

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Six board members were present: Tim Parkinson, Misty Doss, Denise Flaspohler, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty. Incoming board member: Jill Halliburton. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Becky Schafer, High School Principal; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director; staff members, Brian Fike, Jeff Mills; Mayor Gene Kelly and Kevin Abrahamson; Jonathan Schmidt, Dennis Kent, Friends of FFA, students and parents; 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 #2029 was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Dougherty to approve the consent agenda.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Dougherty to approve trace #2029 for payment

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: Denise Flaspohler

Shawn Schultz, superintendent, announced that no election was held due to the fact the board had two vacancies and only two people filed for those open positions.

Mr. Shultz took a moment to thank Mike Guilford for his time of service to the district. A plaque will be given to him as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Peggy Leerhoff, board secretary, swore in incumbent, Kevin Smith, and newly appointed, Jill Haliburton as new members to the board of education.

Mr. Shultz stated it is necessary to reorganize the board and asked for nominations for board president. Tim Parkinson was nominated.

A motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Dougherty to elect Tim Parkinson as board president.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: Tim Parkinson

Tim Parkinson asked for nominations for Vice-President. Misty Doss was nominated.

A motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Heather Dougherty to elect Misty Doss as board vice-president.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: Misty Doss

Tim Parkinson asked for nominations for treasurer. Kevin Smith was nominated.

A motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to elect Kevin Smith as treasurer.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: Kevin Smith

The board appointed Peggy Leerhoff as secretary.

Tim Parkinson presented students with certificates of recognition. Mr. Shultz took a moment to highlight some of the accomplishments of our high school students.

Nicole Miller, PTSO representative, announced a Movie Night will be held April 29 in the library. They will be showing "Good Dinosaur." They are working on plans to show appreciation for Secretaries, Teachers, and the nurse.

Shannon Bright, Friends of FFA president, thanked the school district for allowing FFA to hold their Chicken Dinner this past Sunday. She also thanked everyone for coming out and supporting FFA at the event. The Chicken Dinner along with a Labor Auction was a huge success. She invited everyone to attend the State FFA Convention at the Hearnes Center on April 21 and 22. Nine of our FFA members will sing with the choir on the 21st at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Our FFA chapter will receive their charter on stage Thursday night. She announced the Friends of FFA meet every third Monday of the month. They are still working on a 501c3 application. Many large donors and grants require this status. She expressed concern over the handling of the Ag and FFA accounts. It was agreed that the district will pay \$748.57 to Paris FFA for hams and \$1,485.30 to Lochirco for fruit sales. The Friends of FFA will pay \$1066.70 to Lochirco for the remaining outstanding balance of the fruit sales. This will basically zero out the district Ag / FFA accounts. From this point on, all FFA invoices/bills will be sent to the Friends of FFA for payment by them not the district. Future grant money will go into the district Ag account. The Friends of FFA will meet with Mr. Buckman to decide how to use those funds.

Sturgeon Mayor Gene Kelly and Alderman Kevin Abrahamson spoke with the board about the lighting project from Francis Street to Dollar General. With the arrival of Dollar General and the addition of the track at the high school, many citizens have expressed safety concerns over the lack of lighting in that area. The city asked the district to contribute 29% of the \$7,644 or \$2,216 for the cost of lights. This is the same percent that was contributed to the sidewalk project. It was decided Mr. Schultz would look at the bond wording to see if it is possible to make a contribution to the lighting project after school projects are paid out of the bond proceeds. The board will revisit this request at a later time.

Becky Schafer, high school principal, spoke of two curriculum changes for next year. Students will now be offered the option to take Personal Finance through Ag management and Economics. This class will be offered every other year. They will also be offered a three for one – if a student takes three Animal Science classes they will receive one science credit. She is looking into possibly offering an on-line health class as well. With no objection to these curriculum changes from the board, she will proceed with formulating next year's class schedule and student handbook.

Mrs. Schafer presented Jennifer Campbell as a potential hire for the open Communication Arts position at the high school.

A motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Misty Doss to offer a one year probationary teaching contract to Jennifer Campbell.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Brandee Brown, K-8 principal, presented Jonathan Schmidt as a potential hire for the open Middle School Math position we have.

A motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Charles King to offer a one year probationary teaching contract to Jonathan Schmidt.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director, stated we have been selected by DESE Quality Assurance for this EOC/MAP testing year. A DESE representative will be on site April 19. They will be checking to make sure we are in compliance with testing rules and regulations. Summer School registration forms are coming in. We are will be offering high school courses for credit for the first time this Summer School. Physical Education, health, and personal finance will be offered – 60 hours ½ credit.

Transportation for April is extremely busy with 38 trips scheduled. Mr. Carr and Mr. Schultz are the only sub drivers we have for the district.

Dennis Kent, a retired Professional Engineer, gave a presentation on running a fiber optic cable from the High School to the Elementary/Middle School building. Mr. Schultz recommends to the board that we hire Mr. Kent to do the technical side – scope of work – to be able to place an ad in the paper for bids on the project.

A motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Kevin Smith to hire Dennis Kent as a consultant not to exceed \$1,500 to be paid from bond proceeds.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Mr. Schultz reported that our projected Vo-Tech enrollment for 2016-17 will be 28 students. This is down from the current 35 students. He will most likely put less expenditure in the budget in this area.

Mr. Schultz stated the board needed to set the non-resident tuition rate for 2016-17. After some discussion, the board decided not to raise the current rate of \$7,250 for next year.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Dougherty to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

_____ Tim Parkinson, president

_____ Peggy Leerhoff, secretary