

ST. CROIX CENTRAL DISTRICT, HAMMOND-ROBERTS, WI
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SCC DISTRICT OFFICE

- 1) Call to Order – President Kruschke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call – Members present: Scott DeGross, John Hueg, Howard Kruschke, David Olsen, and Jeff Redmon. Absent: Kirk Lyksett and Tricia Rogers. Also present: Superintendent Tim Widiker, High School Assistant Principal and Activities Director Jason Koele, Middle School Principal Pete Nusbaum, Middle School Assistant Principal and Activities Director Chance Langeness, Elementary Principal Shelly Clay, Elementary Assistant Principal Lindsay Jacobs, Virtual Education Principal Stephani Posta, Director of Special Education and Student Services Pat Basche, Director of Teaching and Learning Nic Been, and Administrative Assistant Pam Katner. Staff: Greg Green and Ian Porten. Also present: district residents and students.
- 4) Report of Meeting Notification – Superintendent Widiker reported that the meeting was properly noticed.
- 5) Welcome Visitors/Public Comment – President Kruschke called for public comment with no response.
- 6) Highlight on Youth
 - a. Presentation by 7th Grade Students and Science Teacher Ian: Learning Scientific Method Through Bubble Gum Lab – Students in Ian Porten’s 7th grade science class learned to think like a scientist by using scientific method to form a hypothesis about the size of bubbles for different bubble gum brands. They develop data tables and graphs to support their hypothesis. Two 7th grade students, Evan Gardner and Laura Rust presented their Bubble Gum Lab science experiment. Their PowerPoint presentation showed how they measured and analyzed the data to determine which brand produced the biggest bubble. In the end, their hypothesis that Bazooka bubblegum will produce the largest bubble was correct. **The Board thanked Mr. Porten and the students for their entertaining and informative presentation.**
- 7) Comments by Board Members and Superintendent
 - a. Board Workshop/Retreat – Friday/Saturday, November 15th and 16th – The Board and Superintendent Widiker commented on the recent board retreat that was held at the

Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson. The retreat spanned over two days and was facilitated by Dr. Lee Pritzl, a former superintendent. There was general consensus that the retreat was a success and created a great opportunity for the Board to revitalize their goals and priorities. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to the students and responsible stewardship. President Kruschke felt the Board was in a positive position to move forward with reviewing strategic goals including facility, programming, and staffing needs.

- b. Wage and Benefit Committee – Next Meeting – The Board discussed the future meeting structure of the Wage and Benefit Committee meetings and when to schedule the next meeting. Points of discussion included: 1) building representatives verses staff feedback when needed, 2) posting practices, and 3) input from administrators. Superintendent Widiker will schedule the next meeting with input from the committee.

8) Scheduled Presentations by Guests and Staff – Nothing at this time.

- 9) Financial Reports – Board Treasurer Scott DeGross read the treasurer’s report with a balance of \$1,735,360.88. Motion Director Olsen, 2nd Director Redmon to accept the financial reports, including the treasurer’s report, as presented. Unanimously carried. **Exhibit 9**

10) Consideration of Consent Agenda – Motion Director Redmon, 2nd Director Olsen to approve the consent agenda. Unanimously carried.

a. Approval of Minutes

Exhibit 10a

- i. Wage & Benefit Committee Meeting – October 7, 2019
- ii. SCC School Board Meeting – October 21, 2019
- iii. Wage & Benefit Committee Meeting – November 4, 2019
- iv. SCC Board Learning Meeting – November 4, 2019
- v. SCC Special Board Meeting – November 11, 2019

b. Approval of Bi-Monthly Bills for November 2019

Exhibit 10b

c. Approval of Resignations and Retirements

- i. Lyndia Hanson 1 FTE MS Destination Imagination-Mentor November 6, 2019
- ii. Paige Nerem 1 FTE 7th Grade ELA Teacher November 23, 2019
- iii. Chris Buckel 1 FTE JV Wrestling Coach November 18, 2019

d. Approval of Appointments and Contract Modifications

- i. Christina Bauer .5 Bookkeeper December 2, 2019
- ii. Jenny Cicha .78 FTE MS Destination Imagination-Mentor November 19, 2019
- iii. Gail Weninger From 7.5 to 7.75 Hr. MS SPED Para November 11, 2019
- iv. Teresa Sweet 7.5 Hr. 4K Paraprofessional December 2, 2019
- v. Michele Gordon 7.5 Hr. MS Special Education Para November 19, 2019

e. Approval of Curricular Modifications Requests for Students to Enroll in Full-Time and Part-Time Virtual Courses for 2019-20

11) Administrative Reports

- a. Student Enrollment Update – An overview of November’s enrollment figures which showed enrollment down by three students from October’s “in the seats” enrollment total for a total of 1,598. The district’s Free and Reduced Meal percentage dropped from 20.70% to 19.16%. Open enrollment is at 274 students open enrolled into SCC (210 in 18-19) and 109 students open enrolled out of the district (110 in 18-19). There are 27 full-time virtual resident students and 44 part-time virtual resident students. At this time, there are 159 virtual charter students compared to 107 students last year.

Exhibit 11a

- b. 2018-19 School Report Cards Presentation – Director of Teaching and Learning Nic Been – The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recently released the 2018-19 School Report Cards. SCC’s overall district score decreased slightly from 79.9 for 2017-18 to 78 for 2018-19. Individually the three schools scored: Elementary School - Meets Expectations at 71.9 (down from last year’s 77.4); Middle School – Exceeds Expectations at 78.7 (up from last year’s 75.4); and High School –Exceeds Expectations at 82.2 (down from last year’s 88.8). The virtual charter school is not figured into the overall district score but received an accountability rating of “Fails to Meet Expectations”. Currently, SCC’s overall District Report Card score of 78.0 ranks them at Exceeds Expectations. The rating puts the SCC School District at 84th of K4-12th grade districts in the state, 9th in CESA #11 and 2nd in the Middle Border Conference. Director Been highlighted several changes in the scoring calculations as well as the four priority areas of focus: Student Achievement, Student Growth, Closing Gaps, and On Track to Graduation and Postsecondary Readiness. He broke down each priority score, strengths, and areas for review. The next steps, continued focus on growth of students and staff. These steps include 1) Ongoing professional growth and implementation of Coaching Model within Educator Effectiveness; 2) Use of student self-assessment and reflection on growth and learning progress; 3) Focused PD on quality instructional materials and practices; 4) Continued growth of Tier 1 best practices and review/development of Tier 2 & 3 effectiveness; 5) BLTs and PLCs focused use of current data to drive instruction and response; and 6) Implementation and use of effective progress monitoring tools in all buildings. President Kruschke thanked Director Been for his presentation and explanation of the scores. On behalf of the entire Board, he thanked the staff and administration for their hard work. For more information on the DPI District Report Card go to the SCC website at www.scc.k12.wi.us > Menu > District News & Data > 2019 School Report Cards

Exhibit 11b

12) The Key Work of Our School Board

- a. Student, Staff, and Community Recognition – Director Hueg read this month’s recognition and thank you cards which included:

- i. In recognition of Sally Vangsness for her individual accomplishment of setting the school Girls' Golf State record for total shots.
- ii. In recognition of Brooklyn Mishler for her individual accomplishment of breaking the school Girls' Golf State record for total shots.
- iii. In recognition of Jakob Eggen for his accomplishment of Sectional Boys' Champion.
- iv. In recognition of the SCC Boys' Cross Country Team for qualifying for the State Tournament.
- v. In recognition of Mya Kizer for her individual qualification for State Cross Country.
- vi. In recognition of Kaitlyn Carlson for her individual qualification for State Cross Country.
- vii. In recognition of Bill Emery, Coaches, and the SCC Cross Country Team for qualifying for the State Tournament both as a male team and female individuals.
- viii. In recognition of Gretchen Rozeboom and the SCC Trap Team on their Conference-4 Fall Championship.

13) Core Agenda Items

- a. Consideration of Preliminary Approval of 2020-21 School Calendar – Superintendent Widiker presented the proposed 2020-21 School Calendar which is similar to this year's calendar with one major difference. The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 1, 2019 instead of repeating this year's earlier August start date. There are 190 teacher days, 171 student days, 176 9-month support staff days, and 260 12-month support staff days calculated into the 2020-21 proposed calendar. The calendar includes five All-Staff PD days, 7.5 Teacher PD days, and two Flex Teacher PD days for a total of 14.5 Teacher PD days. The proposed 2020-21 school calendar will be brought before the Board for final approval at the December 9th board meeting.

Exhibit 13a and Exhibit 13a Summary

- b. Consideration of Preliminary Approval of 2020 Summer School Calendar – Summer School Director Chance Langeness presented the proposed 2020 Summer School Calendar. He noted that the summer school week will once again be extended to Monday through Friday for three weeks in June. Student contact days will remain at 15 days for June. Summer school will start on Monday, June 8th and end on Friday, June 26th for all interested students in grades K-12. There will also be a two week "by invitation only" session in August for students in grades 1-8 who need a jumpstart to the new school year. The second session will start on Monday, August 3rd and end on Thursday, August 13th. Swimming lessons will take place from Monday, July 20th to Friday, July 31st. The proposed 2020 summer school calendar will be brought before the Board for final approval at the December 9th board meeting.

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- c. Administrative Report on District Facility Needs – The Board reviewed a list compiled by the administration for current and future facility needs. The list was broken down by building. Superintendent Widiker is looking into vendor options for an updated population study to help determine future district growth. The administration will continue to explore district needs and compile estimated costs.

14) Other

- a. Director DeGross shared that the Hammond Lions Club Christmas Fundraiser is doing their annual holiday fundraiser. The proceeds from the fundraiser benefits local families with an all-inclusive Christmas holiday including a decorated tree, meal, and gifts. The open house fundraiser takes place at the Hammond Golf Course on Sunday, December 1st from noon to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

15) Important Upcoming Dates

- a. December 2019 – No Scheduled SCC Board Learning and Special Meeting
- b. December 9, 2019 – SCC School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the SCC District Office at 915 Davis Street, Hammond
- c. January 13, 2020 – SCC Board Learning and Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the SCC District Office at 915 Davis Street, Hammond (*2nd Monday*)
- d. January 22-24, 2020 – WASB State Education Convention in Milwaukee, WI
- e. January 27, 2020 – SCC School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the SCC District Office at 915 Davis Street, Hammond (*4th Monday*)

16) Convene to Closed Session – The motion was made by Director Olsen, 2nd by Director Hueg to convene to closed session. Roll call vote: all ayes.

- a. Per WI State Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
 - i. Consideration of Waiving Liquidated Damages for Teacher Resignation

Time: 9:17 p.m.

17) Return to Open Session – The Board Returned to open session at 9:20 p.m. No one joined the meeting.

18) Announce Any Action Taken in Closed Session if Appropriate – No announcement was made.

19) Adjournment – Motion Director Olsen, 2nd Director Hueg to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Time: 9:21 p.m.

Jeff Redmon, School Board Clerk