

SULLIVAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 300
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sullivan Community Unit School District No. 300 of Moultrie, Shelby, and Coles Counties, Illinois was duly called and held on October 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sullivan High School Commons within the boundaries of said District.

President White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Florey, Horn, Stollard, White

Roll Call – Absent: None

Citizens Non-Agenda Items: None

Informational Items: None

Consent Agenda: **Motion by Stollard, seconded by Florey, to approve the following items on Consent Agenda:**

Minutes of the September 14, 2020 regular meeting.

Authorized district bills totaling \$156,492.65; activity fund expenses; and, the treasurer's report.

Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Action Items: **Approval of Updated 2020-2021 School Calendar –** Superintendent Walk presented the updated 2020-2021 school calendar. A copy of the updated calendar is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Florey moved the Board approve the updated 2020-2021 school calendar as presented. Stollard seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Personnel Report – Stollard moved, seconded by Florey, that the Board approve the personnel report. On roll call, all voted yea.

New Hires

Kayla Fayhee

7th Grade Volleyball Coach

10/13/2020

Kayla Schaal

Cafeteria Staff

10/05/2020

Principals' Reports: Building principals gave their monthly reports, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Walk stated that the school year is going extremely well although there have been many challenges. Students are genuinely excited to be in school. Many remote learners have returned to in-person learning. The teachers and administrators have done an excellent job ensuring all students are receiving an education.

The food service program is going exceptionally well. Waivers allowing all students to eat free have been extended through June 30, 2021. This gives the district the opportunity to continue serving our students and community throughout the school year.

Masonry updates have begun at Sullivan Elementary School.

The COVID situation has had remarkably little impact on our attendance. One of the biggest disruptions is sending students who have a temperature home, along with their siblings. We also have students and staff who may miss because someone in their family is getting tested. No students who have been sent home from school have tested positive. The District will continue safety protocols and monitor the situation to ensure students can stay in school. Superintendent Walk will continue to share weekly statistical updates with the community showing the District's positivity rate.

Stollard asked if there was plan to return to a full school day. Walk stated that his goal is to meet with the return-to-school committee with the potential of going to full-day attendance starting second semester.

Stollard asked for an update on winter sports.

Superintendent Walk stated that he is hopeful that IHSA/IESA will make a decision within the next two weeks.

Stollard asked if there has been an issue hiring substitute teachers. Superintendent Walk stated that there was not an issue with middle school and high school substitute teachers. However, there are fewer people willing to substitute in the elementary school. It is also a struggle to find substitutes for paraprofessionals and bus drivers.

Closed Session:

Stollard moved that the Board enter closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiations matters; student discipline; matters related to individual students; litigation; and minutes of meetings lawfully closed pursuant to Statutes Sections 5 ILCS 120/2 [c] 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 14. Seconded by Florey. Upon roll call, all voted yea. The Board entered closed session at 7:12 p.m.

Florey moved that the Board adjourn from closed session and return to open meeting at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by Stollard. Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Board at this time, there was a motion made by Florey, and seconded by Horn, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. On roll call, all voted yea.

Jeff White, President

Erik Stollard, Secretary