

GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT 26-4
FEBRUARY 10, 2021
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Gregory School District 26-4 Board of Education met February 10, 2021 for a special board meeting at 4:00 pm in the library. The following members were present: Karen Timanus, David Shoemaker, Cara Hull, Todd Schweigert, and Jason Frasch. Absent: None.

Other officers and persons present: Sara Anderson, Superintendent, via ZOOM, Kevin Myrmoe, Business Manager, Brandon York, Jessy Kenzy, Shelly Kenzy, Jennifer Klundt, Katie Bolander, Chris VanDerWerff, and Patty Connealy, Gregory Times-Advocate.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Timanus and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

During the visitors to the board meeting, Katie Bolander spoke on her opposition to the boys' basketball cooperative. Bolander stated that with the number of students that are out for boys' basketball at both schools, a cooperative is not needed. Jennifer Klundt stated that she agreed with Bolander and that Gregory has made it through years before when there was a small number of students out for basketball.

It was moved by Shoemaker and seconded by Frasch to approve the agenda. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

Old Business:

President Timanus spoke on the timeline and process of the discussion of the boys' basketball cooperative with Burke School District and the Gregory School Board's intentions. Timanus stated that an idea of a boys' basketball cooperative with Burke School District was brought to the attention of the Gregory School District from an administration team from Burke to the administration team of the Gregory School District. The Burke School District administration team was wanting feedback from those with a vested interest. Therefore, the players of the Gregory basketball team were asked to vote on whether or not they would be in favor of a basketball cooperative. A vote was taken and it was overwhelmingly not in favor of a cooperative from the players. This information was given to the Burke administration team. It was then asked by the Burke administration team to poll the parents of the players. A meeting was held with parents with boys who plays basketball in grades 7-11, and a vote was taken. It was found that 79% of the parents were not in favor of it compared to 21% that were in favor of it. Dave Shoemaker and Cara Hull, who serve on the activities cooperative committee were at this parents meeting as well as Superintendent Anderson, Activities Director Stukel, Head Coach Determan and Assistant Coach Klundt. Shoemaker and Hull then presented this information to the entire board at the December regular board meeting. At the December meeting, discussion was held pertaining to the boys' basketball cooperative, and it was decided that this is not the time to discuss this issue while the season was going on and no discussion would be held until after the season. The South Dakota High School Activities Association was contacted about the deadline relating to submitting a request for cooperative activities. SDHSAA responded and said

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that the deadline was not a hard deadline if there was discussion about a cooperative and more time was needed to get the request in. Upon this information, it was decided by the board that no more discussion would be had on a boys' basketball cooperative until the season is over and that the Gregory School District had received a formal proposal from the Burke School District. This meeting was to inform the public of the intentions of the school board.

All members of the Gregory School Board were given an opportunity to speak about the issue that was being discussed.

It was moved by Frasch and seconded by Schweigert to table the discussion of a boys' basketball cooperative until a board supported proposal is received from the Burke School District. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

It was moved by Shoemaker and seconded by Hull to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 pm. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

Karen Timanus, President

Kevin Myrmoe, Business Manager