

MINUTES OF THE **Regularly** scheduled MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STAUNTON COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #6, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois, held in the school Library on Monday, December 17th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

A “Welcome Meeting” was held at 6:00 pm for the new employees of the District: Holy Weller (P.E., Jr.High/High Schol Volleyball and Track Coach), Melissa Striegel (Elementary resource), Carlie Bushnell (Second grade), Alicia Muffler (Fifth Grade), and John Davin (Ag/FFA). Introductions were followed by appetizers and cookies.

I. Call to Order Regular Meeting

A. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll call

Vice President John Renner called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 pm in the school Library. Roll was taken: Board members John Renner, Scott Skertich, Dave Lamore, and Stephanie Legendre present. Janice Kinder, Kim Peterson, and Chris Tingle absent. Administration in attendance were Superintendent Dan Cox, Grade School Principal Nancy Werden, High School Principal Brett Allen, and Jr High Principal Ryan McGowen.

B. Approval of agenda

Lamore made a **motion** to approve the regular agenda as presented. Skertich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the agenda as presented. Kinder, Peterson and Tingle absent.

II. Recognition of Public/Visitors

Vice President Renner acknowledged Kelly Costa, reporter from the Staunton Star Times, Derrick Taylor (who took out a petition to run for school Board), and Mike Markezek.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Bills/Payroll/Treasurer's Report

B. Approval of Minutes Regular and Closed from October 2018

C. Approval of SHS Course Handbook

D. Approval to Temporarily Designate Hiring Authority to the Superintendent from 12/18/2018-1/18/2019

E. Acceptance of Donations: The Board accepts the donation with gratitude from Gary and Marilyn Prange and family for their donation of \$200 to Staunton High School to be split between the FFA and Band.

F. Destruction of Closed Session recordings older than 18 months

The superintendent recommended the consent agenda be approved as presented. Lamore made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

IV. Administrator Reports

A. Principal reports

Grade school Report- Nancy Werden

- **Band and Choir Performances**

Grades 5-8: The Christmas Program will be December 19, 2018 in the Main Gym. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Grades K-2 Their program will be December 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Grades 3-4 Their program will be at 10:00 a.m. on the 21st.

- **Pre-Kindergarten Program-**

The Family Event Night (November 29th from 6:00-7:00 with the theme “Mad Science”) was a huge hit with 80 parents and student in attendance in the library.

There was also a Parent Engagement Activity for Car Safety and Car Seats held both morning and afternoon on December 5th this month. Sherriff Heath Bryan from the Illinois State Police was in charge.

- **PTO Holiday Shopping –**

The PTO had their annual Holiday Shop December 10-14th. Students were able to visit with their classes and could purchase presents. The PTO also brought Santa to visit with the students.

- **STAR Students and Terrier Tickets**

Congratulations to all students who received STAR Student of the month and received Terrier Tickets this semester. All students have worked hard to be safe, responsible and respectful this semester and their efforts have been evident everywhere in the building. Mrs. Werden said that “ I am so proud of our students”.

Jr High Report-Ryan McGowen

- Girls basketball completed their season. 8th grade was defeated in regional play while the 7th graders lost in the sectional championship. They defeated Greenville for the regional title.
- The 60th annual 8th grade basketball tournament was won by Highland. Litchfield won the 12th annual 7th grade tournament. Tournament ran through Friday night. There were 17 games played during the week. Hospitality room was provided with concession stand money. Ms. Stone and her class made food on 3 nights.
- Volleyball tryouts and practices have started. First game is early January.
- Junior High FFA placed 2nd in the Section 15 FFA Contest. FFA members also worked hard for the “stuff a bus” campaign.
- Student body listened to Harvie Herrington speak on December 7th. He is an inspirational speaker who talked about having a dream, setting goals, and staying focused. He spoke to another group about leadership skills and spoke to faculty in the afternoon.
- Student Council collected over 1300 items for Staunton Helping Hands in November. They are working on our Giving Tree and are collecting cards for Staunton nursing home residents and veterans. They have collected many winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves that will be distributed through Net Church. Additionally, they are collecting stuffed animals for Staunton Hospital's ER.
- The Junior High Holiday Choir and Band concert is set for December 19th at 7pm.
- The Staunton’s Got Talent Show was another great production. Nicholas Monahan was the winner of the contest that included 14 acts. Nicolas played the violin. Other acts were singing, dancing, and piano.
- Still accepting applications for Assistant Junior High Track
- Still accepting applications for Supervisory Aide.

High School Report- Brett Allen

- Final Exam Schedule:

December 20 - Thursday

1st Hour Exam – 8:10 to 9:10

2nd Hour Exam – 9:13 to 10:13

3rd Hour Exam – 10:16 to 11:16

4th Hour Exam – 11:19 – 12:19

High School Released at 12:19 PM

December 21 – Friday

5th Hour Exam – 8:10 to 9:10

6th Hour Exam – 9:13 to 10:13

7th Hour Exam – 10:16 to 11:16

High School Released at 11:16 AM

*Buses leave at the regular time on Thursday, December 20 (approximately 3:10)

*Buses leave at 2:00 PM on Friday, December 21 – Winter Break Begins.

- He commended both Mr. Lotter and the high school band along with Mrs. Costello and the high school choir for a great performance at the recent Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 12th.
- FFA students hosted a “Fill the Bus” Campaign and collected food, toys, and clothes for area organization to distribute this holiday season. Additionally, they donated \$1,300 to the Lions Club to help fund their Christmas Gift Giveaway.
- Student Council completed their annual food drive and donated the proceeds to the Livingston Park District’s basket program for the holidays.
- Students welcomed guest speaker Harvie Herrington on December 7th who provided an inspirational message about setting goals to reach your dreams and persevering through life’s many challenges.
- Professional Development:
 - November 7th - Staff had the opportunity to listen to Motivational Speaker, Mr. Harvie Herrington in the afternoon. He provided insight into the importance educators play in today’s society and the lives of students.
 - School Improvement Team: SHS is beginning the process of developing an improvement plan based off the guidance of the District Improvement Team and the overall Mission/Vision of the school district.
- Winter Break begins on Friday, December 21st at 2:00 PM. Classes resume on Monday, January 7th.

B. Superintendent Dan Cox Report

With just a few days until winter break, he took time to recognize all of our school community for a wonderful first semester. He especially wanted to recognize the hard work our students, faculty, and staff have done to continue to make Staunton Schools an outstanding place to teach and learn. For the first time in nearly a decade we are having conversations and making decisions to identify and place resources into classrooms where they are needed the most to have the greatest impact for our students. This came as a result of community and statewide effort to change the way we fund our public schools and the community of Staunton should be proud as we helped lead the way on that effort. Moving forward we have identified culture and climate as well as student learning and development as our top learning priorities. Most recently, we gathered feedback from an outstanding response through our Comprehensive School Climate Indicator Survey. We will use the valuable feedback from faculty and staff, families, and students to guide our improvement efforts as we move forward.

Legislation & Advocacy

Governor-Elect Pritzker’s Education Transition Committee

Mr. Cox was honored to be asked to participate in one of the three education transition committee meetings this past week filling in as a sub for an individual who was unable to attend a meeting. The meeting was closed to the public and discussions are limited to that meeting only until the final report is issued. The final meeting will take place 12/17/18. In the meantime, it is important and valuable that our District continues to have a voice at the table and provides input on policy decisions that will impact our schools and schools throughout the state.

Instructional Day Flexibility

Through Evidence Based Funding in is no longer a requirement for students to attend five continuous clock hours in school for the day to be counted as a full instructional day. Students must still attend school as defined by the Board of Education. Because we have not yet brought options to the Board for consideration, we have maintained the traditional school day and used this year as a planning year as is the case with most Districts. This flexibility allows for options for e-learning, internships, externships, etc. to become part of a student’s learning experience.

District Improvement

Parent/Teacher Home Visit Pilot

Communications will begin to be distributed about the PTHV pilot beginning in January. This pilot has the potential to have a high-level impact in our culture and climate work as it relates to student and family engagement with schools. The pilot will begin in February.

Student Social Media Interns

During the second semester we are going to pilot utilizing student social media interns to assist with District social media and to incorporate more relevant posts for students in order to engage students with our schools differently and to model positive social media use among teens. Details of the application process are being finalized but it is decided students will be required to complete an application and apply for the position. Potential exists for this internship to count for high school credit and to be a paid internship up to 10 hours per week.

Finance

Site Based Expenditure Reporting- In meeting with the field auditor from ISBE Mr. Cox told the Board that he is more comfortable with where we are in the transition to site-based expenditure reporting but there is more work to be done to complete the transition. ISBE has developed a spreadsheet that will be available this winter where districts can upload budget information to help assist putting data in the appropriate places.

Grant Audits

The District is undergoing audits by ISBE in the following areas the week of 12/17-12/21:

- Transportation/Regular: 2016-2017
- Transportation Special Education: 2016-2017
- Title I: 2017-2018
- Title II: 2017-2018
- Early Childhood: 2017-2018

Property Tax Relief Grant

The State Board now provides up to \$50 million in property tax relief grants to eligible school districts for the FY19 school year. Eligible districts are those that exceed a threshold tax rate and that agree to abate a portion of taxes, up to a statutory limit, in the coming tax cycle. In return, qualifying districts receive a state grant in an amount that is a proportion of the tax relief provided. Grants are awarded and prioritized in order of highest unit equivalent tax rates among applicants. Staunton CUSD #6 is ranked 803 out of 851 eligible school districts. The total allotment to be distributed to districts is \$50,000,000. For context, should the first 30 districts on the list apply, the entire amount would be exhausted. Elgin Unit 46, who is ranked #189, will be eligible for \$45,000,000 on its' own. In the unlikely event Staunton Schools would receive an award, property tax payers would receive a total of \$1,106,059.31 in property tax relief. The grant would reimburse the District for the abated tax revenue at a return rate of 92.1%. The grant award would become a part of the new base funding minimum in future years. The Board discussed the benefits and disadvantages of applying for the grant. The Board needs to maintain realistic expectations with the public that it is highly unlikely the district will receive the grant. On a positive note the Board and District can point to the fact that we are sensitive to taxpayer needs and are attempting to take advantage of every opportunity to save taxpayers tax dollars. The Board decided that we should apply for the Grant.

Operations, Maintenance, Health Life Safety

A representative from Spartan was brought in to provide training to custodians on standard industry cleaning practices. Additionally, through the Schools of Illinois Public Cooperative of which the

District is a member we have access to online training videos. Custodians have been watching videos together as part of regular training.

Performance Evaluation Reform Act

Per statute the District and Staunton Federation of Teachers are to meet annually by December 1st to review required components of PERA and discuss any options the team would like to consider. This meeting was completed and it was unanimously agreed upon that the District continue to follow the PERA statute “as is” for each component.

1. Student Learning /District Improve

The Superintendent shall make regular assessment reports to the Board, including projections whether the District and each school is or will be making adequate yearly progress as defined in State law. The Superintendent shall seek Board approval for each District and/or school improvement plan and otherwise when necessary or advisable. Mr. Cox told the Board that the Administrative Team met multiple times over the past month to continue school improvement work. This work included the following:

- Finalizing the District Quality Framework utilizing input from the District Improvement Team (focus is on Culture and Climate as well as Student Learning and Development). The Final Plan will be presented to the Board during the January Meeting.
- The December meeting of the District Improvement Team. The team reviewed the finalized report for Standard II: Culture and Climate and also began to review data from the Comprehensive School Climate Indicator Survey (CSCI).
- District administrators met with representatives from CSCI to begin to review data.
- District administrators interviewed potential learning partners for school improvement through the Title 1003a grant. A recommendation for a learning partner will be presented to the Board during the January meeting.
- Individual School Improvement Teams have been formed and have met or will meet in the near future.

Next steps are the following:

- Illinois Quality Framework and Supporting Rubric will be presented to the Board for approval in January and submitted to ISBE by January 31.
- A learning partner will be presented to the Board of Education for approval in January.
- A work plan for school improvement will be submitted by February 28th.
- The work plan progress will be reported monthly and grant periodic reporting will be completed quarterly.

Reschedule January meeting for Thursday, January 24th, 2019 at 7:00 pm- Mr. Cox asked the Board if we could move the regularly scheduled meeting (set for Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019). The majority of the Board members stated that they could attend this meeting.

V. Financial Report

A. Report on Tax Levy 2018

A full presentation of the annual levy was held at 6:45 prior to the regular meeting. It is important to note that the District is not raising the tax rate by the amount indicated in the levy. Instead, the District balloons the levy request in order to capture all revenues it is entitled though the levy because the Equalized Assessed Valuation is Unknown until the spring. In reality the District will receive the lesser of 5% or the Consumer Price Index times the prior year extension divided by EAV less new construction.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of resolution Providing for the Tax Levy 2018

The Certificate of Tax Levy lists the amount of property tax money to be provided for the various funds in the budget. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$3,366,098.00. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$3,830,507.00. This represents a 13.8% increase over the previous year. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2017 were \$152,559.00. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$154,095.00. This represents a 1.01% increase over the previous year. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$3,518,657.00. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$3,984,682.00. This represents a 13.24% increase over the previous year. The Superintendent recommends approval of the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2018. Lamore made a **motion** to approve the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2018. Skertich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Renner, Skertich, Lamore, Legendre voted to approve the Levy Resolution as presented. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

B. Approval of resolution Allocating the 2018 Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the District

The 2018 tax levy includes additional allowances in case the District experiences new property or a significant decrease in EAV occurs. This amount is outside of the 2018 tax cap limit increase over the previous year's extension. The adopted resolution provides instructions to the County Clerk on how to reduce the 2018 tax levy if it is capped. Based on available balances and the FY18 budget, it is recommended the Board direct the County Clerk to reduce the levy extension for the Education Fund. The Superintendent recommends approval of the Resolution allocating the 2018 tax levy to individual funds of the District. Renner made a **motion** to approve the Resolution allocating the 2018 tax levy to individual funds of the District. Legendre seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the Resolution to allocate 2018 Levy Taxes to individual funds as presented. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Interior/Exterior Lock Replacement Bids

Upon completion of the project all classroom doors will lock from the interior and will be master keyed. A bid opening was held on Monday, 11/19. There were only two bids and there was a big discrepancy in the total bids. Also, at the ISBA Conference, Mr. Cox found out that our cooperative, Supply Works, was bought out by Home Depot and a representative from the new coop will come to our school to see if they carry the type locks that we prefer. The project is expected to cost between \$70,000- \$80,000 dollars, and if we can purchase the locks from the new coop at a reduced cost, perhaps we can save the District money. The Superintendent recommends that we table action on this until they finish going through our building to determine the amount of locks needed.

D. Consideration and possible action for IHSA football

The Board discussed the potential for further expansion of athletic cooperatives Football with Mt. Olive High School. The two districts currently participate in the following athletic cooperatives: HS Cross Country, HS Boys & Girls Soccer, HS Boys & Girls Track, HS Girls Basketball, HS Softball. Mt. Olive has contacted the District to inquire if there is interest in forming a cooperative for HS Football for the 2019 season. In addition to the cooperative the IHSA is in process of holding town hall meetings where member schools are voting on transitioning to district play versus conferences. The Board will be informed of the potential impact forming a cooperative could have under district play. Voting on district play is underway. Results are unknown at the time of this posting. What is known and is a revision to previous presentations is that if the proposal is successful, district play will not begin until 2021. This provides a two-year window, the same as the length of the cooperative agreement before district play begins. Because of this it is recommended the District enter into the cooperative agreement with Mt. Olive for football in order to evaluate the success of the cooperative and make a more

informed decision of the impact of District play as it becomes available in coming years. Mr. Cox recommends approval of the IHSA interscholastic athletic cooperative agreement with Mt. Olive High School for football for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Lamore made a **motion** to approve the IHSA interscholastic athletic cooperative agreement with Mt. Olive High School for football for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Skertich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the coop agreement with Mt. Olive for football for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years as presented. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

VII. New Business

A. Approval of a Resolution Abating the tax Heretofore Levied for the year 2018 to Pay Debt Service on general Obligation school Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, of Community Unit School District Number 6, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois

On February 27, 2017 the Board provided a bond resolution for the issue of \$2,850,000 General Obligation School Bonds (alternate revenue source), Series 2017, of the District and the levy of direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. On March 8th, 2017 the Board filed a copy of the bond resolution in the offices of the County Clerks of Macoupin and Madison Counties. The Bond resolution established a special fund of the District known as the "Alternate Bond Fund of 2017" for repayment of the bonds and pledged revenues or other lawfully available funds that are available and on deposit in the Bond fund in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due, so as to enable the abatement of all pledged taxes levied for the year 2017. 1% CSFST dollars will be utilized to pay for said bonds thereby foregoing the need to collect property taxes to pay for the bonds. The Superintendent recommends approval of the RESOLUTION abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, of Community Unit School District Number 6, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois. Renner made a **motion** to approve the RESOLUTION abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, of Community Unit School District Number 6, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois. Lamore seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the Resolution as presented. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

B. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Declaring the Intention to Issue \$500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the Purpose of Increasing the District's Working Cash Fund, and Directing notice of Such Intention to be published in the manner provided by law

The issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds is to utilize the debt service extension to increase the Working Cash Fund balance and overall cash balance as the District recovers from the impact of the financial crises. The District has a minimal amount of debt service extension base as a result of tax caps allowing the District to issue only \$500,000 in working cash fund bonds. The District's fund balances and overall cash on hand were severely negatively impacted as a result of the financial crisis of the last decade. As the District restores programs and service to classrooms and students where they are needed the most through evidence-based funding the issuance of the working cash fund bonds more efficiently allows the Board invest in programs and services for students while working toward the goal to maintain 3-6 months of cash on hand.

The approval of said resolution does not approve the issuance of bonds. Instead, the resolution provides approval for the superintendent to publish proper notice. Further discussion and Board action will be necessary before any potential bond issuance. The superintendent recommends approval of the resolution declaring the intention to issue \$500,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's working cash fund and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law. Skertich made a **motion** to approve the resolution declaring the intention to issue \$500,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's working cash fund and directing that notice of such intention be

published in the manner provided by law. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the Resolution to issue \$500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds as presented. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

C. Discussion of inspection Report for Bleachers located in SHS North (Small) Gym

As indicated in the bleacher inspection report the bleachers in the north (small) gymnasium at SHS are no longer structurally sound and are not safe for use. Upon receiving this report, the bleachers were immediately closed and boarded off. Communication was sent to all staff, students and community coaches who utilize the facilities. Within the report a description of problems are detailed with recommended solutions. The top solution recommended within the report is to remove the bleachers. Next steps are to have engineers inspect the bleachers and provide potential renovation recommendations with cost analysis.

D. First Reading of revisions to and Newly Written Board of Education Policies

Policies on first reading were recommended to be placed on the consent agenda for the following meeting or to be placed under “unfinished business” for further discussion and consideration. The Board will solicit input from our attorney and the Teacher’s Union as needed. All policy revisions and the PRESS memo sheet were reviewed. During the meeting the Board considered any preferred options presented with policies. The Board determined some proposed changes to policy require further Board discussion, public, or staff input and will be added to the agenda for the next regular meeting.

VIII. Roll call to go into Closed Session of Purposes defined in:

Lamore made a **motion** to go into executive session at 7:50 pm in the unit library. Skertich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre (Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent) voted to go into executive session to discuss:

- A. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.**
- B. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting**

Roll call to Open Session

Lamore made a **motion** to return to the regular order of business at 8:14 p.m. Skertich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to return to the regular order of business. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

IX. Action as a Result of Closed Session

A. Approval of Personnel Report

a. Recognition of Resignation(s)/Retirement(s) –

- **Christina Fry** -The Board recognizes the resignation of Christina Fry as a paraprofessional within the District.
- **Angel Flournoy** -The Board recognizes the resignation of Angel Flournoy as a custodian within the District

b. Return to work-

- **Lori Hassard** – Mr. Cox met with Lori and she indicated she will be able to return to work without restrictions on January 7th

Lamore made a **motion** to approve the Personnel report as presented. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the Personnel Report. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

B. Approval of Employee(s) 30 Day Unpaid Leave of Absence

Diane Dalpazzo- Mr. Cox recommends that the Board takes no action on the 30-day unpaid leave of absence for Diane. No action taken.

C. Approval of resolution to Dismiss and to Authorize Notice of Dismissal of Support

Steve Miller- Steve has indicated he is unable to return to work and there are no accommodations that can be made. Unfortunately, in order for Steve to be eligible for IMRF, it is required he be terminated. Mr. Cox recommends that the Board adopts the Resolution to Dismiss and to Authorize Notice of Dismissal of Steve Miller.

Skertich made a **motion** to adopt the Resolution to Dismiss and to Authorize Notice of Dismissal of Steve Miller. Legendre seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the resolution. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent. Vice President Renner stated “The Board of Education and administration want to thank Steve for his years of service and the good work he did for the district during the term of his employment”.

D. Approval of Separation Agreement with Educational Support Personnel

Jason Stamer- Mr. Cox recommends the Board approve the Separation Agreement with Educational Support Personnel Jason Stamer.

Lamore make a **motion** to approve the Separation Agreement with Educational Support Personnel Jason Stamer. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the Separation Agreement. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

E. Authorize Payment of Appeal Bond to Circuit Court in Pending Litigation

Mr. Cox recommends the Board authorize payment of an appeal bond in the amount of \$275,000 to the Circuit Court in pending litigation. Skertich make a motion to authorize payment of an appeal bond in the amount of \$275,000 to the Circuit Court in pending litigation. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Renner, Skertich, Lamore, and Legendre voted to approve the payment of the Appeal Bond. Kinder, Peterson, and Tingle absent.

X. Correspondence

The District received a donation in memory of Mark Prange (father of Madison and Griffin Prange and uncle of Band Director Brian lotter) from the family of Gary and Marilyn Prange. They asked to designate \$100 to the FA Program and \$100 to the band.

XI. General Discussion

We received payment from the Comptroller for the destruction of A. R. Graiff Grade School and our school attorney and the Village of Livingston’s attorney are currently working together to create a legal agreement to transfer the property back to the Village of Livingston since they owned it before A. R. Graiff Grade School became part of the Staunton School District.

XII. Adjournment

With no further business Lamore made a **motion** for adjournment. Skertich seconded the motion. All members present voted for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regularly

scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 24th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Dave Lamore, Secretary Staunton School District.