

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 March 18th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order Regular Meeting

A. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll call

President Chris Tingle called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 pm in the school Library. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll was taken: Board members Scott Skertich, Janice Kinder, Dave Lamore, Stefanie Legendre, Kim Peterson, John Renner and Chris Tingle were present. No one absent. Administration in attendance were Superintendent Dan Cox, Grade School Principal Nancy Werden, and Jr High Principal Ryan McGowen.

B. Approval of agenda

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

II. Recognition of Public/Visitors

President Tingle acknowledged Kelly Costa, reporter from the Staunton Star Times, Paige Parmley and her father John DeLong (college class assignment).

III. Consent Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes Regular and Closed Meetings from February 2019

C. Acceptance of Donations: None this month

D. Approval of Amended Public School Calendar for 2018-2019 (last day for teachers is May 30th; student's last day will be Wednesday May 29th)

E. Approval of IHSA Membership Renewal

F. Destruction of Closed Session recordings older than 18 months

The superintendent recommended the consent agenda be approved as amended (corrected January Treasure's report and revised February Treasure's report). Tingle made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as amended. Kinder seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Peterson, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the consent agenda as amended.

IV. Administrator Reports

A. Principal reports

Grade school Report- Nancy Werden

- **Testing-IAR** State Testing was March 11-18th. Students put forth a lot of effort and supported one another by wearing the same colored shirts this week. Science testing for 5th grade will be in April.
- **IPA Student Recognition** -The Illinois Principal's Association had a breakfast March 15th at Greenville College to honor area students for attitude, effort, and achievement. Chloe Schalk was the elementary student selected for the student recognition breakfast. Chloe is a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Bohlen's class. She has shown academic growth and always has a positive attitude. She congratulated Chloe.
- **5K** The 5K Race will be March 22nd with breakfast provided by students from Ms. Stone's class. Our staff and students put a lot of time and effort into organizing and training. All students, parents, and teachers work hard to prepare for the race and always look forward to this event. She thanked all staff members who make this event possible every year and encourage the students to exercise and lead healthier lives.
- **Thank you to the JHS Choir**- The Junior High Choir grades 6-8 used money from their fundraiser this year to purchase playground balls for the students to use during recess. She

thanked all the students who raised the money for this kind donation and said it is very much appreciated.

Jr High Report-Ryan McGowen

• Sports:

1. **Volleyball:** Both 7th and 8th grade teams won regionals and sectionals and participated in the IESA 3A state competition. Both 7th and 8th grade won the 2M conference title.
2. **Scholastic Bowl:** Congratulations to the squad. They won the county tournament.
3. We had over 30 band students participate in the IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest held at Litchfield Middle School Saturday, March 9th. All events received a Division 1S- Superior rating or 1-Excellent rating
4. Samantha Schnefke was nominated for IESA Scholar Attitude Award.
5. Max Eldred and his parents will attend an Illinois Principals Association Breakfast recognition on March 15th.
6. 5K challenge will be Friday, March 22nd at 1:00 pm. Bunker Hill and Zion Lutheran will be attending.

- **State testing** will begin on March 18th for 6th and 7th graders. 8th graders will start March 25th. Students will be testing on ELA and Math.

IMPORTANT DATES APPROACHING:

March 22 - 8th Annual 5K Challenge

April 23 - County Track meet

April 26th - Junior High Dance: grades 6-8, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

May 14th - 2nd Annual Terrier Night: 5:00 pm in Big Gym

May 23 - 8th grade promotion: 9:00 am

- **American Institute for Research**-Junior high started working with American Institute for Research. They have been working on areas identified by the state in which we are underperforming.

High School Report- Brett Allen

- Cullen McBride was recognized at the 2019 Illinois Principal's Association Student Recognition Breakfast on Friday, March 15th. Mr. Allen attended the event with Cullen and his family and were addressed by guest speaker, Dr. Ivan Filby, President of Greenville University. Cullen was recognized for his academic achievement and success at SHS and his strong character and leadership abilities.
- The annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on Thursday, March 7th in the Auditorium with a cake and punch reception following. He congratulated the new inductees.
- Band and Choir students participated in the IHSA Solo & Ensemble contest on March 2nd, 2019 at Southwestern High School. Details of the student performances are:
 - Choir- Honor Baker, Jonathan Baker, Grace Bandy, Kylie Dyer, Isabella Henning, Tori Hester, Emily Slifka, and Gavin Wray. All of their performances earned a Division 1 Superior rating.
 - Band- Kaylee Seelbach, Honor Baker, Analise Best, Joseph Cisler, Jacob Ury, Sonali Jain, Mackenzie Sievers, Jonathan Daugherty, and Constantin Culot.
- The Bulldog Business Club took students on its annual Field Trip on Thursday, March 14th. Students had the opportunity to tour the Staunton Water Treatment Plant, First National Bank, and Jarden Farms.
- The annual Silver Medallion Banquet will be held at Lewis & Clark Community College on Thursday, March 21st. This prestigious awards banquet honors the top 8% of students from the area high schools. He congratulated the following SHS students who will be honored: Hali

Bandy, Ryan Best, Griffin Bianco, Megan Boyer, Malissa Huddleston, Chloe Peterson, Kaleigh Pirok, Abby Scanzoni, and Mackenzie Sievers.

- The Fine Arts Exhibition will take place on Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Gym.
- All School Test Day is Tuesday, April 9th. 9th-11th grade students will be taking the PSAT or SAT. All junior students began Test Prep during 8th period using Khan Academy on Tuesday, March 12th.
- Professional Development:
 - March 1st SIP Day - All staff received training on High Impact Tier 1 interventions that they can implement within their classrooms. Additionally, the High School Leadership Team met and developed additional school improvement goals.
 - The Technology Committee will be offering continued after school trainings in April and May as we continue the 1:1 device transition.
- Spring Sports are underway. Mr. Allen wished the student athletes and coaches the best of luck. He reminded everyone to check the School Activities Calendar (found on the district website) for the most up to date schedules.

B. Superintendent Dan Cox Report

Board Calendar April/May

A regular meeting with the current board will be held on April 15th 2019 following the consolidated election on April 2nd (canvassing of votes will not be completed at this time). The reorganization meeting and seating of the new board will be held on April 25th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to allow for the canvass of votes to be completed. Following the reorganization meeting the Board will have one vacant seat in the position currently filled by Dave Lamore. The Board reviewed policy 2_70 for procedures for filling the vacancy. During the regular May meeting (TBA) the Board will review applications of interested parties to fill the seat. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. to interview applicants to fill the seat for a two-year term. Lastly, a special meeting will be held Monday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. to seat the new member and to hold a Board self-evaluation.

SEL Professional Development

An important need requested by teachers is for professional development and supports for social emotional learning supports within the classroom. On February 28th - March 1st an SEL Response Team of teachers and administrators attended a two-day training by Capturing Kids Hearts. It is the recommendation of the team that this training be explored further for all staff professional development.

Mr. Cox also gave the Board the February OPAA report which showed that 3,172 Student breakfast were served, 10,444 Student Lunches were served, they received \$1,212.25 for Adult meals and \$3,245.20 was received for a la carte meals.

Mr. Cox also informed the Board that he is in discussions with MAC (Macoupin Arts Collective) about the possibility of them offering 1) a Teacher Appreciation night at MAC, and 2) the possibility of MAC coming to our school to offer after school programs for our students.

1. Student Learning/District Improvement/Strategic Planning

The Superintendent provides 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. The High School's AIR (American Institute for Research) Improvement goals are: 1) By the end of 2019-2020 school year the chronic absenteeism rate will be 12% or lower, and 2) By the end of 2019-2020 school year, students in grades 9,10, and 11 at Staunton High School will demonstrate a combined average ELA proficiency of 33% or higher on the PSAT/SAT.

a. Approval of SHS Quality Framework Rubric and School Improvement Work

Plan- Our goal is to build capacity within leaders and teachers, and to ensure equity for all students (AIR Framework for Systemic Improvement). Immediate action the Board of Education can expect in terms of District/School Improvement includes the steps below:

Continuous Improvement Planning Coaching and Progress Monitoring

- A kickoff meeting to outline timelines, schedules, and stakeholder participation has taken place.
- Principals and school leadership team members have rated the Quality Frameworks and developed building work plans for approval.
- Meetings of the District Leadership Team will take place monthly for facilitation, support, and progress monitoring for district improvement plan implementation.
- Quarterly reports will be provided regarding critical implementation considerations.

School-Level Continuous Improvement Planning, Coaching, and Progress Monitoring

- School Leadership Teams will meet monthly to support alignment to the district leadership plan, the implementation and monitoring of the school improvement plan including data protocols, monitoring, feedback processes.

Professional Development for Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

- The district leadership team will receive facilitated one day Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework development professional development to support planning and implementation of effective MTSS.
- Two half-day sessions for all staff will be facilitated to support planning and implementation of an effective MTSS process.

The superintendent recommended approval of the school improvement work plans for Staunton High School. Renner made a **motion** to approve the school improvement work plans for Staunton High School and the High School Rubric. Skertich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Peterson, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the school improvement work plans and the High School Rubric for SHS.

V. Financial Report

There was no Financial report.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of Updates and Revisions to Board of Education Policies

The Board discussed educational policies: 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students and 7:190- Student behavior. The Superintendent recommended approval of both policies as presented. Skertich made a **motion** to approve the updates and revisions to Board of education policies 7:270 and 7:190 as presented. Kinder seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Legendre, Lamore, Peterson, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the updates and revisions to Board of Education policies 7:270 and 7:190 as presented.

B. Action to Close Campus Lunch for SHS Freshmen Beginning 2019-2020 School Year

At the last board meeting the Board was presented with rationale for eliminating open campus lunch for SHS Freshmen beginning the 2019-2020 school year. Reducing risk factors ('on track', chronic absenteeism, and truancy) for freshmen is paramount to their continued success through high school. Students who finish the ninth-grade year on track are almost four times as likely to graduate from high school as students who are not on track. The cafeteria does have the capacity to hold all freshmen during lunch. With the improved food service program and additional options planned for high school students next year the overall quality and experience of on-campus dining options is high. Closing campus for freshmen will reduce opportunities for off-campus discipline, truancy, and chronic absenteeism. The superintendent recommends approval of a motion to close campus lunch for SHS Freshmen beginning the 2019-2020 school year. Renner made a **motion** to

close campus lunch for SHS Freshmen beginning the 2019-2020 school year. Kinder seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Peterson, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve closing campus lunch for SHS Freshmen beginning the 2019-2020 school year. Legendre voted no.

VII. New Business

A. Approval of 2019-2020 Public School Calendar

The Board was presented with the calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Based on input from teachers and principals, the Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held at different times of the year between high school/junior high and elementary. The Superintendent recommends approval of the District Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Kinder made a **motion** to approve the District Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Legendre, Lamore, Peterson, Renner, and Tingle voted to approve the District Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

B. Action to Approve the Renewal of an Interscholastic Athletic Cooperative Agreement with Mt. Olive High School for IHSA Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Softball, Girls Basketball, Girls Track, and Boys Track

The two districts have participated for the past two years in the following athletic cooperatives: HS Cross Country, HS Boys & Girls Soccer, HS Boys & Girls Track, HS Girls Basketball, and HS Softball. The renewal term of the agreement is for a two-year term beginning in 2019-20 and expiring in 2021. The two districts maintain a separate football cooperative agreement in football for the same term. The superintendent recommends approval of the renewal of the athletic cooperative agreement with Mt. Olive High School as presented. Lamore made a **motion** to renew the athletic cooperative agreement with Mt. Olive High School as presented. Skertich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Legendre, Lamore, Peterson, Renner, and Tingle voted to renew the athletic cooperative agreement with Mt. Olive High School as presented.

C. Discussion and Possible Action of Lawn Mower Purchase

The Board was told that the current main industrial mower is at 1,700 hours and has operated at or past expectancy. Secondary mowers are not sufficient to keep up with required work. The Superintendent recommended the purchase of a TORO Z Master 6000 Series 31 HP 999cc with a Kawasaki Mower and a 72" deck for \$11,539 from Nails Equipment. Renner made a **motion** to purchase a TORRO Master 6000 Series Lawn Mower from Nails Equipment for \$11,539. Tingle seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Skertich, Kinder, Legendre, Lamore, Peterson, Renner, and Tingle voted to purchase a TORRO Master 6000 Series Lawn Mower from Nails Equipment for \$11,539.

D. First Reading of Updates and Revisions to Board of Education Policies

The following policies were discussed for review and possible revisions: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c, 5/10-20.21, 5/10-21.9, 5/10-22.34c, 5/19b-1 and 5/23-5, 820 ILCS 130. Mr. Cox told the Board to look over the new policies and if Board members have any questions, they should e-mail or call him with their questions before our next meeting. All policy revisions and the PRESS memo sheet will be reviewed again at that time.

E. Discussion of Future Green Energy Consortium

Green Energy Management was created by the School Management Alliance Specifically for Illinois School Districts, Future Green is a brand-new renewable energy program that is being offered to school districts and their residents to save money on the electricity supply costs for school buildings, residential homes and small businesses. In alignment with Illinois' Future Jobs Act, the green energy project is designed not only to be a cost savings for schools but also the families they serve and the businesses that support them. This is an out-of-the-box program

uniquely designed within Illinois law and specifically crafted to help our school communities. An automatic discount to the current electricity supply rates plus the ability to drive down rates further and earn districts rebates makes this a very exciting program for all of Illinois. Future Green will be able to assist in on-site solar development and/or transmission level projects to increase the districts' investment in the energy sector when needed. Mr. Cox will get more information from other schools who have already begun use of this program.

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

Lamore made a **motion** to go into executive session at 7:45 pm in the unit library. Tingle seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Peterson, Renner and Tingle 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)(6) – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.**

Renner had to leave at 7:55 pm.

Roll call to Open Session

Lamore made a **motion** to return to the regular order of business at 8:01 p.m. Tingle seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Peterson, and Tingle voted to return to the regular order of business. Renner absent.

IX. Action as a Result of Closed Session

A. Approval of Personnel Report

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

- The Board recognizes the resignation of Brandon Ray as an assistant JH track coach with thanks for service.
- The Board recognizes the resignation of Zach Ferguson as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach with thanks for service.

b. Approval of Recommendations for Hire

- 1. SJH Special Education Teacher-Leah Suhre**
- 2. SHS English language Arts teacher-Sean Courty**
- 3. Bus driver- Kate Vollintine**

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

Derrik Taylor (school board candidate) entered the meeting at 8:02.

c. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Full-Time Educational Support Personnel- Mr. Cox, as a precautionary reason until the status of Federal grants are known, recommends the reduction in force of all aides: Dennis Ondes, Kathy Fox, Linda Thomas, Kim Masinelli, Jennie Newton, Carissa McBride, Brooke Dugger, Leanne Heyen, Beth Sievers, Corey Rizzi, Tabitha Miller, Donna Jarden, Jo Ellen Zuber, Tiffany Schwalb, Karen Moore, Nick Mellenthin, Catherine Embry and Rebecca Wells with thanks for service.

Tingle make a **motion** to approve the resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of full-time educational support personnel: : Dennis Ondes, Kathy Fox, Linda Thomas, Kim Masinelli, Jennie Newton, Carissa McBride, Brooke Dugger, Leanne Heyen, Beth Sievers, Corey Rizzi, Tabitha Miller, Donna Jarden, Jo Ellen Zuber, Tiffany Schwalb, Karen Moore, Nick Mellenthin, Catherine Embry and Rebecca Wells with thanks for service. Kinder seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Skertich, Kinder, Lamore, Legendre, Peterson, and Tingle voted to approve the resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of full-time educational support personnel. Renner was absent.

X. Correspondence:

None

XI. General Discussion:

A discussion was held about the necessity of Coaches to remain with their athletes after contests until the athlete's parents arrived to pick them up.

XII. Adjournment

With no further business Lamore made a **motion** for adjournment. Tingle seconded the motion. All members present voted for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Lamore, Board Secretary