

BOARD NOTES:

April 10, 2018, Regular Board Meeting:

Spotlight on Students: Middlefork's 3rd grade recorder students enthusiastically performed several pieces for the Board, using an online curricular tool called Quaver Music. Given to the music department by the PTO as part of their PTO Gifts program, Quaver Music uses interactive activities and varied music styles to inspire students to learn and take on more musical challenges. Middlefork music teacher Ms. Shawna Rosen commented that she has had great success with the program.

Consent Agenda: The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the March 13th Regular Board Meeting, the minutes from the April 3rd Special Board Meeting, and the monthly bills and salaries.

Capital Improvement Update:

Middlefork School: After meetings with architects and construction managers, areas targeted for improvement have been identified as security in the main entrance, additional small group spaces, redesign of the library/computer lab, and plumbing throughout the building. Design renderings will be available for feedback in the coming months.

Sunset Ridge: We are awaiting temperatures in the 50's in order to complete remaining landscaping and pour the walking path. Once that is complete, and the health of the sod has been confirmed, the fence surrounding the playfield will come down.

Strategic Planning: The Strategic Planning Steering Committee has worked on defining the goals in a presentable way, and looks forward to gathering stakeholder feedback in the coming weeks.

Old Business: After noting minor editing changes, the Board approved Board Policy 500.08, Equal Employment Opportunity.

Audience Comments: Representatives from Sports Made Personal addressed the Board regarding their desire to rent the Sunset Ridge playfields.

New Business: The Board approved an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northfield Park District, which better defines the terms of use of the Middlefork cafeteria space. Also approved was the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northfield Police Department, which outlines reciprocal reporting procedures, confidentiality and records policies, and policies related to access to the images from district digital cameras. The Landscaping Services Agreement was approved, employing an outside company for landscaping at Sunset Ridge rather than the Park District, as the Park District has informed us that they are no longer equipped to provide services for the new property. The Agreement for Architectural Services from Wight and Co, detailing the fee structure for their work on the Middlefork Capital Improvement project, was approved, as well as the Smith Maintenance contract renewal.

Finance and Facilities: Board member Mr. Scott Subeck reported that a representative from PMA Securities led a presentation on funding bond options available to the district, as we begin to manage our funding bond timeline relative to the debt incurred in building the new Sunset Ridge. The next meeting is July 10, 2018, at 6pm.

Education Committee: The next meeting is May 7, 2018, at 6pm.

IASB: No report.

PTO: No report.

NSSED: Board member Mr. Bill Hayes reported that, as the co-op works to keep students in their home districts, they are greatly reducing their in-house staff.

Northfield Park District: Board member Mrs. Nancy Detlefsen reported that the Village is beginning their work on the Comprehensive Plan 2040.

Foundation Fund: No report.

Administrative Report: In Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange's absence, Middlefork Principal Dr. Mary Frances Greene reported that Kindergarten enrollment stands at 45, with one more student tentatively enrolled.

Recommendations: The board approved the Closed Session minutes of March 13, 2018. Also approved was Natalie Doeblen's resignation, and Meredith Rice's and Angela Schieffer's non-renewal.

Official meeting minutes will be posted on the website following their approval at the May 7, 2018, Regular Board meeting.