

May 8, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

The Schaller-Crestland Board of Education, along with the Galva-Holstein Board of Education, met in regular session on May 8, 2023 in the media center of the Galva-Holstein School, Holstein, IA. The following board members were present: Christy Horan, Kory Blum, Mike Schmitt and Steve Mason. Others present: Members of the Galva-Holstein Board, Supt. Bisenius, Brd. Sec'y Wandrey, Keelie Struck, Melanie Pyle, and Jane Schomaker. Absent: Matt Cress.

Call to order at 7:02 pm by President Christy Horan.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Mason to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments: Keelie Struck addressed the boards on her concern for the special education program.

Motion by Blum, second by Schmitt to approve the publication of the April 10, 2023 budget hearing/regular board meeting, and April 23 work session meeting minutes with the adjustment to the regular board meeting minutes. President Horan asked that wrestling be added to define the whole grade sharing agreement for the high school boys wrestling sharing agreement with River Valley and the girls high school wrestling sharing agreement with River Valley, Alta-Aurelia, Storm Lake, and OABCIG. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Blum, second by Schmitt to approve the payment of district bills. (Horan reviewed prior to the meeting.) Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mason, second by Schmitt to approve the April 2023 financial report as presented by Sec'y Wandrey. Motion carried 4-0.

The principals were not present but did supply the board with their current building happenings.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Blum to approve the resignation of: Angie Lussman-K-5 PE/ELL, Summit Nielsen-K-8 Art, Dennis Freking-5-8 Band/Choir, Kelly Wiener-6-8 Middle School and Barry Andersen-6-8 Principal/7-12 AD. Motion carried-4-0. The Board expressed their gratitude to Dennis Freking for all his years of service to public education.

Motion by Mason, second by Schmitt to approve the resignation of: Nicole Domino-Cook, Lindsay Hensen-elm aide, and Summer Wendt-Daycare. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Blum, second by Schmitt to approve the modification to Joel Brus' contract. He will now be .60 FTE teacher and .40 FTE 7-12 Athletic Director. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mason, second by Schmitt to approve the administrator wage and benefit increase for Beth (Bellinghausen) Simonsen. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Mason to approve the SBO wage and benefit increase for Stephanie Wandrey. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mason, second by Blum to approve the wage increase for: Classroom/Special Education Aides-\$.75/hour, Food Service-\$1.00/hour, Building Secretaries-\$1.00/hour, School Nurse-\$1.00/hour,

Custodian-\$.75/hour. Motion was amended by Mason, second by Blum to move all these employees to a wage increase of \$1.00/hr. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Blum, second by Schmitt to approve the listing of coaching contracts. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolved that the Schaller-Crestland Community School District Community School District director districts have not changed in their population distribution by more than 10% since the last report filed with the Secretary of State. Further, there has been no change in the method of election of directors or the director district boundaries for the Schaller-Crestland Community School District. Motion by Blum, second by Mason to approve no change in the current method. Roll Call-Ayes: Horan, Blum, Schmitt, Mason. Nays: None. Absent: Cress. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Mason, second by Schmitt to approve the NCCS Agreement for the FY 23/24 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mason, second by Schmitt to approve the 2023 graduation class pending all requirements are met for each individual. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mason, second by Blum to approve Central Bank as a depository account bank with the maximum amount of \$6 million. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Blum, second by Schmitt at 7:45 pm to enter into closed session in accordance to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge are being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Horan, Blum, Schmitt, Mason. Nays: None. Absent: Cress. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:02 pm a motion by Blum, second by Mason to come out of closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Horan, Blum, Schmitt, Mason. Nays: None. Absent: Cress. Motion carried 4-0.

In other discussion, Supt. Bisenius addressed the boards on the need for an alternative school program for our district. This would be housed in district and consist of one certified teacher and one educational aide. Most surrounding districts have these programs. It would be available for up to around 15 students. While this is still in a discussion phase, Supt. Bisenius stressed how beneficial this would be for our high school students. Supt. Bisenius also spoke to the boards on the idea of possibly having a junior high girls wrestling program that would run in the winter months. This would unfortunately run the same time that junior high girl's basketball is taking place. Supt. Bisenius presented a few branding options he had drawn up.

With nothing further to discuss, President Horan adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm. The next regular scheduled board meeting is set for June 12, 2023 at the Schaller-Crestland Elem. School at 7 pm.

