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Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and Budget Hearing – August 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Troy Hilt in the administration office on the above date at 7:00 a.m. with everyone present, except J. W. Milliken and Cale Rieger.

Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Shawna Blanka and carried.

Items on the Consent Calendar were next considered. Following review of these items, Dustin Andrist moved, Chris Hingst seconded, and it carried to approve the consent calendar, including the following items: 1) The minutes of the regular Board meeting on July 14, 2022, and special board meeting on July 26, 2022. 2) The list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 0719036-0719043, and on checks numbering 12054-12077 on BANKWEST in the amount of \$20,772.56 and checks numbering 15971-16058 on First National Bank totaling \$230,872.32 for a grand total of \$251,644.88. 3) The Cash Summary Report, the Grade School Activity Fund Report, and the High School Activity Fund Report--all as of July 31, 2022. 4) No Gift offers.

There were no audiences.

There were no committee reports.

There was no old business.

Next under new business, the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing and the budget hearing for the 2022-2023 school year were held. There were no patrons present for the hearings. Shawna Blanka moved that the Revenue Neutral Rate and the budget be adopted as published in the July 27, 2022 edition of the St. Francis Herald; the motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

Superintendent Penka reviewed the proposed bus routes with the Board. Currently, there will be five routes, the same as last year. All of these proposed routes are still subject to change as more information becomes available. Superintendent Penka will be sending letters explaining to parents why we will not be able to pick up any students that live closer than 2 ½ miles from the school. We are need of addition drivers that have a Commercial Driver's License. One of the routes is considerably longer than the rest; Chris Hingst made a motion to pay this driver \$21.68 per hour vs. \$21.68 per route; the motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

There were two contract amendments brought before the board, after discussion Danielle McAtee made a motion to approve the amendments; seconded by Dustin Andrist and carried.

Next, Superintendent Penka informed the board that a letter of resignation was received from Anita Roxanne Martinez, she was a cook at the grade school. Shawna Blanka made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried. Superintendent Penka informed the board that we are still in need of another cook.

The hiring committee is recommending the hiring of Heidi Straub-Marquez for the Jr. /Sr. high school para position. A motion was made by Shawn Blanka, seconded by Dustin Andrist and carried to approve a contract for Ms. Marquez. Superintendent Penka informed the board that we are still in need of another paraprofessional.

The St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund has a 3-year average balance of \$85,311.47. The current Board of Education and current superintendent of schools make the decision on how to spend this money. We are allowed to spend up to 5% of the 3-year average in the fund in a given year. It has been suggested to continue three St. Francis Educational Foundation Scholarships – two for \$1,000 each to be awarded to the recipients of the KSHSAA Citizenship Award that is given each year to a senior boy and a senior girl, and one for \$500 to be given to the recipient of the Dale M. Dennis Award. Also suggested were two more scholarships, one for \$1,500 and one for \$1,000. These awards are based on ACT scores and activity participation in the senior class as well as being in the top one-third of the class. Also, there are scholarships from this account in the name of Francis Bishop Memorial accounts; amount of scholarships for this year is \$1,050.00. The total amount of scholarships for 2021-2022 school

year will be \$6,550.00. Chris Hingst made a motion to request these scholarship funds from the St. Francis Educational Fund; motion seconded by Dustin Andrist and carried.

Next, District Clerk Neitzel requested that the signature cards at BANKWEST for the Grade School and High School activity accounts be updated. Signatures on the High School activity account are David Morrow, Marilyn Raile, Traci Neitzel and Grant Wieggers. Signatures on the Grade School activity account are Anne Coon, Jackie Butler, and Traci Neitzel. Shawna Blanka made a motion to approved updating the signature cards, seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

Under miscellaneous items, Superintendent Penka reviewed the current enrollment numbers. The official student count will be on September 20, 2022.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00 A.M.**

At 9:19 a.m., Danielle McAtee moved that the meeting adjourn; the motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

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