

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

November 12, 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 November 12, 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: Tyson Grooms, Ann Wheeler, Norman Wood, Jeff White, and Erik Stollard. Zachary Horn and Steve Poland were absent.

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

Visitors present: Christy Molzen, Mike Brothers, Ben Guyot, Leslie Guyot, Poppy Graham, Haley Seeley, Brody Goss, Kevin Landrus, and Becky Batman

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

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:32 p.m.

Stollard moved that the Board reconvene to open session and approve the closed session minutes of October 9, 2018. Upon said motion being

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

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned from closed session at 6:44 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President White asked if any item marked as consent agenda needed to be withdrawn and held for further discussion. No items were withdrawn.

Stollard moved that **the minutes of the regular meeting held October 9, 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 Jeff Myers as Head Football Coach** effective October 21, 2018; that the Board **accept the resignation of Brody Myers as Assistant Football Coach** effective November 8, 2018; that the Board **accept the resignation of Jennifer Young as Head Volleyball Coach** effective immediately; that the Board **accept the verbal resignation of Ronnie Lane as Bus Driver** effective November 1, 2018; that the Board **accept the resignation of Cindy Tarr as Special Education Aide** effective November 12, 2018; and, that the Board **approve Chelsea Killiam as volunteer assistant high school winter cheerleading coach and Tabitha Davis as volunteer assistant middle school volleyball coach** for the 2018-2019 season. Upon said motion being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and the roll being called the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Brody Goss updated the Board on activities of the Spanish Club. Spanish Club has hosted an appreciation dinner for Habitat for Humanity and translated letters from students in Honduras. In addition, they are collecting food for needy

families and will be visiting nursing homes during the holiday season. Spanish Club will host a taco night fundraiser in December to support their annual field trip.

Building principals and the superintendent presented their school report cards.

Superintendent Ted Walk stated that the Board is required to direct an authorized person to prepare the 2019-2020 budget in tentative form to be presented to the Board of Education on July 8, 2019; that the tentative budget be placed on public inspection at 8:00 a.m. on July 9, 2019; that the public notice be placed in the July 17, 2019 edition of the News Progress (at least 30 days prior to the hearing); and that a public hearing be held on said budget on September 9, 2019, at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center prior to final adoption.

Stollard moved that the Board adopt the resolution and public notice as presented. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk presented the 2018 payable 2019 tentative tax levy. Mr. Walk noted that the tax levy is very similar to last year. The District's tax rate is well below the area average and will remain so with this tax levy. The biggest portion to note is with the new funding formula, they actually calculate how much you should be taxing at the local level and we are at about 85% of that level. However, the state in a way actually punishes you because they assume that you have 100% of your local tax revenue that they decide you should be taxing at where as we are only taxing at 85% of that rate and will be at a very similar point next year, depending on what they decide the average should be, but we are below area average among other school districts and we are below actually what the state says we should be taxing so we are fortunate to be able to operate under these parameters. We anticipate a very similar tax rate next year depending on the final EAV. A final proposed tax levy will be presented at the December Board meeting.

Horn arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Wheeler moved that the Board approve the 2018 payable 2019 tentative tax levy as presented. Upon being seconded by Stollard, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk informed the Board that it was time to schedule the Winter Planning Session. The Board set the winter planning session for Saturday, January 26, 2019.

Superintendent Walk stated that in case of extended bad weather, Sullivan School District has devised an emergency bus route schedule. Children will be picked up at designated pick-up points at specified times. It is the responsibility of the parents to get the children to these points. In addition, the District will begin running extreme cold bus routes that will run on days when the District utilizes the delayed start option due to extreme cold weather. Buses will pick up students in town at designated stops. The bus will wait at each stop for 10 minutes allowing students who normally walk to school to get on a heated bus and be transported to school. Extreme cold routes will run starting at 8:00 a.m. Students will be dropped off at the school at approximately 9:00 a.m. and will be supervised by administration. Buses will then continue on with their regular bus routes. On delayed start days, students may be dropped off at the school beginning at 7:30 a.m. School will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Stollard moved that the Board approve the emergency bus routes as presented. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated there is a need to employ a full-time bus driver. Cody Cottrell has been serving the district as a substitute bus driver. Mr. Cottrell is the recommended candidate.

Wheeler moved that the Board retroactively employ Cody Cottrell as bus driver effective November 1, 2018. Upon being seconded by Stollard, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Building principals presented their Board reports.

The Superintendent gave his monthly report. Mr. Walk stated that both Veterans' Day programs went extremely well today. The Annual Safety Meeting was held last week with our city and county first responders. Mr. Walk presented school report card data stating that the District's per pupil instructional spending was \$4,713 while the state average was \$8,024. The District's operational costs per pupil were \$8,173 while the state average was \$13,337. Mr. Walk also discussed the Regional Office of Education inspection stating that everything went well and that any minor thing mentioned was corrected by the end of the day.

Stollard 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, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: Poland

Whereupon, the President declared said meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Wood, Secretary

Attest:

Jeff White, President