

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Six board members were present: Misty Doss, Denise Flaspohler, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty, Tim Parkinson. Jill Halliburton entered at 7:05 p.m. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Becky Schafer, High School Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director; Penny Fadler, Special Education Director; Jeff Miles; Kim Calvert; a Guard reporter; and minutes were taken by Peggy Leerhoff, secretary to superintendent and board of education.

The regular board meeting was called to order by president; Tim Parkinson at 7:00 p.m. Trace #s2495, 2497, 2498 was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Misty Doss to approve the consent agenda.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Dougherty to approve trace #2495 for payment

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: Denise Flaspohler

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve trace #s2497 and 2498 for payment.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: Kevin Smith

Kim Calvert, Friends of FFA co-treasurer, gave an overview of this year's FFA classes and awards. She stated she has spent time going over the ledger sheets for the Friends of FFA and the school's Ag and FFA accounts and found no discrepancies with either organization. She presented a proposal from FFA to cover mileage from April to June. They are questioning why they are being invoiced for mileage when they thought it would be waived from April to June. She stated the group is working on by-laws and a budget. They will be presenting their budget to the board upon completion.

Tim Parkinson stated the board was not in agreement with the Friends of FFA proposal at the April Meeting and that the proposal was not approved nor was there a vote take. He stated that the Ag/FFA program is to be self-sustaining for two years. Only the cost of the teacher's salary and benefits will be paid by the school district. The board assured patrons and the community of this when it agreed to proceed with the Ag/FFA program. Mileage is an Ag/FFA related cost the district is not willing to absorb at this time. It was agreed at the April meeting that all expenses beyond salary and benefits would be handled by the Friends of FFA from that point on. He cautioned the group to speak with a single voice and that everyone in the group be on the same page when speaking in the community so that they can continue to grow and thrive for our students.

Becky Schafer, High School principal, requested the board purchase needed equipment/supplies to complete the new science lab with Bond proceeds. The majority of the items on the list are equipment and are a one time expense.

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Misty Doss to approve the purchase of science lab equipment/supplies in the amount of \$1727.08

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

She presented information on a 36 inch fume hood for the science lab. Cost will be \$2,041. After discussion on the size hood needed, it was decided to have Jeff Mills measure the opening to insure we order the correct size hood. Mrs. Schafer will have Aaron Corum research the cost of a 48 inch hood as well and report back to the board with figures next month. Kevin Smith reminded the board that the fume hood cost was part of the original expense plan for the new lab.

She presented the board her opinion of the athletic department fund. It is her belief that the fund is not carrying a negative balance and that there are items listed that should not be in the account. In the past, the Athletic department funds ran through two accounts. The board wanted to see at a glance how much was being spent on Athletics. At the board's request, those two accounts were combined into one account for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Mrs. Schafer stated she would be more than happy to track the athletic department expenses next year if the board wants her too.

Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director, stated he and other administrators of the district attended a meeting earlier in the week regarding the release of new assessment schedules. They will be working together to ready our district for those changes. He stated the EOC test scores were back and look really good. They contain lots of highlights and some area to be improved upon.

Mr. Carr presented the District's Assessment Plan for the board to approve.

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Misty Doss to approve the 2016-17 Assessment Plan as presented.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Mr. Carr stated Summer School is going well. The enrollment numbers are not as high as could be but the addition of High School summer classes has helped.

Mr. Carr presented the yearly transportation report for board approval.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Kevin Smith to approve the transportation report as presented.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Penny Fadler, Special Education Director, presented the board with year-end data. She stated Spec. Ed. was significantly busy this year. She stated we will need to add an Early Childhood transportation route next school year as we will have 2 possibly 3 students who qualify for those services. She stated we currently have 2 high needs students and will possibly add a third next year. She reminded the board that we have to incur the high needs expenses first, file for reimbursement the following October, and then be reimbursed for those expenses. It takes roughly a 1 ½ years for this process.

Shawn Schultz, superintendent, presented program manager's reports for: Teacher Certification; High School Exit Survey; High School A+ and Guidance; Health Management; High School Incentive Grants; Business Enhancement Grant; K-8 Guidance; Parents as Teachers.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve the program manager's reports as presented.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

The board gave approval for Mr. Schultz to seek bids for bread, buns, dairy, bus maintenance and diesel for the 2016-17 school year.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to set the following prices for breakfast and lunch for the 2016-17 school year:

Increase breakfast price from \$1.35 to \$1.40

Increase K-8 lunch from \$2.15 to \$2.25

Increase 9-12 lunch from \$2.40 to \$2.50

Leave Adult breakfast at \$1.75

Increase Adult lunch from \$2.45 to \$2.55

Increase extra milk per carton \$.40 to \$.45

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Becky Schafer stated hot breakfast would be served at the High School every Tuesday and Friday during the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Schultz presented the Long-Range Strategic Plan to the board. After some discussion, the board felt it best to have a special meeting to go over the long range goals and views before making any decisions.

Mr. Schultz presented board policy changes/revisions. He stated the board could take action now or take more time to review if needed.

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve the Board Policy changes/revisions as presented.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Mr. Schultz presented amendments to be made to the current year budget. Those items covered revenues for public placement and sale of bonds – no amount was budgeted. REAP funds were \$4,284 more than originally budgeted. Amendments were presented to reposition budgeted expenses for High school regular salaries, medical insurance, ACP salaries. No amount was previously budgeted for Proportionate Share. Library Tech Entitlement was budgeted at \$10,000 but was actually \$21,500. Repositioned \$13,000 for our cost of the SRO's salary from the Executive Administration Salaries budget. Adjusted the amount spent on Operations and Maintenance from \$65,000 to \$84,035. No amount was originally budgeted for Facilities Acquisitions (Bond proceeds purchases). Debt Service Interest was increased from \$42,935 to \$105, 891.

Motion was made by Misty Doss; seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Yeas: 6 (Jill Halliburton was not present at time of vote)

Nays: 0

Mr. Schultz presented several funding proposals for consideration for the 2016-17 budget. He reminded the board they have until June 30 to adopt a budget. It was decided to have another budget meeting in the next couple weeks.

Mr. Schultz presented the board with the options for a Transgender Policy. Two policy options come from MSBA. One is based on a person's birth gender. The other the gender the person identifies with. The third policy is written by our district's attorney, Tom Mickes, it seems to be the least binding of all policies and most likely to hold up in a court of law. Mr. Schulz stated the current plan would be to have transgender students use the health room office bathrooms. He feels it would be a good idea to be proactive and put a policy in place. The board will revisit this issue at the July meeting.

K-8 Hallway flooring bids were presented. Bids were submitted by Erdel & Wood Home Improvement Center (Gary Scott Flooring) and Color World dba Dave Griggs'. The project will be paid for with Bond proceeds. Work will need to begin the first of July in order for the floor to be ready for the beginning of school.

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Misty Doss to accept Erdel's bid of \$14,965.78 to replace the K-8 Building Hallway floor tiles.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Misty Doss to approve the following pay aps to Grove Construction. Release of the checks to Grove Construction is contingent upon proof of payment in full to all sub-contractors who worked on the district project. These are final payments to Grove Construction.

Pay ap #7 in the amount of \$5,016.51

Pay ap #8 in the amount of \$45,761.56

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Dougherty to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

_____ Tim Parkinson, president

_____ Peggy Leerhoff, secretary