

**Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 15, 2014
(Approved Minutes)**

President Baur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Laker High School Room 211. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Neal Eichler, Dean Smith, Duane Baur, Todd Tate, Heath Krohn, Kathryn McGathy, Mary Frances Tait and Student Representative Riley Green.

Members Absent: None.

Approval of Regular Minutes 11-17-2014: Tait moved with support from Krohn to approve the minutes dated November 17, 2014 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Eichler reported the bills to be paid for December 2014 totaled: General Fund bills, \$141,529.11; Food Service bills, \$3,364.60; and Payroll/Liabilities bills, \$16,763.64. Tait moved with support from Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Tait moved with support from Smith to accept the consent agenda as presented with no additions. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation: Tait read a letter from Teresa Rabideau thanking the Laker Class of 1969 for their donation to the Scheurer Wellness Clinic within the school. No other interest was expressed from the public to address the Board.

Anchored in Excellence: Dickens presented George Gardy and Lyle Gascho. They supervised the after-school woodworking program in the elementary. Both volunteers described some of the types of projects the students completed and their experiences. Superintendent Smith recognized Coach Adam Grysbauskus for being named Regional Coach of the Year and his staff for their hard work and success. Coach Grysbauskus in turn recognized Dustin Kady for the efforts he made during the football season. Kady was acknowledged by the Board for being a model example of a student and athlete.

Recognition of Departing School Board Members: Neal Eichler and Dean Smith chose not to seek re-election, so December 2014 was their last meeting. Both members there were thanked by other Board members for their contributions to the district. Plaques and farewell comments were exchanged at that time.

Parent Advisory Recommendation: Shannon Hollinshead applied to serve on the HISD Parent Advisory Committee and needed Board approval to represent the Laker School District. Eichler moved with support from Smith to approve Hollinshead to serve on the HISD Parent Advisory Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Elementary Behavior Grant Program: Dickens presented Amy McArdle and Jim Steinman. McArdle and Steinman spoke on the effectiveness of the Good Behavior Program. Steinman also described of the program from the interventionist's point of view and how their work improved the performance for our elementary students.

Bond Refunding Process Update, Budget Amendments: Superintendent Smith updated the Board of the projected Financial Adjustment of \$2,300,000 through bond refunding, and noted that the district is operating at a higher surplus than anticipated.

Other Business: Baur stated the Superintendent Evaluations will be distributed electronically. Newly elected Board members would be meeting with 2-3 Board members after the December meeting to discuss such items as the Open Meeting Act, rules and regulations, and obligations of the Board to the public.

Administrator Time: Student Representative Green reported on the Christmas Dance and FFA fruit sales. Superintendent Smith spoke of the possible need for an additional paraprofessional and possibilities of taking down the wind turbines. Dickens stated the Christmas Programs had excellent turnouts.

Adjournment: With no further business before the Board, Krohn moved with support from Tate to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Mary Frances Tait, Board of Education Secretary