

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**December 15, 2020**

**7:30 p.m. Jr. High School Library**

### **CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.**

President Chad Ruppert called the regular board meeting to order and roll call was taken with seven board members present. Board members present were Janssen, Ruppert, Eisenbarth, Bauman, Fesser, Tarter, and Gasparich. Also present were Superintendent Doerr, Principal McDowell, Assistant Principal McDonald, and Principal Reedy.

Guests present included Kent Kull, Auditor and Ellen Christner. Also present remotely was Aubrey Perkins, Janelle Stolte, Randy Riecke, Taylor Bergman, Scott Herpstreith, and Cheri Herpstreith.

### **I MOVE TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 15, 2020 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Tarter seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the Board Meeting Agenda for December 15, 2020 as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Kent Kull of Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull provided the Board the FY 20 Audit and Annual Financial Report. The report contained a clean report with an overall 3.9/4.0 score, which means the audit and district finances are RECONGIZED (the highest level provided by ISBE).

The Consent Agenda included the November 17, 2020 regular and closed minutes, bills, payroll, and Treasurer's Report for approval.

### **I MOVE TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Fesser to approve the December 15, 2020 Consent Agenda as presented.

Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA. Motion passed.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Doerr reported that the monthly spreadsheet shows that the States owes the District \$123,206 as of today. This will only increase as the second mandated categorical payments are due December 31. A vast majority of the money owed is in both Early Childhood programs.

We need to make a change in the January calendar. Originally, we had a School Improvement Day scheduled for January 29; however, we have the second part of our Capturing Kids Hearts training on January 15. This is a train the trainer session where we have 7 teachers/admin and Pana has 8 teachers/admin attend a full-day session to come back to our districts to train support staff and provide a leadership role with the teachers on this concept. With a sub shortage, we felt it better just to have a half day of school and move the SIP day.

Dr. Doerr indicated that our next NPT Board of Directors meeting is December 16 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. We have not been given any information to day on the Resolution from Taylorville. Dr. Doerr also read a letter to the Board from a parent that commended our faculty and staff on the work being done with remote learners.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principals provided the Board with written reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **I MOVE TO APPROVE THE 2020 TAX LEVY FOR FY22**

Motion by Eisenbarth, seconded by Fesser to approve the 2020 Tax Levy for FY22.

Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA. Motion passed.

Dr. Doerr updated the Board on the following information related to COVID-19 and the District data collected to date for 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

We have had a total of 10 positive student cases (5 at North, 1 at JH, and 4 at HS).

We have had a total of 8 positive teacher cases (5 at North, 1 at JH, and 2 at HS).

We have had a total of 2 positive staff cases (2 at North)

Of the 4 student HS cases, we have only had to quarantine other students based on 2 cases, because we are able to keep the students at a distance. Total, either the District or MCHD has only quarantined 50 students this semester due to close contact or symptomatic cases. Currently, we have 85 HS kids on remote, of those 50 are by choice. Accordingly, we have 25 JH kids on remote, of which 16 are by choice.

At North School, we currently have 54 kids in either full-time or temporary remote learning, of which 6 are by choice. North has 29 students quarantined by either the District or MCHD.

Overall, for the entire semester and from what we were told back in August, Dr. Doerr reported these are impressive numbers and it goes to the faculty, staff, and principals to ensure that kids and district employees are following the rules, keeping their distance, and wearing masks. Dr. Doerr stated that although this is not the kind of report I wish to deliver to the Board, I can honestly say that our students, faculty, and staff are doing a tremendous job under the circumstance we are facing. It was also noted that under IDPH rules, a break-out is only when we have 5 positive cases within the same room in a 14 day span. Dr. Doerr stated that this has not happened in Nokomis this semester.

A brief discuss was had on Winter sports. At this time, the IHSA is awaiting guidance from IDPH and the Governor office to move forward. Mr. McDonald reported that the IHSA is committed to providing a time frame for basketball, football, and baseball (softball) this year as well as volleyball. Mr. McDonald informed the Board that he has several different schedules worked out with other Athletic Directors to play sports. The IHSA will meet again soon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**I MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION (I) TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE SCHOOL FACILITY OCCUPATION TAX FUND OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 22, MONTGOMERY, CHRISTIAN AND FAYETTE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, TO THE BOND AND INTEREST FUND OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT AND (II) ABATING A PORTION OF THE TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2016B, OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

Motion by Fesser, seconded by Eisenbarth to approve RESOLUTION (i) transferring funds from the school facility occupation tax fund of Community Unit School District Number 22, Montgomery, Christian and Fayette Counties, Illinois, to the bond and interest fund of said School District and (ii) abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016B, of said School District.

Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE FY20 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED BY MOSE, YOCKEY, BROWN, & KULL, INC.**

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Tarter to approve the FY20 Annual Financial Report as presented by Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull, Inc.

Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR NHS FOR THE 2021-2020 SCHOOL YEAR AS AMENDED.**

Motion by Fesser, seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the curriculum changes for the 2021-2020 school year as amended. Motion passed by voice vote.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE Intergovernmental Agreement with Panhandle CUSD #1 for Boys/Girls Soccer Cooperative for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.**

Motion by Gasparich, seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Panhandle CUSD #1 for Boys/Girls Soccer Cooperative for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. Motion passed by voice vote.

**I MOVE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:36 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATIONS, COMPENSATION, APPOINTMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION.**

Motion by Janssen seconded by Tarter to enter into closed session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of employment, evaluations, compensation, appointment and discipline of personnel and litigation.

Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 9:02P.M.**

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Eisenbarth to re-enter regular session from closed session at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed by voice vote.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF ABIGAIL HOCQ AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4, 2021.**

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Fesser to approve the employment of Abigail Hocq as a special education aide effective January 4, 2021 pending completion of paraprofessional licensure.

Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO ADJOURN**

Motion by Janssen seconded by Eisenbarth to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

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Chad Ruppert, President

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Denny Bauman, Secretary