

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

July 9, 2018

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 July 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sullivan High School Media Center within the boundaries of said District. The President called the meeting to order and requested roll be called. Upon roll being called the following members answered and were found to be present: Tyson Grooms, Steve Poland, Ann Wheeler, Norman Wood, and Jeff White.

Administrators present: Ted Walk, Erik Young, Dan Allen, Nathan Ogle, and Jessica Reeder

Visitors present: Ben Guyot, Mark Waelde, Chet Reeder, and Christy Molzen

Poland moved that the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiations matters; student disciplinary cases; matters relating to individual students; and, minutes of meetings lawfully closed pursuant to Statute Sections 5 ILCS 120/2 [c] 1, 2, 9, 10, 14. Upon said motion being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White  
Nay: None  
Absent: Horn, Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:31 p.m.

Wheeler moved that the Board reconvene to open session and approve the June 11, 2018 regular meeting closed session minutes. Upon said motion being seconded by Poland, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White  
Nay: None  
Absent: Horn, Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned from closed session at 6:44 p.m.

President White asked if anyone had signed in to speak to the Board this evening. Chester Reeder addressed the Board. Mr. Reeder thanked the Board and administration for their support of him personally and the basketball over the years.

Board member Horn arrived at 6:45 p.m.

President White asked if any item marked as consent agenda item needed to be withdrawn and held for further discussion. No items were withdrawn.

Poland moved that **the minutes of the regular meeting held June 11, 2018 be approved** as presented; that the **bills be approved** as presented; that the **Treasurer's Report be approved** as presented; that the Board **accept the resignation of Kelli Rarick as Elementary School Teacher effective June 27, 2018**; that the Board **approve Nicole Hendry and Jason Drury as Volunteer Swimming Coaches for the 2018-2019 season as presented**; that the Board **accept the resignation of Angelina Adams as Special Education Aide**; and, that the Board **accept the Notice of Retirement of Becky Lawson as High School English Teacher effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year as presented**. Upon said motion being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and the roll being called the following members voted:

Yea:	Grooms, Horn, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay:	None
Absent:	Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Director of Transportation and Maintenance, Kevin Landrus, delivered the 2017-2018 transportation report.

Superintendent Ted Walk discussed the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget. A copy of the 2018-2019 tentative budget is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Superintendent Walk stated the preliminary budget is very conservative and anticipates the District will end in the black. Mr. Walk does

anticipate receiving additional general state aid based on the evidence based funding formula.

Poland moved that the Board approve the tentative 2018-2019 budget. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White  
Nay: None  
Absent: Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

High School Principal Erik Young presented updates to the Student Handbook for approval. Changes to the handbook include adjustments to reflect moving fifth grade to the middle school, and state policies.

Wheeler moved that the Board approve the recommended changes to the 2018-2019 Student Handbook. Upon being seconded by Poland, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White  
Nay: None  
Absent: Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that the Closed Session Committee has met and recommends keeping closed the Closed Session Minutes of December 11, 2017; January 8, 2018; January 20, 2018; February 13, 2018; March 12, 2018; April 9, 2018; May 14, 2018; and, destroy verbatim records per Illinois Statute 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (18 month old requirements) July 11, 2016; August 8, 2016 (2 sets); September 12, 2016; October 11, 2016; November 14, 2016; and, December 12, 2016.

Poland moved that the Board approve the recommendation as made by the Closed Session Committee as stated above. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White  
Nay: None  
Absent: Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that Leah Fleming is the library aide serving as librarian in the elementary school. After speaking with Mr. Allen and analyzing Mrs. Fleming's salary as well as her role and the amount of planning that is done, the administrative recommendation is that the Board approve the salary increase for Leah Fleming to \$13.35 per hour and increase the number of days Mrs. Fleming works from 171 to 174.

Wheeler moved that the Board approve a salary increase for Leah Fleming to \$13.35 per hour and an increase in the number of days worked from 171 to 174 annually. Upon being seconded by Poland, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White  
Nay: None  
Absent: Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that due to the resignation of Kelli Rarick there is a need to hire a teacher at the elementary school. The current vacancy is for a third grade teaching position. Mr. Allen reviewed 19 applications and interviewed eight candidates. The recommendation is to employ Jennifer Hobbs. Mrs. Hobbs received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southern Illinois University in 2008 and is currently attending Eastern Illinois University to obtain her master's in educational leadership. She's been teaching nine years in both the regular classroom and special education classroom.

Poland moved that the Board employ Jennifer Hobbs as a full-time elementary school teacher for the 2018-2019 school year, and that the salary be paid in accordance with that previously approved by the Board of Education. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White  
Nay: None  
Absent: Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Poland moved the meeting be adjourned. Upon said motion being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White  
Nay: None  
Absent: Stollard

Whereupon, the President declared said meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Wood, Secretary

Attest:

Jeff White, President