boys basketball, grandparents' day and Veteran's Day. Mr. Porubek organized a Community Service Day for students. They raked leaves, chopped limbs, and hauled debris away. Thank you to Whitgro for providing the truck and also to Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lundberg and Mrs. Strader for their help.

Mark Purvine provided updates for the St John building including conferences, Veteran's Day, Jr. Class play and limitations with the current alert system during the recent windstorm. He also provided updates for high school athletics.

Dana Crider provided November enrollment reports to both school districts.

Dana Crider provided October financial statements to both school districts.

Marvin Schmick acknowledged the guests and thanked them for attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jamie Misner moved and Nancy Anderson seconded the motion to move into executive session at 8:50 pm to consider the appointment, employment, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. The session is expected to last approximately 45 minutes and there will be an action item to follow. All Endicott members agreed. Janet Leifer moved and Heidi Hough seconded the motion to move into executive session at 8:50 pm to consider the appointment, employment, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. The session is expected to last approximately 45 minutes and there will be an action item to follow. All St John members agreed.

Greta White moved and Jamie Misner seconded the motion to move out of executive session at 9:20 pm. All Endicott members agreed. Janet Leifer moved and Kelly Lundberg seconded the motion to move out of executive session at 9:20 pm. All St John members agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Schlomer moved and Nancy Anderson seconded the motion to change the current status of the superintendent contract from interim to continuing beginning December 14, 2015 for a period ending on June 30, 2019 and that a contract be redrawn and prepared for signing in

December 2015. Results of the role call vote was as follows: Greta White – yes; Debbie Schlomer – yes; Nancy Anderson – yes; Jamie Misner – yes. Motion unanimously passed.

Janet Leifer moved and Kelly Lundberg seconded the motion to change the current status of the superintendent contract from interim to continuing beginning July 1, 2016 for a period ending on June 30, 2019 and that a contract be redrawn and prepared for signing in December 2015. Results of the role call vote was as follows: Janet Leifer – yes; Kelly Lundberg – yes; Heidi Hough – yes; Corrie Tollett – yes. Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Jamie Misner moved and Debbie Schlomer seconded the motion to adjourn the Endicott board meeting. Marvin Schmick adjourned the Endicott meeting at 9:25 pm. Corrie Tollett moved and Kelly Lundberg seconded the motion to adjourn the St. John board meeting. Toni Blackwell adjourned the St John meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Suzanne Schmick, Superintendent

Toni Blackwell, St. John Board Chair

Marvin Schmick, Endicott Board Chair