

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 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 Ellen Christner, Randy Reike, Dan DeWerff, Tanya Engelman, and Michelle Ingram.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 20, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Tarter to approve the Board Meeting Agenda for October 20, 2020 as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Consent Agenda included the September 22, 2020 regular and closed minutes, bills, payroll, and Treasurer's Report for approval.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Fesser, seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the October 20, 2020 Consent Agenda as presented.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The month spreadsheet shows that the State of Illinois owes us \$105,174.39 in transportation, special education, early childhood, etc. Again, we are waiting on the November 3 election on the results of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment to see if the General Assembly and the Governor changes the state budget. I am being told that the Spring session could be interesting with school mandates, laws, and of course the budget. We will definitely be keeping an eye on it moving forward.

We had one FOIA request this month from Robert Degree from ADAC seeking information from the last 5 years on special education IEP's and funding. I had to have Mid-State provide a lot of this information, so an extension was requested and granted. All information was received by MSSE and NPT to complete the request and it was emailed in a timely fashion.

We have a NPT Board meeting on the 28th. The Taylorville School Board had a committee meeting tonight and after misinformation was presented to them, they voted to withdraw from the NPT Cooperative – this will now go to the full Board of Education soon. I should learn more information on their request at the 28th meeting to see what they want to do, why they want to withdraw, and what parameters they are seeking. This issue must be approved one of two ways: 1) by both the Nokomis and Pana Board's of Education, or 2) by the Regional School Board of Trustees. Once I learn more information, I will come with a recommendation.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principals provided the Board with written reports.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Doerr presented the following information regarding COVID-19 and remote learnings: So far, we have had 1 positive COVID student case and 2 positive teacher cases in the District (one in each building unrelated). We have been seeing a larger number of parents request students come back to in-person, which we are allowing. Also, by January, we will be ready to open a 3rd section of Pre-K since we are receiving request to return or more students are turning 3 years old by that date. In addition, we are preparing for St. Louis Pre-K program to temporary close, because their teacher has retired and will again in late November, so we might have a few of those students come to our program.

Our remote numbers are as follows (as of 10/15/2020, but these numbers have decreased as of the Board meeting):

North School: 9% full time and a total of 15% full and part-time.

JH/HS: 11% full time and a total of 18% full and part-time.

District: 10% full time and a total of 17% full and part-time.

Lastly, after a lengthy ROE meeting a few weeks ago, we determined that once a district decided to go in-person learning, that is was only recommended that we offer a remote choice to parents. We have several students who are not doing anything or participating in classes in remote learning; therefore, we do have the ability to rescind remote learning to those students who are NOT participating or working in remote learning. The Principals and I will start identifying those kids and require them to come back to school very soon.

I MOVE TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF THE UPDATED BOARD POLICIES, EXHIBITS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (ISSUE #105).

Motion by Fesser seconded by Eisenbarth to approve I move to approve First Reading of the updated Board Policies, Exhibits, and Administrative Procedures (Issue #105). Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 KIFCO B140 WATER REEL WITH TRADE-IN FROM CORNWELL EQUIPMENT FOR \$6,500.00.

Motion by Eisenbarth, seconded by Tarter to approve the purchase of a 2016 KIFCO B140 water reel with trade-in from Cornwell Equipment for \$6,500.00

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

I MOVE TO ADJOURN

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