

SULLIVAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 300
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

August 9, 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 August 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sullivan High School Commons within the boundaries of said District.

President Pro Tem Horn called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and appointed Norm Wood as Secretary Pro Tem.

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

Roll Call – Absent: Stollard, White

Superintendent’s Report: Superintendent Walk thanked the principals, Kevin Landrus, Mark Waelde, and Jessica Keith for their work over the summer. Mr. Walk added that the Governor passed an executive order that requires masks in school. We are still consulting with various entities. The primary stance on our position is our goal is to follow the CDC guidance. The CDC guidance was very much in line with the policy we adopted on July 9. That policy said that masks are required on school buses and recommended in other places. The CDC guidance is still that. We continue to look at the ramifications if we follow the CDC guidance. There's been a lot of consulting with attorneys and insurance agents. Mr. Walk and Mr. Horn met with Representative Brad Halbrook today to discuss possible solutions. Our goal is, if permissible we want to maintain our previous decision to follow CDC guidance but our attorney and insurance company are going to drive that decision. We will make the most informed decision that we can, and we'll have that later this week.

Citizens Non-Agenda Items:

Stephanie Helmuth addressed the Board regarding Governor Pritzker’s mask mandate.

Zak Standerfer addressed the Board thanking them for their hard work and dedication to Sullivan School District.

President Pro Tem Horn added that he feels it is very challenging for any district to stand in opposition to the Governor's mandate. Horn added that the case law is very solid and the steps that this board would have to take to stand in opposition to that mask mandate would mean that the Board and the District would be taking significant risks. Florey agreed with Horn stating that he would not want to risk the District losing funding and accreditation.

Informational Items: None.

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

Minutes of the July 12, 2021 regular meeting and August 2, 2021 special meeting.

Authorized bills totaling \$267,557.27; activity fund payables; and, the treasurer's report.

Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Action Items: **Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement -** Green moved the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Sullivan to provide a School Resource Officer as presented. Florey seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Second Reading and Adoption of Policies – Stollard moved that the Board approve the second reading and adoption of policies 1:30, School District Philosophy; 2:10, School District Governance; 2:130, Board-Superintendent Relationship; 2:240, Board Policy Development; 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance; 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; 6:145, Migrant Students; 6:160, English Learners; 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day; 6:235, Access to Electronic Networks; 6:260,

Complains About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs; 6:300, Graduation Requirements; 6:310, High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students; 6:340, Student Testing and Assessment; 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; 7:220, Bus Conduct; 7:300, Extracurricular Athletics; 7:325, Student Fundraising Activities; 8:90, Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs as presented. Green seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Personnel Report – Florey moved, seconded by Grooms, that the Board approve the personnel report. On roll call, all voted yea.

New Hires

Alisha Alms
Totie Plummer

Paraprofessional
Cafeteria

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Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Board at this time, there was a motion made by Florey, and seconded by Green, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. On roll call, all voted yea.

Zachary Horn, President Pro Tem

Norm Wood, Secretary Pro Tem