

SULLIVAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 300
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 11, 2021

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 January 11, 2021, 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 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Florey, Green, Grooms, Horn, Stollard, Wood, White

Roll Call – Absent: None

Citizens Non-Agenda Items: None

Informational Items: None

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

Minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular meeting.

Authorized district bills totaling \$74,276.46; activity fund expenses; and, the treasurer’s report.

Authorized Superintendent to Seek Bids for Bus Lease.

Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Action Items: **Approval of Resolution providing for the issue of \$1,684,200 taxable general obligation refunding school bonds, series 2021, of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the educational fund of the district – Florey moved that the Board approve the resolution providing for the issue of \$1,684,200 taxable general obligation refunding school bonds, series 2021, of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District,**

providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the educational fund of the district. Grooms seconded. Grooms seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Approval of Recommendation of Closed Session Committee – Superintendent Walk stated that the Closed Session Committee has met and is recommending that the closed session minutes of October 13, 2020 remain closed. Stollard moved that the closed session minutes of October 13, 2020 remain closed. Florey seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policies – Stollard moved that the Board approve the second reading and adoption of policies 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2:265 Title IV Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure; 4:80 Accounting and Audits; 4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds; 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:220 Substitute Teachers; 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:300 Graduation Requirements; 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students; 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program; 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students; 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited; 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics; 7:325 Student Fundraising Activities. Seconded by Green. On roll call, all voted yea.

Closed Session - Horn 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 6:37 p.m.

Green moved that the Board adjourn from closed session and return to open meeting at 7:01 p.m. Seconded by Grooms. Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Personnel Report – No action to be taken at this time.

Stollard asked if coaches were all prepared if IHSA allows us to return to sports. Walk stated we do have a majority of coaches hired. Fifth and sixth grade coaches would need to be hired if IESA allows them to play.

Discussion At Large: The Board discussed at-large versus township elections. Legislation dictates that if a Board has to appoint a seat on the Board, they are required to put a question on the ballot as to whether to go to an at-large election or continue with township elections. The question concerned putting the question on the ballot in April or November. After much discussion, the Board felt the issue should wait until the November election.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Walk stated that the change of cafeteria service has been successful. There will be significant funds this year that are required to be spent in the food service area. These funds will allow us to upgrade walk-in coolers, dishwashers, ovens and tables.

Superintendent Walk discussed possible budget cuts or a budget freeze from the State of Illinois.

Superintendent Walk discussed future CARES grant funds. Significant funds have been allotted to schools to be spent for specific purposes. Those funds have not yet been received.

Stollard asked about the status of the middle school building. Superintendent Walk stated that our architect will review building conditions with Mr. Landrus. White stated that the important question to ask is if the building is meeting the needs of the District.

Wood mentioned the need for a bus garage because of the size of the buses. Mr. Walk acknowledged the

concern over the height of the bus garage doors adding that the bus leases will be due for renewal soon and an increase in cost is anticipated.

Superintendent Walk reminded the Board of the planning session on February 6.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Board at this time, there was a motion made by Stollard, and seconded by Florey, to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. On roll call, all voted yea.

Jeff White, President

Erik Stollard, Secretary