

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Seven board members were present: Tim Parkinson, Mike Guilford, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Becky Schafer, High School Principal; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum & Transportation Director; Penny Fadler, Special Education Director; staff members, Dominik Lehman and Tonia Valone; Lou Ann Tanner Jones, Cindy Kelly; a Guard Reporter; parents and students; 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 #1103 was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Misty Doss to approve the consent agenda.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Mike Guilford, to approve trace #1103 for payment

Yeas: 6

Abstain: Denise Flaspohler

Tonia Valone, PTSO representative, reported Santa's Breakfast was a success this year. Penny Wars raised \$170. Enough to adopt one child for Christmas. PTSO is able to sponsor or find sponsors for 19 families a total of 52 kids this year for Christmas.

Tim Parkinson presented certificates of recognition to several students in attendance.

Lou Ann Tanner Jones and Cindy Kelly from Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition gave a brief presentation and update of activities to date. BCSMHC is a tax payer funded organization that cultivates the social and emotional health of students. Heather Dougherty voiced concerns about the method in which survey results were delivered to parents. Brandee Brown stated changes have been made for delivering future results. Starting 2nd semester, reps from BCSMHC will be in our facilities to help with student's emotional and mental health needs.

Becky Schafer, High School principal, stated attendance is up 3% from last month. Several staff members attended the follow-up Ken Williams Skype at Hallsville. The rubber layer has been laid on the new track. Paint will be applied in the Spring. The equipment ordered with Business Grant funds has arrived. Brian Fike has been installing the equipment.

Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal, stated DRA testing is underway. STAR math has been implemented. She stated Professional Development plans are complete. Unit of Instruction are due December 11. She will be scoring them over break. She is on track with teacher observations and plans to complete them before break. MAP testing practice for grades 3-8 will begin after break. She has been using flip meetings for her K-8 staff meetings. The process has been well received by staff.

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Jeff Carr, Curriculum and Transportation Director, asked the board to approve this year's upcoming Summer School dates of May 31 – June 30, 2016.

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve these dates.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Mr. Carr stated bus bids will be presented to the board in February, voted on in March. We are looking to lease purchase a new bus with hopes it will be here in time for the start of school in August 2016.

Penny Fadler, Special Education Director, asked the board to approve the Special Education Census Report.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Mike Guilford to approve the report.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Mrs. Fadler stated she is having trouble finding two qualified aides for the Special Education Department. She proposes that the district hire one full-time certified staff member to travel between the buildings teaching a Life Skills class to our Special Education students. The board and superintendent are in agreement to proceed in this direction.

Mrs. Fadler reported that the Special Education department will begin transitioning from Sped Track to Lumen for record keeping. The staff will begin using Lumen in January. The cost difference is \$76 per year. We use Lumen for student records. This transition enables the Special Education Department to flow more smoothly and efficiently.

Tim Parkinson read a letter of resignation from Cody Cox, middle school science teacher, effective December 10, 2015.

A motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Misty Doss to accept the letter of resignation.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Approval was asked to make payment 4 to Grove Construction in the amount of \$141,027.50.

Motion was made by Mike Guildford, seconded by Misty Doss, to approve payment.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Shawn Schultz, superintendent, presented survey results from other schools that have moved to a four day school week. He received responses from 11 schools. It is administration's hope that we can move forward with an open forum discussion in January. He would ask representatives from other schools to speak with our staff on site. This would be followed by a community survey. Mr. Schultz stated he hoped a decision regarding a four day school week calendar could be made in February 2016.

Mr. Schultz stated two bids were received for the track storage shed. Paragon and Straight Line Construction were the bidders. He suggested holding on any decisions until Grove Construction and Byrnes and Jones are finished so we have a clearer picture of where we stand with bond funds. He reminded the board they have 3 years to spend the funds.

Mr. Schultz presented information on the proposed Fiber Optic Project. After some discussion, the board requested that Brian Fike give a presentation at the next board meeting on our current internet infrastructure and how the bid options would impact that structure.

Mr. Schultz asked for approval to proceed with ordering furniture for the new science and ag rooms in the amount of \$20,609.32. This amount is less than the \$30,000 budgeted.

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to purchase the furniture.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Mike Guilford to go into executive session to discuss personnel and/or students in compliance with Mo. Statute 610.021(3), Personnel and (6), Students. Roll call was taken:

Yeas: Tim Parkinson, Mike Guilford, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty.

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Misty Doss to accept a Separation Agreement between Sturgeon Schools and Cody Cox.

Yeas: Tim Parkinson, Mike Guilford, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty.

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Misty Doss to go out of executive session. Roll call was taken:

Yeas: Tim Parkinson, Mike Guilford, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty.

Nays: 0

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Motion was made by Mike Guilford, Seconded by Misty Doss to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

_____ Tim Parkinson, President

_____ Peggy Leerhoff, Secretary