

MINUTES OF THE **Regularly** scheduled MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STAUNTON COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #6, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois, held in the school Library on Monday, March 19th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order Regular Meeting

A. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll call

President Chris Tingle called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 pm in the school Library. Roll was taken: Board members Scott Skertich, Janice Kinder, Dave Lamore, Stephanie Legendre, John Renner, and Chris Tingle were present. Kim Peterson absent. Administration in attendance were Superintendent Dan Cox, High School Principal Brett Allen, Grade School Principal Nancy Werden, and assistant principal Ryan McGowan.

B. Approval of agenda

Lamore made a **motion** to approve the regular agenda as presented. Legendre seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner and Tingle voted to approve the agenda as presented. Peterson absent.

II. Recognition of Public/Visitors

President Tingle acknowledged Kelly Costa, reporter from the Staunton Star Times, the 7th grade IESA 4th Place State Volleyball team and their coaches, Lilly Aljets (and her coaches) for her 4th Place Medal at the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association State Tournament, Stacy Slifka (alumni officer of the FFA), Dennis Rhoades, and Jimmy Aljets. Mrs. Slifka told the Board that as an FFA alumni officer, they were sadden to see the current Ag teacher, Doug Schilling, leave. She said that the alumni hoped that in hiring a new Ag teacher he would possess the following qualities: leadership, discipline, compassion, determination, and teamwork (in the past 10 years the FFA alumni has raised \$77,000 in scholarships for our Ag students, provided various materials for the Ag Department, sponsored week long educational trips in the summer for the students, and provided money for the greenhouse).

Mr. Rhoades wanted to speak to the Board to discuss his displeasure over some of the students participating in a 17-minute national school walk out (March 14th) to honor the 17 lives that were lost in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS in Florida. He felt the students should have been punished for walking out of class and disrupting the school day. He felt that the school was setting themselves up for a lawsuit and precedent 'has been set' for future walkouts over a variety of other political causes. He said school resources (the students gathered on the track and football field in their 17 minute of remembrance with faculty and police present for their safety) should not be used for 'political purposes. He continued by saying the parents were not notified and he spoke to Superintendent Cox about this. Mr. Cox responded by reading a portion of his Superintendent's report (see IV. B) to explain the District's position.

Mr. Aljets wanted to thank the Board for allowing his kids to participate in the co-op wrestling program with Mt. Olive. His son, John, placed 3rd in the IHSA Regional and his daughter, Lilly Aljets, received a 4th Place Medal at the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association State Tournament. He also thanked the coaches for all their hard work.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Bills/Payroll/Treasurer's Report

B. Approval of Minutes Regular and Closed from February 2018

C. Approval of Personnel Report:

a. Recognition of Resignation(s) and Retirements-

- 1) The Board recognizes the resignation of. John Kolesar as Jr High Girls Track Coach with thanks for service.
- 2) The Board recognizes the resignation of Kendra Elliott as SHS Red Roses Dance Team with thanks for service.
- 3) The Board recognizes the resignation of Jenny Robison as SHS assistant cheer coach with thanks for service.

- 4) The Board recognizes the resignation of JaiLynn Perrine as a cook and substitute custodian with thanks for service.
- 5) The Board recognizes the notice of intent to retire from Victoria Thomason as a Staunton Elementary School Teacher effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year with thanks for service.
- 6) The Board accepts the irrevocable notice of intent to retire from Bruce Malone as a Staunton High School Teacher effective on or about the end of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year with thanks for service.

b. Recommendations for Hire-

- 1) Jr High Girls Track Coach- Sarah Schulte

c. Approval of Employee maternity leave request-

- 1) Kendra Elliott

d. Approval of Amended Public School Calendar

To date the District has utilized two of the five allotted emergency days. If this remains to be true the amended end of the year calendar will close with the last day of student attendance on May 17 and Teacher Institute May 18.

- March 29-April 2: Spring Break
- SJH Promotion: May 17, 9:00 a.m. – Gymnasium
- SHS Graduation: May 18, 7:00 p.m. – Gymnasium
- Last Day of Student Attendance: May 17, 2018
- Teacher Institute: May 18, 2018

e. Approval of IHSA Membership Renewal

f. Acceptance of Donations-None

g. Destruction of Closed Session recordings older than 18 months

f. Approval of Employee unpaid leave of absence-Diane Dal Pazzo for a general unpaid leave of absence effective March 21, 2018 through April 16, 2018

Superintendent Cox recommended the approval of the consent agenda as presented. Renner made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kinder seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the agenda as presented. Peterson absent.

IV. Administrator Reports

The Board recognized the 7th grade IESA 4th Place State Volleyball team (22-3) and their coaches Jeanene Lucykow and Katie Baima. Mr. Cox told the crowd how proud the District was of the girls accomplishment, how hard they worked this year, and how they displayed so much class representing Staunton at the state tournament. The Board also acknowledged Lilly Aljets for her 4th Place Medal at the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association State Tournament. Mr. Cox told the crowd that she made history this year because she was the first Staunton girl athlete to medal at state. This was Lilly's first year of wrestling.

The Principals also gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding the professional development programs that has been offered to the faculty the second semester. Mr. Allen told the Board that after school in house Goggle training has been offered by the technology team three times this year (with 3 more to be offered). Mrs. Werden told the Board that they have offered social/emotional development training which provided for poverty simulation to give teachers a better understanding of problems faced by families living in poverty.

Principal reports

Grade school Report- Nancy Werden

- **Testing-PARCC** Testing has begun and will to continue to run the remainder of this month. Science testing for 5th and 8th grade will be in April.

- **IPA Student Recognition**-The Illinois Principal's Association had a breakfast March 14th at Greenville College to honor area students for attitude, effort, and achievement. Andrew Hendricks was the elementary student and Emma Tjaden was the middle school student selected for the student recognition breakfast.
- **Pre-K Family Engagement Night**- Family Engagement Night will be March 21st in the old gym. Josh McVicar, a magician, will entertain. Parents and students will also receive books and learning strategies tied to the event. The event begins at 6:00p.m.
- **5K**-The 5K Race was scheduled for March 16th but was postponed a week because of the weather. Breakfast will be provided by our retired staff members (Theresa Jarden, Marthee Rizzi, Donna Ruhrup, and Evonne Fritz) and students from Ms.Stone's class. Mr.Kolesar and Mr.Eisenbarth put a lot of time and effort into organizing and training. Student council and their sponsors, Mrs.Potthast and Mrs.Thackrey, set up concessions for the students. She thanked all staff members who make this event possible every year and encourage the students to exercise and lead healthier lives.
- **Volleyball**- Congratulations to our 8th grade girls for making it to sectionals at Vandalia on March 12th and to our 7th Grade Volleyball Girls for winning 4th at State.
- **IGSMA**-The following Choir students participated in the IGSMA Solo & Ensemble contest held here at Staunton, on March 10, 2018. Soloists- Jonathan Baker, Olivia Black, Abbie Combs, Katie Cook, Maia Dothager, Isabella Henning, and Kendall Sigafos. Duets- Lizzie Miller and Lillie Mathis, Isabella Henning and Caroline Goldasich. Treble Ensembles- Katie Cook, Lexi Hester, Aubree Eckhardt, and Taylor Degler, and Isabella Henning, Olivia Black, Grace Bandy, and Caroline Goldasich, and Brianna Fenimore, Emily Royer, and Brenna Horton.

The following band students participated in the IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest hosted at Staunton Junior High School on Saturday, March 10th:

Ava Roller, Tyler Melchert, Zane Anderson, McKenna Tosh, Allyson Kahrhoff, Abby Combs, Olivia Black, Katie Cook, Lily Burke, Jonathan Daugherty, Maia Dothager, Ali Fritz, Kendall Sigafos, Jack Pritchett, Joseph Cisler, Caroline Goldasich, Grace Bandy, Sarah Lesko, Olivia Skertich, Geoffrey Delaney, Zach Young, Lizzie Miller, Lillie Mathis, Claire Rantanen, Blake Moore, Jared Ury, Kate Wineburner, Samantha Anderson, Julie Aloisi, Grace Bandy, Brock Ahrens, Kevin Kays, Luke Goldasich, Jonathan Baker, Jack Sigafos, Zach Painter, Max Eldred, Nicholas Monahan, Hunter Rantanen, Lexi Hester, Thomas Ogata, Eli Henke, Brady Seelbach, Joseph Siegfried, Lily Pelo, Gianna Bianco, Breanna Baldwin-Zurek, Victor Buehler, Jonathan Baker, Priya Siegfried, Vivienne Dothager, Drake DuFrain, Lily Bandy, Presley Rantanen.

Staunton Bands, in conjunction with the Staunton Band Boosters, hosted the Illinois Grade School Music Association District 1 Solo & Ensemble Contest at Staunton Junior High School on Saturday, March 10th. This is the first time in over 25 years that Staunton has hosted the event. Five area schools, including Staunton, Litchfield, Hillsboro, Southwestern and Carlinville participated with nearly 300 entries of both instrumental and vocal musicians. Students in grades 5-8 performed before judges to obtain individual comments and an overall rating. Those individuals that placed high enough on their scores will advance to the State Contest in May.

High School Report- Brett Allen

- He congratulations Lilly Aljets for her 4th Place Medal at the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association State Tournament on Saturday, March 10th.
- Bryce Buzick was recognized at the 2018 Illinois Principal's Association Student Recognition Breakfast on Wednesday, March 14th. Brett attended the event with Bryce and his mother and we were addressed by guest speaker, Dr. Ivan Filby, President of Greenville University. Bryce was recognized for his academic achievement and success at SHS and his strong character and leadership abilities.

- The annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was also held on Wednesday, March 7th in the Auditorium with a cake and punch reception following. He congratulated the new inductees.
- He congratulated Brady Kinder for being nominated as the Staunton student representative for the St. Louis Post Dispatch Scholar Athlete of the year award. Students must be in the top 25 percent of their senior class, academically, and play at least one varsity sport.
- Band and Choir students participated in the IHSA Solo & Ensemble contest on March 3rd, 2018 at Southwestern High School. Details of the student performances are listed below:
Choir students that performed at the IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest: Solo- Honor Baker, Missy Huddleston, and Emily Slifka; Duet - Tori Hester & Kaylie Stahlhut; Mixed Ensemble - Honor Baker, Ariana Coan, Rowan Dothager, Maggie Hartzel, Cody Newcomb, and Emily Slifka. The Mixed Ensemble won "Best of Day" from their judge.
- The following band students participated in the IHSA Solo/Ensemble Contest: Mackenzie Sievers, Sonali Jain, Analise Best, Kaylee Seelbach, Honor Baker, Nicholas Hoffstetter, Holly Bollman, Jacob Ury, Ariana Coan, Ethan Ogata and Maggie Hartzel. Students performed as soloists and in small group ensembles for judges. Students received written commentary and an overall rating.
- Upcoming High School Assessments:
SAT on Tuesday, April 10th
ACT on Saturday, April 14th
Illinois Science Assessment April 23rd – 27th
- The Fine Arts & Industrial Arts Exhibition will take place on Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Gym.
- The FFA is hosting Barnyard Zoo Day on Friday, April 6th.
- Spring Break begins Wednesday, March 28th at 2:00 PM. School resumes on Tuesday, April 3rd.
- Spring Sports are underway. Check the School Activities Calendar for the most up to date schedules. The calendar can be found on the district website.

B. Superintendent Dan Cox

A.R. Graiff Demolition Update

As previously reported to the Board after several steps and delays out of the District's control all necessary steps between the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and the District have been completed to begin abatement and demolition. Unfortunately, he was informed by IDNR that yet another delay now exists. We now must wait on final approval by the Federal Government. We are currently in a window where we can handle a small delay, however, a much longer delay will be problematic as the contractor has work planned for May and June. He requested Representative Bourne and Senator Manar help to expedite approval and within 24 hours we were given the go-ahead to start abatement beginning next week.

Community Café

As part of the District's strategic plan to increase communication, transparency, and trust the communications team held a Community Café on March 1st. Community Cafes are a series of guided conversations hosted by school staff members. These conversations use the World Café technique to increase community wisdom, build parent voice, and facilitate action to improve lives for children. The topics discussed at our first café were bullying and school safety, 'Did you know?' – Interesting facts about Staunton Schools and the community, and resources in our area for families – health, educational, and financial. Approximately 20-30 attended the Café.

Safety and Security

The education of our students and the overall safety of students and faculty are top priorities at Staunton Schools. Safety discussions and practices are ongoing at Staunton Schools and is now in the spotlight as well as a topic many conversations. At our schools we have many plans, procedures, and practices in

place and are continuing to enhance our district's safety efforts. The schools have the following plans and practices in place:

- Comprehensive Emergency Response Plans,
- Modes of Communication with First Responders,
- Member of the Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center Information Sharing System,
- Locked Facilities,
- Visitor and student check-in, check-out requirements,
- Identification Requirements,
- Background Checks for Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers,
- Mandated Safety Drills,
- Planning Efforts with First Responders,
- Facility and Risk Mitigation Audits i.e. Health Life Safety Inspections, Workers Compensations Safety Audits, Fire Marshall Inspections, Property Insurance Audits, OSHA Inspections,
- Social Emotional Learning Training/Trauma Informed Practice for Staff,
- CPR Training,
- Increased Input from Stakeholders.

Moving forward the District plans to start and/or expand on the following:

- Increased communication with Stakeholders i.e. improved modes/methods of communication website, e-mail, texting, social media, telephone,
- Public safety information posted,
- Enhanced safety and floor plans with faculty, staff, and first responders,
- Enhanced training for faculty and staff,
- Conduct security and safety assessments with Department of Justice software,
- Conduct safety plan and facility audit with school safety expert,
- Establishing and training a risk assessment team,
- Increased stakeholder outreach and education efforts,
- Continued social emotional supports and trauma informed practice for faculty and students.

The above existing and future plans are examples of what is currently in place and/or being planned but is not a comprehensive list. Steve Webb will be coming to our school in the near future for a free walkthrough of our school and a discussion of safety improvements we can make.

Madison County 1% School Facilities Sales Tax

Madison County residents will have the opportunity to vote for the 1% sales tax during the March 20th primary. Dave Lamore and Mr. Cox met with (2) Madison County residents at the Livingston Village Hall last week for an informational meeting. If approved, the District will gain an estimated \$174,000/year to be used for capital projects and student safety.

Food Service Management Invitation for Bid

The IFB has been submitted to ISBE for review. Upon initial review, ISBE only requested five minor revisions. The revisions have been made and resubmitted for review.

Aaron Thomas

On March 12th the District hosted Aaron Thomas to speak with Jr. high and high school athletes during the afternoon and families during the evening. Aaron is a former teacher and is still a coach, principal, and public speaker. Aaron's father, Ed Thomas, was the National High School Coach of the Year who inspired the town of Parkersburg, Iowa and led efforts to rebuild the community and schools after being struck by an E F-5 tornado. One year after reopening the school, Ed Thomas was tragically

shot to death by a former student athlete suffering from mental health and drug addiction issues. Ed Thomas was supervising 22 student athletes in the weight room at the time of his death.

Following are just a few of the thoughts Mr. Cox had after listening to Aaron during the afternoon and evening:

- Never forget where you came from.
- Staunton is a special place.
- Our students can go anywhere and be anything with the support they have from the community and schools at Staunton.
- Adversity doesn't build character, it reveals it.
- Be willing to be a part of something bigger than yourself. If you are not willing to be a part of something bigger than yourself, you will never reach your full potential.
- You will never achieve what you are capable of if it's only just about you.

Through Aaron's unique life experiences, he talked to our students, faculty and community about overcoming adversity, the power of one, and standing for something. Through his inspiration that night it is up to each of us to reflect and put it to practice to continually build a better school and a better community.

IESA Volleyball

During first round of the IESA State Volleyball Tournament there was a scoring discrepancy and some controversy that followed. Mr. Cox copied the Board a letter sent to the IESA earlier this week. Mr. Cox reported on what happened and informed the Board on the outstanding way our team, coaches, and fans handled the adversity. While we are always proud and excited when our teams have success, and rightfully so, he stated that he was most proud of the character that these young people displayed throughout the season and especially at the state tournament.

Student Walkout

On March 14th SHS and SJH students participated in a student led walkout from 10:00 to 10:17 as a symbolic way to remember the seventeen lives lost in the Parkland, FL shooting. This recent tragedy, along with other loses of life on school campuses across the nation over several years, have driven increased interest in student led student engagement efforts and actions. He said that Staunton Schools supports students' Constitutional rights to peaceful assembly and free expression. As school leaders and a Board of Education we can support students' civil rights, including their right to peaceful protest, and we can defend their rights to express themselves without taking a stand on that expression. Our school district's mission and vision is that we expect everyone's best to lead, challenge, and achieve. We have shown student voice is important to us. These core values serve as an essential touchstone as we try to navigate among stakeholders with deeply divided opinions.

Moving forward it is important that we all remember the first-time people talk about a controversial issue should not be when controversy has arisen within the school. That is not when people are going to be at their best, for many reasons. Instead, it's important to have these types of conversations happening as a regular part of the school experience. That happened with our students and we had excellent conversations with our community members who chose to engage in the community café. Mr. Cox said we can do more, but it takes engagement and as he previously mentioned, people have to be willing to be a part of something bigger than themselves in order to build better schools and a better community.

On Wednesday our goal as a school was and continues to be to keep focus on teaching and learning while providing guidance and planning to support student and staff safety. Some of our students participated in a peaceful protest on campus. They followed parameters set forth before them to maintain safety and as to not interrupt the learning process for others by gathering on the track at the football field from 10:00-10:17 where they stood in silence displaying two signs with the names of the Parkland victims on the signs. Faculty and law enforcement observed in order to ensure student safety. Students then peacefully returned to class, as instructed, to continue learning.

It's incredibly important for all of us, as trustees of our students, to help protect them from inappropriate responses, while also educating students about constructive ways to respond to appropriately expressed criticism. While many people may celebrate students' choices to walkout and/or protest, others will disagree with students and view their choices as disrespectful. It is Mr. Cox's guess that many adults will also assume that students aren't doing it for the right reasons or they don't truly understand what they are doing. That would be selling our students short! In his experience, even very young children who take a civic or political stand are usually quite thoughtful about their reason for action. Caring adults in students' lives will have to help students parse the critiques they encounter and figure out whether and how to respond.

Unfortunately, more often than not during these polarized times, the best response is no response, given the volatility and mob mentality that exists online. In our case, he told the Board, he was proud to say our community has been overwhelmingly supportive of our young people. We received over 180 positive comments or remarks compared to 7 who disagree. Ultimately, however, this is not about popular opinion. It is about students' rights to freedom of expression. As stated in the *Tinker* case students do not check their rights at the schoolhouse gate. To help our students we can continue to discuss with them to engage in positive and creative ways to explain or express themselves in alternative ways in addition to current methods.

In closing, teachers, school leaders, and the Board of Education can support students' rights without taking a stand on those views themselves. Defending students' right to voice their views can help foster civic participation. We can encourage conversations about controversial issues throughout the year. Students can exercise their voices respectfully in many places already embedded within the learning day. At Staunton Schools we respect the right of our students to advocate for causes that are important to them and support their efforts to do so in an authorized and orderly manner while at school. We thank our students for the way they conducted themselves while allowing their civic voices to be heard. After all, our number one priority as educators is to do what's best for students.

V. Financial Report

A. Discussion of FY19 Budget Preparation

Mr. Cox told the Board that he is working on the amended Budget for the current year and has begun working on the FY19 District Budget so principals can begin to plan for their expenditures for next school year. Mr. Cox also informed the Board that anything over \$25,000 must be approved by the Board, but he was looking for guidance on a monetary figure that he could use his discretion to purchase items without Board approval. The Board stated that \$10,000 has been the floor that they have been using.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of updates and revisions to Board of Education Policies

The second reading of Board policies were presented for updates and revisions. The superintendent recommends approval of the Board policies as presented. Skertich made a **motion** to approve the new Board policies as presented. Legendre seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the new Board Policies. Peterson absent.

VII. New Business

A. Consideration and possible action to approve purchase of Navigation Prepared.

The NaviGate Prepared software system is designed for schools, providing real-time access to emergency situations and facility information. School officials, staff and emergency responders are connected real time to up-to-date emergency plans, floor plans, building photos, and training applications. The software links to the Skyward student information system and will replace current school to home communications.

The superintendent recommends approval of the purchase of the Navigation Prepared Software. Tingle made a **motion** to purchase NaviGate Prepared emergency response software. Kinder seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the purchase of the software. Peterson absent.

B. Approval of 2018-2019 Public School Calendar

School will begin August 20th with an Institute for teachers. August 21st will be the student's first day of school. The ROE will have an Institute this year for our staff. There are 8 days listed with an early dismissal, but 2 of those half days will be taken off the calendar. The Superintendent recommends approval of the District Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Tingle made a **motion** to approve the District Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the District Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. Peterson absent

C. Discussion of Athletic Cooperatives with Mt. Olive High School

The two districts currently participate in the following athletic cooperatives: HS Cross Country, HS Boys & Girls Soccer, HS Boys & Girls Track, HS Girls Basketball, HS Softball. Mt. Olive has contacted the District to inquire if there is interest in forming a cooperative in HS Boys Basketball for the 2018-19 season and HS Football for the 2019 season. Mr. Cox said that Mt. Olive needs to make a formal application before any decision can be made.

VIII. Roll call to go into Closed Session of Purposes defined in:

Lamore made a **motion** to go into executive session at 8:29 pm in the unit library. Tingle seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to go into executive session (Peterson absent) to discuss:

A. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

B. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees

C. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered the minutes of the closed meeting

Roll call to Open Session

Lamore made a **motion** to return to the regular order of business at 9:19 p.m. Tingle seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to return to the regular order of business. Peterson absent.

IX. Action as a Result of Closed Session

A. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Staunton Federation of Teachers

Mr. Cox recommends the new Memorandum of Agreement with the Staunton Federation of Teachers providing for an extended contract year (10.5 months) and increasing the FFA stipend of 10% of the Base Salary. Tingle made a **motion** to approve the new Memorandum of Agreement with the Staunton Federation of Teachers. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the new memorandum of Agreement. Peterson absent.

B. Approval of Elementary Teacher Recommendation for Hire

The Superintendent recommends approval of Alicia Muffler as a Staunton Elementary Teacher. Tingle made a **motion** to approve Alicia Muffler as a Staunton Elementary Teacher. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve Alicia Muffler as a Staunton Elementary Teacher. Peterson absent.

C. Approval of Agricultural Education Recommendation for Hire

The Superintendent recommends approval of John Davin as Staunton Agriculture Education Teacher.

Kinder made a **motion** to approve John Davin as Staunton Agriculture Education Teacher.

Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Renner, and Tingle voted to hire John Davin as Staunton Agriculture Education Teacher. Peterson absent.

X. Correspondence

The District received a Thank You note from the family of former SHS student Tori Carroll who along with Madisen Bertels, and her sister Hailey Bertels, were tragically killed in a traffic accident on November 21, 2017, for the purple T-Shirt fund raiser.

We also received a Thank You note from the Hochmuth family, thanking the District for the floral arrangement that was sent in sympathy of Mary Hochmuth, a long time Staunton Teacher.

XI. General Discussion

John Renner brought up the idea of a closed campus for the high school because of all the traffic congestion at noon hour. Administration hopes that the new food service that the District will use beginning the 2019-2020 school year, will lessen the number of students who leave campus.

Mr. Cox told the Board that the two B D Special Ed classes who were going to be relocated back in Mt Olive, have been declined by Mt. Olive without SMASE hiring an additional administrator. Since the hiring of another SMASE administrator requires additional payments from BH, Gillespie, Staunton, and Mt. Olive, the prospects of that occurring are bleak. Only Staunton and Mt. Olive can host these classes. Since Staunton is adding another Special Ed teacher, and we would like to have another room for elementary library and choir so the staff and students don't spend so much time walking to the high school, our District is hard pressed to find any more room for the BD classes.

Steff Legendre asked if the Jr High was teaching a mandatory health class. She was told that is wasn't last year but will be taught next year.

The Board was told that Dori Rhodes said she walked into the Superintendent's office in the morning without being stopped by any teacher or staff and was concerned about school safety. A question was also asked about a grade school parent who walked out of the office and went directly to a classroom to demand her daughter's phone back. The Board was told that the parent was informed about her inappropriate actions and the phone policy was explained to her.

XII. Adjournment

With no further business Lamore made a **motion** for adjournment. Kinder seconded the motion. All members present voted for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 16th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Dave Lamore, Secretary Staunton School District.