

Staunton Community Unit School District #6

February 20, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Summary of Minutes

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Consent Agenda

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Bills/Payroll/Treasurer's Report
- Minutes
- Personnel Report
 - Recommendation for Hire
 - James Boyer – Custodian
 - Adam Schulte – SHS Asst. Track
 - Ron Ooten – Substitute Bus Driver
 - Beth McNaughton – Substitute Cook
 - Approval of Volunteers
 - Jarid Schulte – SHS Asst. Track
 - Josh Heltsley – SHS Asst. Track
 - Recognition of Resignations and Retirements
 - The Board recognized the resignation Zac Ferguson as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach with thanks for service.
 - The Board recognized the resignation of Ginny Flemming as Head Cook effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year with thanks for service.
 - The Board recognized the resignation of Doug Schilling as Agriculture Teacher effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year with thanks for service.
 - The Board approved Diane Dal Pazzo for a general unpaid leave of absence effective February 21, 2018 through March 19, 2018.
 - The Board approved a paternity leave request for Kyle McBrain.
 - Destruction of Closed Session Recordings older than 18 months

Administrator Reports

The Board recognized SHS students Honor Baker and Ariana Coan who were selected to participate in the Future Music Educators Seminar.

Speaker Aaron Thomas will be speaking to student athletes at SHS/SJH student athletes during the afternoon of March 12th. The community and coaches are invited to a presentation at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Mr. Thomas will speak on overcoming adversity, the power of one, and standing for something.

Presenter Blake Fly will be speaking with all 7th-12th grade students on Wednesday, Feb 21 regarding having a positive outlook, respecting others, and improving overall campus culture.

Superintendent Cox reported that the first quarter mandated categorical payments have just now arrived from the State. Tier funding under the new evidence based funding model has yet to be distributed; however, the Illinois State Board of Education reports the funding is still on schedule to be distributed in April. Superintendent Cox further reported on the negative impacts that a pension cost shift would have on the district and property tax payers as well as the difficulties of the teacher shortage crisis districts throughout Illinois are facing.

Financial Report

Informational Discussion of Madison County 1% School Facilities Occupation Tax

On March 20, 2018 the voters of Madison County will be asked to approve a proposal to provide funding to all county school districts through a 1-cent sales tax increase. The question appears on the ballot as follows:

“Shall a retailer’s occupation tax and service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a “Sales Tax” be imposed in Madison County at a rate of one (1) percent to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?”

Revenue from the Madison County Sales tax follows the student at an estimated \$595 per student. Based on 430 district student residing in Madison County, District #6 is estimated to receive \$174,000 if approved.

Unfinished Business

The following items were approved:

- Adoption of the Latin Honor System at SHS.
- Approval of the fuel bid from M&M Services for the District transportation fleet.
- Approval of the intergovernmental agreement with the state of Illinois/Department of Natural Resources for the A.R. Graiff School Demolition Project.
- Approval of the bid from General Waste Services, Inc. of \$194,695 for the demolition of A.R. Graiff Elementary School pending the completion of the intergovernmental agreement with IDNR.

In other unfinished business Board discussed progress in developing an invitation for bid for food management services. The adoption of updated and newly written board policies was tabled.

New Business

The Board discussed a possible donation for a digital marquee in front of Staunton High School.

The Board was informed by Superintendent Cox and gave direction to post for the following teaching positions: Elementary Education, Special Education, Agriculture Education.

Action on Items Following Closed Session

- The District Sequence of Honorable Dismissal List was approved.
- The part-time IT position filled by Austin Holloway was expanded to full-time.
- A retirement agreement for SHS teacher Bruce Malone was approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Staunton CUSD #6 Board of Education will be held Monday, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Library.