

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

October 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 October 9, 2018, at 6:31 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: Ann Wheeler, Jeff White, Erik Stollard and Steve Poland.

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

Visitors present: Harlan Fabert, Martha Fabert, Aron McPheeters, Mindy McPheeters, AJ McPheeters, Madalyne McPheeters, Mark Waelde, Christy Molzen, Cindy Yoder, Kevin Landrus, and Becky Batman

President White appointed Erik Stollard as Secretary Pro Tem.

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; litigation; and, minutes of meetings lawfully closed pursuant to Statute Sections 5 ILCS 120/2 [c] 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 14. Upon said motion being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Zachary Horn arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:33 p.m.

Wheeler moved that the Board reconvene to open session and approve the closed session minutes of September 10, 2018 regular meeting and September 28, 2018 special meeting. Upon said motion being seconded by Poland, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned from closed session at 7:06 p.m.

President White asked Becky Batman if there were any requests to speak to the Board this evening. Mrs. Batman stated there were none.

President White asked if any item marked as consent agenda needed to be withdrawn and held for further discussion. No items were withdrawn.

Poland moved that **the minutes of the regular meeting held September 10, 2018 regular meeting and September 28, 2018 special meeting 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 Michael Puyear as transportation assistant** as presented; that the Board **accept the resignation of Gary Eller as security officer as presented**; that the Board **accept the resignation of Joseph Snyder as security officer** as presented; that the Board **accept the notice of retirement of Sherry Massey as middle school social worker** as presented; that the Board **approve early graduation requests of students A, B, and C** as presented; and, that the Board **approve the transportation mechanic job description** as presented. Upon said motion being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and the roll being called the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that each school district shall, as of June 30 of each year, cause an audit of its accounts to be made by a public accounting firm. This audit is to include financial records and a professional opinion signed by the auditor. Each school district must then submit an original audit report to the regional superintendent by October 15 of each year. The firm of Mose, Yockey, Brown & Kull conducted the audit. Superintendent Ted Walk presented the District's 2017-2018 audit stating that the district's financial profile score is 3.9 which is recognition status. Mr. Walk also stated that the per capita tuition cost is \$6,988.72 which is \$500 less than the previous year.

Wheeler moved that the Board approve the 2017-2018 audit as presented. Upon being seconded by Poland, the President put the question, and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that due to changes in banking regulations, it is necessary to adopt the Corporate Authorization Resolution allowing Ted Walk, Christy Molzen, and Becky Batman access to all district bank accounts.

Horn moved that the Board adopt the Corporate Authorization Resolution as presented. Upon being seconded by Poland, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Assistant Principal Jessica Reeder stated that there is a need to employ a part-time special education aide. The recommended candidate is Heather Miller. Mrs. Miller has received her paraprofessional certification.

Poland moved that the Board retroactively employ Heather Miller as a part-time special education aide effective September 25, 2018. Upon

being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that due to the resignation of Michael Puyear, there is a need to employ a transportation mechanic. Transportation and Maintenance Director, Kevin Landrus, interviewed four candidates. The recommended candidate is James "Bill" Johnson. Mr. Johnson has a degree in automotive mechanics and was last employed at General Electric in Mattoon.

Stollard moved that the Board employ James "Bill" Johnson as transportation mechanic effective October 1, 2018 at a rate of \$16 per hour. Upon being seconded by Poland, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Building principals presented their Board reports.

The Superintendent gave his monthly report. Mr. Walk stated that Career Day was held recently where many area employers presented to high school students regarding career opportunities and expected behavior in the workplace. Mr. Walk spoke with the freshman class regarding career opportunities. He also noted that Friday, October 6 was a school improvement day. Faculty had the opportunity to attend different sessions including a session in Stewardson-Strasburg with Jim Burgett. Homecoming week went extremely well with many students involved in activities throughout the week. Mr. Walk went on to say he is considering hosting a community planning session either in the spring or next fall.

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dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiations matters; student disciplinary cases; matters relating to individual students; litigation; and, minutes of meetings lawfully closed pursuant to Statute Sections 5 ILCS 120/2 [c] 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 14. Upon said motion being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Poland moved that the Board reconvene to open session. Upon said motion being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned from closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Poland moved that the Board ratify the suspension of Student A as imposed by the administration and suspend Student A from extra-curricular competitions for one calendar year noting that Student A will be allowed to participate in exhibitions and non-competitive performances. Upon said motion being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

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

Yea: Horn, Poland, Stollard, Wheeler, White

Nay: None  
Absent: Grooms, Wood

Whereupon, the President declared said meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Stollard, Secretary Pro Tem

Attest:

Jeff White, President