

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, , JULY 15, 2021

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, July 15, 2021, with the following members present: Mr. Gard, Mr. Eitel, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross was also present.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Gard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the open comment session, Becky Goldsberry offered a prayer.

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and bills from the month of June. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Minutes, treasurer's report, bills approved

The Facilities Committee met before the board meeting. Mr. Ross discussed with the board about the facility projects that were discussed. The biggest proposed project will be the HVAC system and air ventilation system (which would replace the window AC units, replace most radiators, air conditioning in McNary Gym, the cafeteria and Ross Gym) at the high school. Also proposed are fire alarm updates for the high school and Jr. High schools; needed upgrades to the electric panels at the high school, North School and the Unit Office; and roof insulation and new roofing for McNary Gym. Work on the proposed facility projects will start in the summer of 2022 and continue into the summer of 2023. All portions of the project are still negotiable and pricing is budgetary until the contract is executed in September.

Proposed facility projects discussed

Mr. Ross discussed the plans for returning to school in August. The Illinois Department of Health and the Illinois State Board of Education have adopted the CDC guidelines concerning school opening and Covid. "This will allow local control to make data-based decision within those CDC guidelines, said Mr. Ross.

Guidelines for returning to school in August

Guidelines for the opening of school in August include:

- Daily, in person learning for all
- Remote learning only if student is quarantined—will requires a doctor's note
- Masks are recommended but not required at school
- Masks will be required on school busses
- Classrooms will continue to be 3 to 6 foot distancing
- Meals will be served in classrooms
- Lunches will be free to all students again this school year
- Special classes—art, music, computer—will be back in their own classrooms
- Outside activities and P.E. classes will return to pre-covid standards
- Sporting events will have no restrictions for the athletes or crowds
- Locker rooms will be open

- No pre-certification or self-certification will be required. There will still be optional testing if symptoms appear in students or staff
- Bus routes will begin the same way they ended at the end of the school year
- Students may be dropped off at 7:45 am and go straight to their classrooms
- Open houses will be virtual except for Kindergarten
- Parent-Teacher Conferences and IEP meetings will have a choice of remote or in-person
- Sixth grades will exchange classrooms for different subjects
- Visitors cannot eat lunch with a student in school, but can pick up the student and take out to lunch
- Vaccinations are not required.

Mr. Ross emphasized that the school district reserves the right to change the guidelines to be more restrictive or less restrictive based on health data and input from the Health Department. The Clark County Health Department and the local doctors work closely with the district.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to adopt a resolution to issue bonds not to exceed \$6.2 million. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. A hearing will be held at the August meeting.

Adopted resolution to issue bonds not to exceed \$6.2 million

A review of the existing closed session minutes is required every 6 months. The board reviews these minutes in January and July. Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Melissa, to keep closed the closed session minutes. All present voted aye.

Approved keeping closed session minutes closed

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to approve the following bids: milk—Prairie Farms; bread—Aunt Millie’s; and the primary food provider will be Kohl’s with B & B Foods are the secondary.

Milk, bread, food bids approved

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to go into session for the purposes listed under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(personnel) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)(negotiations). On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The board went into session at 6:30p.m.

Closed session

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

Open session

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve Jenna Ockerman’s extended leave as presented. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved J. Ockerman’s maternity leave

Mr. Eitel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to employ Courtney Davidson as a special education teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Employed C. Davidson as sp. Ed teacher

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, to approve Tiffany Huisinga's resignation as an elementary teacher. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved T. Huisinga's resignation

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve health insurance coverage for non-MEA staff as presented. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved health ins for non-MEA

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, to approve a pay raise for non-MEA employees. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved pay raise for non-MEA

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve a salary raise for bus drivers as presented. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved salary raise for bus drivers

Mr. Jacob offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to approve the extra-curricular spring coaches and sponsors as presented. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved spring extra-curricular spring coaches

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Adjourn

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Extra-curricular spring coaches and sponsors:

Junior High:

Boys' Track – Jeff Whitmore

Girls' Track—Sue Jennings

Asst. Jr. High Track—Madison Henry

Scholastic Team—Angie Perry

Scholastic Team—Scott Gant

High School:

Head Boys' Track—Mike Farrell

Assistant Softball—Gina Campbell

Head Girls' Track—Ryan Arthur

Assistant Track—Becky Farrell

Head Baseball—Todd Venters

Assistant Baseball—Colan Miller

F/S Baseball—Justin Musselwhite

Head Softball—Ryan McGuire

