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- MARCH 15, 2023            I    A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 was held in the Henry-Senachwine High School Media Center, 1023 College Ave., Henry, Illinois on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m..
- PRESENT                    II    There were present in person: Lori DeWeerth, Angie Earles, Jeremy Kiesewetter, Mary Jo Klein, Melissa Thompson and Randy Witko, comprising a quorum of the Board.
- ABSENT                     There were absent: James Downey.
- APPROVE AGENDA        III    Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the agenda with an **addition or deletion or correction** of the following items:
- Move:  
5.11 to 6.07 – Employ Full-time Substitute Teachers
- Add:  
9.04 – Board of Review Update
- Roll Call: Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth.
- Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
- RECOGNITION            IV    Recognition of guests: Amsal Jakupi, Sehar Jakupi, and Fatmire Jakupi.
- OF GUESTS
- CORRESPONDENCE
- 4.01 – Student of the Month – Amsal Jakupi  
4.02 – Public Participation
- APPROVE CONSENT        V    Motion by Lori DeWeerth, seconded by Angie Earles, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.
- AGENDA
- Roll Call: Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth.
- Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
- 5.01 Approve the February 15, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes.
- 5.02 Approve the March BMP bills and payroll.
- 5.03 Reemploy Non-Tenured Teachers for the 2023-2024 school term: Kyle Anderson, LeeAnn Kent, Kirsten Augspols, Randy Westerdahl, Julia Yuhas, Gracy Heaton, Craig Culp, Parker Weber, Melissa Actis, Eliot Driver, Josie Hall, Taylor Robbins, Izabelle Schoepke, Aaron Lindstrom, and Austin Price. Tenure status beginning 2023-2024 for the following teachers: Brittany Wolfe, Jacqueline Bohm, and Debbie Pletsch.
- 5.04 Approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented.
- 5.05 Approve the following Student Teaching placements for the Fall of 2023: Hannah Hundley (HSGS - Grades 1-5), and Erika Dean (HSGS & HSHS – Art), pending the results of a criminal background check.

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- 5.06 Approve Volunteer Assistant HSHS Track & Field Coach, Donna Kessling, pending the results of a criminal background check.
- 5.07 Approve Volunteer Assistant HSGS/JH Track & Field Coach, Christian Dzekunskas.
- 5.08 Approve the employment of Roger Harbison, as part-time Grounds personnel with a pay rate of \$14.00 per hour, pending the results of a criminal background check.
- 5.09 Approve the employment of Eva Holmstrom, as a Temporary part-time custodian with a pay rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending the results of a criminal background check.
- 5.10 Approve the employment of George Beaumont, as an HSGS/JH Custodian with a pay rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending the results of a criminal background check.
- 5.11 Moved to 6.07
- 5.12 Approve the employment of Gloria Duffin, as a part-time BMP Coordinator, with an annual salary of \$50,000.00 for 100 days during the 2023-2024 school year.
- 5.13 Approve and accept resignations from the following BMP Social Workers at the end of the 2022-2023 school year: Madison Vergamini, Kelsey Noy, Hannah Coutts, and Lisa Johnson.
- 5.14 Approve and accept the resignation from BMP Coordinator, Paige Hamill, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- 5.15 Approve the 2023-2024 IHSA membership.

APPROVE BILLS,  
PAYROLL AND  
FINANCIALS

- VI 6.01 Motion by Mary Jo Klein, seconded by Angie Earles, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve bills, payroll and financial information including:
- 1. Balance Sheet
  - 2. Investment Schedule
  - 3. Financial Report Summary
  - 4. March Bills

Roll Call: Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter.

Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

APPROVE TRAVEL-  
RELATED  
EXPENSES

- 6.02 Motion by the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 to approve the travel-related expenses for members of the Board of Education, and for employees of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 as presented.

None

APPROVE TEACHER  
RESIGNATION

- 6.03 Motion by Angie Earles, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve and accept the resignation from HSHS Social Studies teacher, Garrett Wood, effective February 17, 2023.

Roll Call: Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson.

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Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

APPROVE TEACHER  
RESIGNATION

6.04 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve and accept the resignation from HSGS/JH Kindergarten teacher, Jessica Owdom, effective February 24, 2023.

Roll Call: Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko.

Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

APPROVE E-RATE  
WIRING PROJECT

6.05 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the E-rate Wiring project as follows, pending E-rate funding:

HSGS/JH – Middle wing, cafeteria & gym	\$ 32,598.98
HSJS – Main academic wing	<u>\$ 37,048.08</u>
Total	\$ 69,647.06

Roll Call: Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth.

Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

APPROVE EXTRA-  
CURRICULAR &  
ATHLETIC  
PROGRAMS

6.06 Motion by Lori DeWeerth, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the following Extracurricular and Athletic program offerings as presented:

Bass fishing	Spring, 2023
Swimming	2023-2024 & 2024-2025

Roll Call: Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth.

Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

APPROVE FULL-  
TIME SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS

6.07 Motion by Angie Earles, seconded by Mary Jo Klein, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the Full-Time Substitute Teachers as follows:

Jeanette Lucente	\$ 197.17 per day
Julie Nelson	\$ 197.17 per day *

\* Additional \$24.16 per hour for up to 4 hours per week for prep.

Roll Call: Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson.

Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.

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BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS,  
REQUESTS &  
ARTICLES

VII Board Member Reports/Requests/Articles:

PRINCIPALS'  
REPORTS

VIII PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

GRADE & JUNIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S  
REPORT

8.01 Grade/Jr. High School Principal, Mrs. Merboth:

Henry-Senachwine Grade & Jr. High School  
Principal Report  
March 15, 2023

- ❖ Henry-Senachwine Grade & Jr. High School currently has 394 students in grades PreK-8 enrolled for the 22-23 school year. There are 7 additional outplaced students.
- ❖ 7th Grade Volleyball ended their season with a 2nd place in the Regional Championship. 8th Grade Volleyball played in the Regional Championship on 3/9.
- ❖ Jr. High Track kicked off their season on 3/8. They will have their first track meet at Putnam County on March 30th.
- ❖ Scholastic Bowl participated in their first meet on 3/13 at home vs. Low Point Washburn.
- ❖ 25 8th Graders attended the Teen Showcase on 3/9 with Miss. Krebs, Miss. Bohm, and Mrs. Bickerman.
- ❖ Committees are in full swing. The curriculum, grading/report card, scheduling, Character Counts/PBIS, and Handbook committees have met and are preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining a committee, please reach out to Mrs. Merboth directly.
- ❖ K-8 students attended the Jr. High Musical Performance of "Junie B. Jones Jr." at HSHS on 3/10. Additional performances were open to the public on 3/10 and 3/11 at 7:30 PM and 3/12 at 2:00 PM.
- ❖ 3/10 marked the end of the 3rd quarter. Report cards were distributed on 3/15.
- ❖ K-5 classrooms are participating in March Book Madness. Students have worked hard to read over 1000 books to be able to pie, slime, or silly string the Principal on 3/17 during the March Madness Competition Day. A Buy One Get One Book Fair will be offered at HSGS/JH 3/13-3/17. We hosted a Family Literacy, Math, & STEAM night on 3/15 for families. Thank you to all that contributed/attended the event.
- ❖ HSGS/JH is preparing for a busy 4th quarter to end the year.
- ❖ A special thank you to the Henry Knights of Columbus for their donation of \$659.70 for HSGS/JH Special Education program and to the Henry Rotary for their donation of books for all of our first grade students.

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HIGH SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S  
REPORT

VIII 8.02 High School Principal, Dr. Hill:

HENRY-SENACHWINE HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCH 15, 2023  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Amsal Jakupi is our March Student of the Month.
- HSHS Juniors took the Illinois Science Assessment on March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- HSHS will hold a School Improvement Day on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 11:30.
- Spring Break is March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- HSHS will administer the SAT to all Juniors, the PSAT/10 to all Sophomores, and the PSAT/9 to all Freshmen on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will have a College Visit/Community Service/Post-Secondary Planning day.
- HSHS has about 20 students participating in the Marquis Energy Mallard Mentoring Program this semester.
- Spring Sports are scheduled to start this week with Opening Day for Baseball and Softball scheduled for Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Track has its first meet on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023 at The Stables in Kewanee.
- Awards Day and Spring Fling here at HSHS is scheduled for Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

IX Superintendent's Report:

- 9.01 IASB Constitution & Position Statements
- 9.02 Miles of Smiles Dental Program
- 9.03 Facilities Master Planning & HSGS/JH HVAC – Update
- 9.04 Board of Review – Update

DISCUSSION  
ITEMS

X Discussion Items:

- 10.01 District Staffing – Update
- 10.02 Staff Appreciation
- 10.03 HSHS Course Proposal

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EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

XI Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Angie Earles, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 go into executive session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of:

11.01 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Roll Call: Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson.

Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried

OUT OF EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

XI Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 come out of executive session at 9:22 p.m..

Roll Call: Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko.

Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried

ADJOURN MEETING

XII Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Angie Earles, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 adjourn its meeting at 9:30 p.m..

Roll Call: Voice Vote. Motion carried.

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Board President

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Board Secretary