

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 7:00 PM

Cedar Mountain Elementary School, 231 E 4th Ave, Franklin, MN 55533

Brycen Christensen: Present

Ash Heibel: Present

Jennifer Rose: Absent

Tim Sandgren: Present

Christine Sherman: Absent

Jeff Sorenson: Present

Joe Sullivan: Present

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by Chair Sullivan.

Christine Sherman: Present via phone

1. Call To Order

2. The Cedar Mountain School District respectfully acknowledges that the areas in which our schools are located are the ancestral homelands of the Dakota people. We pay our respects to these stewards both past and present.

3. Public Comments

Discussion: None

4. Approval Of Agenda

Action(s):

Motion to approve the agenda as listed. This motion, made by Tim Sandgren and seconded by Jeff Sorenson, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discussion:

5. Reports

5.a. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: See Superintendent's report for details. We are just about set for teachers next week and students the following week. I am looking forward to the upcoming school year.

5.b. Principals' Reports

Discussion: See Principals' reports for details.

MSHS

The building was ready for 6th grade orientation tonight. This was tonight from 5:00-6:00. This is to get students and parents acclimated to the building, meet the teachers, etc. Student handbooks have been updated, including enforcement around cell phone procedures. We are currently keeping the same cell phone use policy as last year which aligns with surrounding districts. We are exploring the WRAP program with Mikayla Rudenick for extra mental health support. Open house is next Wednesday, which is a come-and-go open house for families and

students. Staff have been working to complete trainings. Staff have been coming up with ideas for early outs on Wednesdays for after-school care. We've realigned the committees- PBIS, staff development, MTSS and more. We are still recruiting new staff. We hosted new teacher orientation today with our new teaching staff and their mentor/mentee. Mrs. Riebel is still engaging in the MDE training cohort. We currently are still looking to hire one special education teacher and one .5 FTE intervention/.5 FTE special education teacher as well.

Elementary

Staffing- end of July the 2nd grade teacher we hired in June has resigned.

Christine Sherman joined via facetime at this time.

We are currently down a second grade teacher. We've posted on edpost, called colleges, talked to retired teachers, cold-called other district candidates. We do have plan B options, but we need to have the lower elementary team meet first before we decide anything. We do have retired teachers who are willing to step up to help with interventions. If we can come together with plan B tomorrow (meeting scheduled), SMSU does have 10 graduates in December for elementary education. Andrea Krenz wrote a letter and sent to all 2nd grade parents that we currently do not have a teacher, but we are diligently looking and parents will be notified when a plan is in place. Elementary staff are preparing rooms as well as for open house. Open house will consist of half hour meetings between students and parents with the teachers. Mentor/Mentee today with the new teachers was today. READ act- LETRS training starts next Wednesday. Parent letters have been sent home regarding free child care on Wednesdays during early-outs. The only thing we aren't setting up is end of the day transportation. We will offer care until 3:30. VPK - anybody in Cugar Jumpstart (4-year-old preschool) is free. From the Top will actually be mailed out next week. September 16 is our Fall Festival and Farmers Market.

5.c. Activities Director/Comm Ed Report

Discussion: See full Activities Director's report for details. FB and VB are on week 2. VB has gone to 2 scrimmages so far and have went well. FB scrimmage is this Saturday. A Daktronics rep came to visit with Jeremy Robinson, Josh Guetter and members of CPAC to demonstrate how to run the new videoboard. We now have a better understanding of how it works. CPAC hosted their annual golf

tournament earlier in August and are hosting the back-to-school cougar's night next week. CentraCare is still our main provider for sporting events. Shoutout to Josh Guetter and the students who helped over the summer with community ed programs.

5.d. Board Committee Reports

Discussion: None

6. **Consent Agenda**

Action(s):

Motion to approve consent agenda items 6a-6d.
This motion, made by Jeff Sorenson and seconded by Ash Heibel, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.a. Approve Minutes

6.b. Approve Checks In The Amount of \$406,947.03 and Wire Transfers of \$181,026.94.

6.c. Accept Donations

6.d. Approve Personnel Items

7. **Accept Snow Removal Bids**

Action(s):

Motion to approve the snow removal bids. This motion, made by Brycen Christensen and seconded by Tim Sandgren, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: See attached snow removal bid information for details.

8. **Approve 2024-25 Student Handbooks**

Discussion:

Motion to approve the 2024-25 student handbooks. This motion, made by Ash Heibel and seconded by Jeff Sorenson, carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. **Continuation of closed meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 Subd. 2 (b) (Consideration of complaints or charges against an employee).**

Discussion: 7:28pm recess

7:30pm closed session

10. **Next Meeting Date: September 18**

Discussion: 7:58pm reopen meeting

11. **Adjourn**

Discussion: 8:00pm meeting adjourned

Board Secretary