

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Six board members were present: Tim Parkinson, Mike Guilford, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Misty Doss, and Heather Dougherty. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Becky Schafer, High School Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum Director & Transportation Director; Penny Fadler, Special Education Director; Jim McGinnis, auditor with Gerding, Korte & Chitwood; Tricia Stafford-PTSO representative; Josten Patterson, Corey Kohnle, Dan Buckman, Susie Hesser, staff; Friends of FFA Mbrs.; several students and parents-Student recognition; and minutes were taken by Peggy Leerhoff, secretary to the superintendent and board of education.

Denise Flaspohler entered the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Brandee Brown entered the meeting late.

The regular board meeting was called to order by president, Tim Parkinson at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Misty Doss to approve the October minutes as written.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Mike Guilford to approve the bills for payment.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Mr. Schultz shared with the Board that alumni of the district have given a donation of 40 chrome books for student use. Future donations will be known as the KARO Project.

PTSO representative, Tricia Stafford, was recognized. She reported Santa's Breakfast will be held Saturday, December 5, 8:00-10 a.m., in the cafeteria. Penny Wars will be held November 20-December 5. Bleacher seats will be sold again this year.

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

Jim McGinnis with Gerding, Korte & Chitwood was recognized. He presented the annual audit report for 2014-15 school year to the board. He thanked Mr. Schultz and Bonnie Chase for all their help with the audit. The audit was excellent this year---no findings and one area of concern – see Section II item A of the Audit Communications Letter. Our reserves balance is down slightly from last year to 28.9%. He pointed out there are new requirements in place for the PSRS/PEERS retirement system. Information was presented. The board thanked him for the report.

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Mike Guilford to accept the 2014-15 audit as presented.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Shannon Bright, president of Friends for FFA, was recognized. The Friends of FFA officers are: Jodi Rush, Vice-President; Jennifer Whitney, Secretary; Debbie Crowley, Treasurer.

The Friends of FFA was organized to support FFA student needs and activities. She pointed out that Ag and FFA are two different things. She questioned the board about expenditures and funding for Ag/FFA. A group concern is paying for FFA activity trips. The group feels that the Trap team is a team and should be given the same consideration, support and treatment as other sports team.

Tim Parkinson, board president, stated the board only agreed to budget for the teacher and teacher's salary and benefits for the 2014-15 school year. First year costs were to be kept to a minimum. There was no money budgeted for other costs. The 2014-15 budget was in place when plans were finalized for the Ag/FFA program. The board reviews programs yearly when working on the budget. While support can't be guaranteed at this time, the board does not expect the Friends of FFA to carry the load.

The board stressed that the Ag/FFA program is to be self-sustaining.

Mrs. Bright stated that it is the time of the year that grant windows will be opening and that she will be seeking advice on the process in hopes that a grant can be obtained for next year.

Mrs. Bright asked that the Ag/FFA accounts be separate. Part of the duties of the FFA treasurer is to keep and maintain the chapter checkbook. Mr. Schultz stated that the treasurer could work in conjunction with the district bookkeeper by asking that checks be written to pay for expenses and requesting an account balance of what has been paid.

Mrs. Bright stated that Friends of FFA has their own checking account to help with expenses not covered by the school budget. Mr. Schultz informed her that any organization, such as theirs, that plans to use the district's tax exempt status is required to provide a monthly financial statement to the board. She stated the FFA program has done very well so far and asked the board to determine where FFA lies in hopes all groups are treated equally in the future.

Dan Buckman, Ag/FFA instructor, thanked the board for their effort and commitment to bring FFA to Sturgeon. He thanked them for having him here and stated that he has a great group of kids to work with. He shared that the Ag. Advisory Committee should consist of 12 members that meet 3-4 times per year with the purpose of goal setting and visions for the future of the program. Friends of FFA is a fundraising based group.

Madeline Bright, FFA Vice-President, thanked the board for bringing the program to Sturgeon. She gave a brief report of the activities the group has experienced to date.

Becky Schafer, High School Principal, was recognized. She stated that the Barnwarming Dance raised \$110 which was donated to the Mike Gregory benefit. Barnwarming Queen was Alana Bowne. Barnwarming King was Trent Asher.

Josten Patterson, Corey Kohnle and students, Mariah Williams and Amanda King, gave a brief presentation and asked for permission to take students on an overnight trip to the state NHS Conference in the Spring. They plan to do a fundraiser to cover the cost of the trip. The board gave permission for them to proceed.

Mrs. Schafer stated that PLC is moving along at the High School. Blue and White night went well. She and Carol are now in the newly remodeled office, work on the track is proceeding as well as the classroom editions. She announced a pep club, The Bleacher Creatures, has been formed and will appear at basketball games this season. She plans to have 4-5 adult sponsors to insure appropriate behavior of the students.

Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director, stated he is keeping a separate record of all Ag/FFA related trips, practices, etc. The board stated they would want to see those numbers in the future.

Mr. Carr is recommending the board sign a one year contract with Catapult Learning for the 2016 Summer School.

Motion made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Misty Doss to approve a one year contract with Catapult Learning.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Mr. Carr will meet with K-8 staff this week to review and get feed back on MO Learning Standards. He will meet with the High School staff next week.

High School students will take the ACT test April 19, 2016.

Mr. Carr asked the board for permission to solicit bids for a new route bus. He will offer bus 6 as a trade-in. The district does not qualify for the National Clean Diesel Rebate Program grant.

Motion made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Kevin Smith to grant permission for Mr. Carr to solicit bus bids.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Brandee Brown was recognized. She gave the board an update on the Boone County Mental Health Coalition Survey that was administered to elementary and middle school students. This is a pilot program and several things need to be refined and worked out. It was decided no more surveys will be given until a notice is mailed to parents. Parents will be given an option to opt out of the survey by calling the building principal. All future surveys will be handled in this manner.

Penny Fadler, Special Education Director, was recognized. The Special Education department is growing this year. The case load is 73 plus several new referrals. 22 staff completed CPI Training this Fall. A second round of training will be held in January and February. A co-teaching team has been implemented at the High School with the goal of moving students from Special Education to the regular classroom. One student in the district qualifies to take the MAP-A test this Spring.

Mrs. Fadler asked the board to adopt the Local Compliance Plan Certification Statement – Option A. DESE requires this be done yearly.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to adopt the plan.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

School Board filing dates for the upcoming April Election were set.

Motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Charles King to approve the dates.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

The Boone County Hazard Mitigation plan was presented for adoption. This is done every 5 years.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Dougherty to adopt the plan.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

The Non-Certified Staff handbook was presented for adoption.

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to adopt the handbook.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

The replacement hot water heater that supplies the restrooms and new classroom editions will be purchased locally and installed by Master Tech Plumbing.

Mr. Schultz presented a bid proposal to be placed in the newspaper for a track storage shed.

He asked for approval to do this. Bids will be due December 4 and opened at the December board meeting.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve the placing of the ads.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Christmas gifts for staff were discussed and permission given to Mr. Schultz to proceed with securing them.

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Misty Doss to approve payment #2 to Byrne and Jones Construction in the amount of \$207,100.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

A change order from Grove Construction was present. It is a credit. No action needed.

Calendar Survey Results were presented to the board. Mr. Schultz will distribute the results to staff next week. Moving forward: administration will develop a list of questions to send to other districts that have a 4 day week. They will be asked if they would be willing to come here and speak to the staff during a panel discussion.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Doughery 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, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Misty Doss, and Heather Dougherty

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Heather Dougherty to go out of executive session. Roll call was taken:

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

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Kevin Smtih to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

_____ Tim Parkinson, President

_____ Peggy Leerhoff, Secretary