

*Painted Desert Demonstration Projects*  
*The STAR School Board Meeting*

**STAR School Community Kitchen**

**April 26, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Chairman Mark Sorensen.

Members present: Mark Sorensen, Evelyn McCabe, Pauline Butler, and Rick St. Germaine. Thomas Walker phoned into the meeting at 12:35 pm.

Others present: Ike Ozis, Revaline Nez, and Lorissa Namingha.

Rick St. Germaine (in Ojibwemowiiin) welcomed the assemblydescribed the meaning of life

Motion was made by Rick St. Germaine and seconded by Evelyn McCabe to approve the meeting Agenda and the addition of the School Calendar as presented by Mark Sorensen. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Motion was made by Pauline Butler and seconded by Evelyn McCabe to approve the March 10, 2019 School Board meeting minutes. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Sorensen presented a report on the construction grant process. Mr. Snyder is assessing our entire solar system. There is a contract for re-piping the new well. He discussed remodeling and construction of the well site.

Motion was made by Pauline Butler and seconded by Evelyn McCabe to approve the report by Mark Sorensen. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Revaline Nez presented a report on the Alchini Bighan Dine Language assessments, pre and post, both receptive and expressive.

Mark Sorensen gave a report on the Haury Foundation application for our environmental education program.

Pauline Butler gave a report on the Wellness Program mini grant awarded to STAR School.

Pauline Butler reported on the STAR School Pow Wow on April 16. The eighth grade students raised \$9,000 which will be used for their class trip to Yakima, Washington in May.

Mark Sorensen reported that our School received a letter from ADE informing us that we needed to contract with a new auditor.

Principal Ike Ozis gave a report on academic testing of our students.

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**Action/Discussion Items**

Principal Ike Ozis presented a request from student groups to attend two overnight field trip requests from student groups with chaperones.

Motion was made by Rick St. Germaine and seconded by Pauline Butler to approve the request from the Culture Club to attend the trip to Yakima, Washington and California in May, 2019. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Motion was made by Pauline Butler and seconded by Evelyn McCabe to approve the request from the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to attend the trip to Lake Powell, Zion, and North Rim in May, 2019, with the condition that two students (not named herein who are under suspension right now) not attend and if something bad happens, the trip will be ended immediately and all will return home. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Mark Sorensen presented a proposal from Kate Hawke of Hawke Institute for fiscal sponsorship for Hawke Institute, LLC, per Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement of April 26, 2019.

Motion was made by Pauline Butler and seconded by Evelyn McCabe to approve the request from the Hawke Institute for fiscal sponsorship for Hawke Institute, LLC, per Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement of April 26, 2019. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Ike Ozis presented the proposed STAR School Calendar for SY 2019 – 2020. There was much discussion.

Motion was made by Evelyn McCabe and seconded by Pauline Butler to approve the School Calendar with a change of Harvest Festival to September 12 and with the understanding that a few minor dates will still be inserted. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Motion was made by Rick St. Germaine and seconded by Evelyn McCabe that the Board enter Executive Session at 2:58 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, employee contract renewals and offering new contracts for staff. Motion was carried 4-0-0.

The Board attempted to telephone Thomas Walker to include him via conference call. He is not feeling well today.

Motion was made by Rick St. Germaine and seconded by Evelyn McCabe that the Board leave Executive Session at 4:58 pm. Motion was carried 5-0-0.

Thomas Walker entered the meeting via teleconference at 3:40 pm.

Motion was made by Rick St. Germaine and seconded by Evelyn McCabe that all existing employees on the list below be offered contract renewals for the SY 2019 – 2020,

Alberta Nells, Alicia Saxe, Andrew LaFrate, April Willing, Arlinda Cody, Beverly Paddock, Brianna Bennett, Carol Placer, Cory Bennett, Daniel Smith, Donna Cody, Dwight Gorman, Elaine Jim, Eulalia Saganitso-David, Harriett Cody, Ismail Ozis, Lisa Kirkwood, Loretta Jones, Lorissa Namingha, Lou Johnson (hourly), Marie Monroe, Mark Sorensen, Marty Taylor, Nicole Burkhardt, Nicole Pursley, Pamela Haffner, Patricia Wiley, Pauline Butler, Rachel Teller, Revaline Nez, Robyn David.

Merlissa Gorman will be interviewed for a new position. Eleanor Begay will be offered on call substitute cook.

Motion was carried 3-0-2. (Mark Sorensen and Pauline Butler abstaining)

Mark Sorensen announced that the Board was interested in having a conversation with the public at this time but there were no public members in the room at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting of the School Board will be held on July 13, 2019.

Motion was made by Rick St. Germaine and seconded by Evelyn McCabe that the School Board adjourn at 5:02 pm. Motion was carried 5-0-0.