

Minutes of the School Board Meeting  
School District of Shullsburg  
January 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-President, Jacinda Gunnell.

**Open Meeting Law**

Nathan Russell read the notice of the meeting in compliance with Open Meeting Law and Statutory Notices.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Eugene Uehling, Chad Teasdale, Lauren Ray, Jacinda Gunnell, Melanie Andrews, Nathan Russell

Absent: Lee Gill

Administration Present: District Administrator, Mark Lierman and Dana Bendorf, Principal

**Legal Meeting**

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Ray to declare the meeting a legal meeting. All voted yes, and the motion was adopted.

**Public Present**

Julie Witmer, Tammy Woodworth

**Positive News for the Shullsburg School District**

Mr. Lierman reported that the Esports teams are generating positive media coverage. They had articles in the Galena Gazette and the Telegraph Herald.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board meeting on December 9, 2020

C. Approval of Payment of Payroll and Vouchers

Monthly payroll checks #44212 through #44216 and direct deposits #15440 through #15543. The gross payroll total for December/January is \$184,981.32. Invoices approved by the Board: checks #26028 through #26160 and wire transfers #366 through #405 for a total of \$265,620.74. Total checks written for the month of January 2021 of \$450,602.06.

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by C. Teasdale to approve the consent agenda, meeting minutes from 12/9/2020 and payment of payroll & vouchers. All voted yes and the motion was adopted.

**Business**

**Consideration of and Action on Establishing Board Limits for Special Education for Open Enrollment in 2021-2022**

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Ray to approve keeping the special education numbers for open enrollment in 2021-2022 as Early Childhood-8, Elementary cross categorical-10, Middle School cross-categorical-12 and High School cross-categorical-15. On a roll call vote, all voted yes except E. Uehling who abstained and the motion was adopted.

**Consideration of and Action on Establishing Board Limits for Regular Education for Open Enrollment in 2021-2022**

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by J. Gunnell to approve to not set any limits on the regular education for open enrollment in 2021-2022. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

**Consideration of and Action on 2021-2022 District Calendar**

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by J. Gunnell to approve the 2021-2022 district calendar. All voted yes and the motion was adopted.

**Consideration of and Action on Continuing Face-Covering Mandate for Students, Staff and Visitors in the Building After the Emergency Order Expires on January 19, 2021**

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by J. Gunnell to approve extending the mandatory requirement for the wearing of facemasks by students, staff and visitors while in the school district building until further notice. On a roll call vote, 5 Yes (Uehling, Teasdale, Ray, Gunnell, Russell), 1 No (Andrews) and the motion was adopted.

**Consideration of and Action on Continuing Virtual Fridays for the Third Nine Weeks**

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Ray to approve returning to in-person 5 day weeks unless the virtual percentage in an entity is greater than 15 percent then that particular entity (Elementary, Junior High, High School) would switch to virtual learnings on Fridays until the percentage goes below 15 percent. On a roll call vote, 5 Yes (Uehling, Teasdale, Ray, Gunnell, Russell), 1 No (Andrews) and the motion was adopted.

**Consideration of and Action on a Covid-19 Exception to Conducting Final Exams for the First Semester**

No action taken.

**Discussion of Summative Student Assessment Requirements for the Second Semester of the 2020-2021 School Year**

The board will discuss this item at the next board meeting on February 10, 2021.

**Consideration of and Action on Employee Leaves Caused by Covid-19 in Light of the Ending of FFCRA on December 31, 2020**

Motion by J. Gunnell, seconded by L. Ray to approve extending the FFCRA leave through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. On a roll call vote, all voted yes except N. Russell who abstained and the motion was adopted.

**Consideration of and Action on Forming a One Year Co-op Cross Country Team with Belmont for the 2021 Season**

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Ray to approve forming a one-year co-op cross country team with Belmont for the 2021 season. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

**Discussion of Spring Football, Baseball and Softball Schedules**

Mr. Lierman stated that the football season will begin on March 8<sup>th</sup>. All football games will be played in Benton. All baseball games will be played in Shullsburg and all softball games will be played in Benton. This is a 1-year agreement due to Covid-19.

**Administrative Reports**

**Principal's Report**

Preliminary Course Numbers, Potential Staffing Levels and Scheduling Update

Mrs. Bendorf presented to the board information regarding course numbers, potential staffing levels and scheduling updates. A discussion was held and no action was needed.

**Administrator's Report**

Mr. Lierman presented information on the Cares 2.0 funding, information from a CESA meeting he attended and Covid-19 vaccination survey of the staff. He also talked about committee updates and spring election updates stating that we have 4 candidates running for 2 positions – Lee Gill, Amber Russell, Peggy Steger and Kiel Martin. He also stated that write in candidates must complete the CF1 form by noon on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Motion by L. Ray, seconded by J. Gunnell to adjourn. All voted yes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Lee Gill, Clerk