

SULLIVAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 300
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
December 14, 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 December 14, 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 6:33 p.m.

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

Roll Call – Absent: Florey

Citizens Non-Agenda Items: None

Informational Items: None

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

Minutes of the November 9, 2020 regular meeting.

Authorized district bills totaling \$229,480.97; activity fund expenses; and, the treasurer's report.

Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Action Items: **Approval of FY20 Audit** – Superintendent Walk presented the FY20 Audit stating the District has a recognition status which is the highest ranking you can have. In 2019 in August we did not get a notice of budget hearing in a timely fashion and we also exceeded cash reserves for more than 3 months of expenses on the food service program last year so we are doing a formal analysis to make sure we are spending down the right amounts of money with things like dishwashers and equipment. Green moved that the Board approve the fiscal year 2020 audit. Grooms seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Florey joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Approval of 2020 Payable 2021 Tax Levy – Superintendent Walk recommended approval of the 2020 payable 2021 tax levy as presented. The overall tax levy is \$4,927,053. The estimated tax rate is 4.0706% which is an estimated rate decrease of 0.01%. The superintendent recommended increases in the following funds: education, \$133,146; transportation, \$12,104; fire, \$3,026; special education, \$2,421; operations & maintenance, \$30,260; working cash, \$3,026; leasing/rental, \$3,026; tort, \$46,494. The Superintendent is recommending a decrease in the following funds: municipal retirement, \$11; SSI, \$7. Motion by Grooms, seconded by Stollard to approve the 2020 payable 2021 tax levy as presented. On roll call, all voted yea.

Approval of the 2021-2022 Course Description Book – Stollard moved that the Board approve the recommended changes to the 2021-2022 course description book. Seconded by Grooms. On roll call, all voted yea.

Schedule Winter Board Planning Session - The Board scheduled the Winter Planning Session for Saturday, February 6, 2021.

Approval of First Reading of Policies – Stollard moved that the Board approve the first reading 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, m Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited;

7:330 Extracurricular Athletics; 7:325 Student Fundraising Activities. Wood seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Policies –

Stollard moved that the Board approve the second reading and adoption of policies 2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure; 4:180, Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery; 7:190, Student Behavior; 7:340, Student Records; 7:345, Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security. Green seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Authorize Sale of Surplus Items – Green moved that the Board authorize the Superintendent to dispose of or sell the following items at public or private sale:

Desktop Computers

Various states of Working / Removed Parts etc.

Optiplex 390 - 5

Optiplex 380 - 12

Optiplex 330 - 1

Optiplex 960 - 7

Optiplex 3010 - 25

Optiplex 755 - 4

Gx520 -1

In EQ Waste / Broken

Old surveillance cameras - 4

19" monitors / Flat Screen - 5

non-functional projectors - 3

Box of broken LCDs and Digitizers from iPads

Miscellaneous Projector Lamps, Cords, etc.

Broken smart boards

DVIt Smart Board - 1

CP1056 72" - 2

Small Smartboard 50" - 2

Seconded by Green. On roll call all voted yea.

Closed Session - None.

Approval of Early Graduation Requests - Florey moved that the Board approve early graduation requests of Student A and Student B. Seconded by Wood. On roll call, all voted yea.

Personnel Report – Stollard moved that the Board approve the personnel report as follows:

Termination:

Kayla Schaall	Full—time cafeteria staff	11/5/20
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New Hires:

Jennifer Greuel	Full-time cafeteria staff	11/16/20
Jessie Warren	Paraprofessional	1/5/21

Transfer of Employment:

Michelle Kinder	Transfer from part-time To full-time paraprofessional	1/5/21
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IESA/IHSA Program Volunteer:

Michael VanDeursen	Asst. HS Boys Basketball Coach	12/14/20
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Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Walk stated that as of December 2, only 170,000 of the 1.9 million students in Illinois are attending school in person. Sullivan schools has over 1,000 students attending school in person, which is approximately .6% of the students in Illinois. That is a complement to all staff. There has been no transmission among students at school and all buildings have remained open. After President's Day, administration is tentatively planning on returning to a full-day of instruction for all buildings.

Mr. Walk acknowledged Jessica Reeder for organizing 12 different activities administrators did for their staff members prior to Christmas break.

At the January Board meeting, Mr. Walk intends to discuss refinancing bonds. This would allow the district to take advantage of lower interest rates with the goal of restructuring our debt so that tax rates stay the same while paying off the bonds four years earlier than projected.

Superintendent Walk is analyzing using health life safety bonds to remodel the bathrooms in the west wing of

the high school this summer.

IHSA met recently. They're waiting for Tier 3 mitigations to cease before they develop a plan to return to play.

Stollard asked about the plan for remote learners second semester. Mr. Walk stated that principals contacted remote learners. The District is encouraging remote learners with a failing grade to return to in-person learning. Our remote learner numbers are decreasing.

Stollard asked if there was a concern regarding all high school and middle school sports being compressed into a 5-month period. Mr. Walk stated that some sports will be pushed into the summer. Baseball, softball, and track have been pushed beyond the school year. Mr. Walk added that if we have all seasons they will likely be abbreviated.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Board at this time, there was a motion made by Stollard, and seconded by Grooms, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. On roll call, all voted yea.

Jeff White, President

Erik Stollard, Secretary