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- APRIL 19, 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, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m..
- PRESENT                    II    There were present in person: Lori DeWeerth, James Downey, Jeremy Kiesewetter, Mary Jo Klein, Melissa Thompson and Randy Witko, comprising a quorum of the Board.
- ABSENT                     There were absent: Angie Earles.
- APPROVE AGENDA        III    Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the agenda with an **addition or deletion or correction** of the following items:
- Add:  
10.03 – Bus Purchase or Trade-in
- Roll Call: Yea; Downey, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth.
- Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
- RECOGNITION  
OF GUESTS  
CORRESPONDENCE        IV    Recognition of guests: Rita Carlson, Ryan Carlson, Conner Blunier, Morgan Blunier, Kiryn Schaer, Maddie Toman, and Paige Shafer.
- 4.01 – Student of the Month – Kayleigh Lafferty  
4.02 – Public Participation  
4.03 – FFA Agricultural Issues Team
- APPROVE CONSENT  
AGENDA                    V    Motion by James Downey, seconded by Mary Jo Klein, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.
- Roll Call: Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey.
- Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion carried.
- 5.01 Approve the March 15, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes.  
5.02 Approve the April BMP bills and payroll.  
5.03 Approve the 2023-2024 IESA Registration.  
5.04 Approve the Guidance Counselor contract for Rita Self, for an additional 25 days to be worked between May 30, 2023 and August 18, 2023.  
5.05 Approve the contracts for HSGS/JH Social Worker, Jordan Krebs, an HSHS Social Worker, Kimberly Sheppard, as presented.  
5.06 Approve and accept the resignation from HSHS Science teacher, Albana Smith, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.  
5.07 Approve and accept the resignation from HSGS/JH ELA teacher, Jacqueline Bohm, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.  
5.08 Approve the following Volunteer Sponsors for HSHS Bass Fishing for the 2022-2023 school year: Dr. Jon Hill – Coach, Bryan Turpen – Sponsor, and Jared Fidler – Sponsor, pending the results of a criminal background check.

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- 5.09 Approve the employment of Ronda Ketner as a BMP Social Worker, with a salary of \$62,500.00 for 185 days during the 2023 – 2024 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check.
- 5.10 Approve the employment of Delaney Miner as a BMP Hearing Itinerant, with a salary of \$48,500.00 for 185 days during the 2023 – 2024 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check.
- 5.11 Approve the long-term substitute teacher pay rate as follows:  
Subs that are employed as a teacher sub for at least 90% of his/her 120 available days (108/120) in the same school are considered for long term sub rate pay at \$150.00 per day from the first day of subbing.  
Subs who are employed as long term replacement subs for the same teacher (at least 10 consecutive days, require prepping) are considered for a sub rate pay of \$197.17/day from the first day of subbing for the same teacher.

APPROVE BILLS,  
PAYROLL AND  
FINANCIALS

- VI 6.01 Motion by Lori DeWeerth, seconded by James Downey, 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. April Bills

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

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 SEMI-  
ANNUAL REVIEW  
OF CLOSED  
SESSION MINUTES

- 6.03 Motion by James Downey, seconded by Jeremy Kiesewetter, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes.

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

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

APPROVE TEACHER  
RETIREMENT  
REQUEST

- 6.04 Motion by Lori DeWeerth, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the Retirement request from HSHS Social Studies teacher, Joanne Hefner – 25 years at the conclusion of the 2025 – 2026 school year.

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

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

EMPLOY HSHS  
SOCIAL STUDIES  
TEACHER

6.05 Motion by Melissa Thompson, seconded by Jeremy Kiesewetter, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the employment of Alexa Damerell as an HSHS Social Studies teacher, with an annual salary of \$40,000.00 for the 2023 – 2024 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check.

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

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

APPROVE SPECIAL  
BOARD MEETING

6.06 Motion by James Downey, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m..

Roll Call: Voice Vote. Motion carried.

APPROVE NEW  
HSHS COURSE

6.07 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by James Downey, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve new HSHS course as presented: Multimedia Publications.

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

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

APPROVE  
CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGEMENT SVC  
PROPOSAL

6.08 Motion by Lori DeWeerth, seconded by Mary Jo Klein, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the Construction Management Service Proposal with Midwest Construction Professionals, for a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

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

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

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  
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- ❖ Henry-Senachwine Grade & Jr. High School currently has 394 students in grades PreK-8 enrolled for the 22-23 school year. There are 6 additional outplaced students.
- ❖ HSGS/JH participated in Spirit Week leading up to IAR State testing. It concluded with a Spirit Week Assembly on 3/31 in which classrooms participated in activities throughout the morning.
- ❖ The Pro Kid Show came to present to students and families on 3/29, followed by the NED show on 3/30. Students learned a lot about character.
- ❖ 3rd-8th grade students took the IAR state tests in ELA and Math the weeks of 4/10 and 4/17. 5th and 8th grade students took the ISA state test in Science 4/19 and 4/20.
- ❖ Julie Quirk from Curriculum Associates presented to the curriculum committee on 4/13 regarding the iReady Reading and Math curriculum that we are exploring.
- ❖ HSGS/JH students participated in a Bus Evacuation Drill on 4/14. Neil and Dawn reviewed bus expectations and students practiced evacuating the bus. Students will participate in a tornado and fire drill on 4/18.
- ❖ JH participated in their final dance of the year which was a Spring Semi-Formal on 4/15.
- ❖ 2nd grade is gearing up for their Talent Show that will be held for K-4 students on 4/20. Parents will be invited to attend on 4/21 at 2:00.
- ❖ The ILMEA District 2 Elementary Chorus Festival will be held on 4/22.
- ❖ JH students will participate in a Geography Bee led by Mr. Bushnell on 4/24.
- ❖ Spring MAP benchmarking begins on 4/24.
- ❖ Classrooms are getting excited for Spring Field Trips. 5th Grade will kick off field trips by visiting the Clean Water Celebration at Peoria Civic Center on 4/24.
- ❖ Secretary's Day is 4/26. The Illinois Principals Association is hosting a Secretary's Night Out event that evening in which HSCUD5 administration and secretaries will attend.
- ❖ Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for 5/5 at 1:00. Incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to attend.
- ❖ HSGS/JH will celebrate staff appreciation week 5/8-5/12.
- ❖ Preschool Screening will take place on 5/12 for all 23-24 Preschool students.
- ❖ 8th Grade students will participate in a step-up day on 5/3, followed by a parent meeting on 5/10 and graduation on 5/19.
- ❖ Committees are continuing to meet to review curriculum, grading/report cards, scheduling, Character Counts/PBIS, and the student handbook.
- ❖ There are a lot of exciting events scheduled for the last few weeks of school. HSGS/JH staff and students will be very busy!

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HIGH SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S  
REPORT

VIII 8.02 High School Principal, Dr. Hill:

HENRY-SENACHWINE HIGH SCHOOL  
APRIL 19, 2023  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Kayleigh Lafferty is the April Student of the Month. We will recognize Kayleigh at the April 19th Board of Education meeting.
- HSHS administered the SAT/PSAT-10/PSAT-9 on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Advanced Placement classes will be taking their AP test on May 5<sup>th</sup> (U.S. History), May 8<sup>th</sup> (Calculus), May 9<sup>th</sup> (Language & Composition), and May 10<sup>th</sup> (Spanish).
- Spring Sports are in full swing.
- Prom is Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Stables in Kewanee. Post Prom will be at HSHS immediately after Prom.
- The Induction Ceremony for National Honor Society was held on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We had 10 new inductees.
- HSHS will celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- HSHS will hold our annual Awards Program on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. This usually begins about 10:00/10:15 a.m.
- HSJH 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will visit HSHS on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Self will host the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at HSHS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

IX Superintendent's Report:

- 9.01 Board Policies – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- 9.02 Staff Appreciation Breakfast – May 26, 2023

DISCUSSION  
ITEMS

X Discussion Items:

- 10.01 HSGS/JH Capital Projects – Update
- 10.02 District Facilities Master Planning – Update
- 10.03 Bus Purchase or Trade-in

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EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

XI No Executive Session

ADJOURN MEETING

XII Motion by James Downey, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 adjourn its meeting at 8:45 p.m..

Roll Call: Voice Vote. Motion carried.

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Board President

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Board Secretary