

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Thursday, October 8th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Seven board members were present: Tim Parkinson, Mike Guilford, Denise Flaspohler, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Misty Doss, and Heather Dougherty. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Becky Schafer, High School Principal; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum Director & Transportation Director; Penny Fadler, Special Education Director; Christine Vaughn-PTSO president; Christina Ridgeway, Josten Patterson, Kimberly Guilford, Cory Cox Dominic Lehman, teachers; Charles Holland-Ag Committee Mbr.; several students and parents-Student recognition; and minutes were taken by Peggy Leerhoff, secretary to the superintendent and board of education.

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 Charles King to appoint Peggy Leerhoff as secretary to the board of education.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Mike Guilford to approve the bills for payment.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Misty Doss to approve the August minutes as written.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

PTSO representative, Christine Vaughn was recognized and reported their fundraiser will be delivered during parent/teacher conferences on October 22. Planning for the annual Santa's Breakfast is underway. Santa's Breakfast will be held Saturday, December 5, 8:00-10 a.m., in the cafeteria. Middle School cheerleaders have requested help paying for new uniforms. The High School Life Skills class requested help with kitchen/cooking supplies. Both requests were honored.

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

Becky Schafer, High School principal, was recognized. She reported the Trap Shooting Team finished in the middle of the pack at districts. The FFA Charter Signing will be Wednesday, October 21, in the High School gym. She reported that the FFA Chicken Dinner was very successful. FFA is planning one for Spring 2016. The PLC team has completed a mission statement for the High School: Learners today. Leaders tomorrow. Season passes for basketball games are now on sale and may be purchased at home basketball games.

Josten Patterson was recognized. She gave a presentation on the high school's use of the Rosetta Stone program which she proctors. She showed what the students see and daily assignments, the grading system, what she sees and does as the proctor.

Becky Schafer also stated the girl's softball team placed second in our conference and are playing districts this week. The boy's baseball team is conference champs this year. Marcia Rhinehart is working with Daniel Boone Regional Library to get our yearbooks scanned. Josten Patterson and Corey Kohnle took a group of students to a NHS conference this week. Yearly NHS dues have increased from \$85 to \$385 for the year. All High School students participated in an anti-bullying activity this week. Students were asked to write a positive note about a friend or classmate. These were displayed in the high school hallway. Mrs. Schafer shared a very positive email she received about our FFA instructor and program.

Brandee Brown, K-8 principal, was recognized. She shared the Middle School basketball season has begun. Preparations for the October Parent/Teacher Conference are underway. Awards Assemblies will resume October 30. She presented some changes for this year's Halloween parties: parents will have an assigned time to drop off treats and supplies, due to safety and student concerns the parade will be held in the gym from now on, only prepackaged foods will be accepted in the classrooms – no homemade goodies. STAR Math, EasyCBM Math, Reading A-Z/EaseCBM reading are being implemented. These programs will give us a consistent picture of where we are and help with preparation for MAP testing.

Jeff Carr, K-12 Curriculum Director/Transportation Director, was recognized. He presented the 2015 Summer School report. We achieved a higher ADA this year than last year. Summer School generated about \$35,000 in revenue from additional ADA to the district once expenses were paid. He plans to meet with staff and seek input for next year's Summer School. He would recommend using Catapult Learning in the future despite the issues experienced this past year. The 2015 APR report was presented. He is exploring the options of paper versus electronic ACT testing for our students.

He stated we are on schedule to purchase/lease purchase a new school bus in Spring 2016. He is currently exploring the possibilities of purchasing two used buses to replace our aging spare buses. He is applying for the National Clean Diesel Rebate Program, which applies to 2015 school bus replacements. If selected, we would be able to purchase a new school bus and receive a \$20,000 rebate towards the purchase price of the bus.

Penny Fadler, Director of Special Education, was recognized. She stated this is our bye year for compliance and we are working on making sure we are in compliance and ready for our review next year. Training is going on for staff to make sure we meet all new state requirements/regulations. Staff has completed CPI training and certification.

Charles Holland, a representative for the Ag Committee, was recognized. He reported the committee last met this summer and established the 5th Monday of the month as meeting days for the committee. The next meeting will be November 30. They are working with Mr. Buckman on a grant that is due October 30. To date approximately \$19,600 has been raised for the Ag/FFA program. Trap Shooting went really well this Fall. They are working on a Dupont grant for CASE Curriculum.

Shawn Schultz, Superintendent, presented a positive financial report of the Ag/FFA program. He stated a gun safe was donated to the FFA program. The safe will be placed off campus. Dick Huckfeld is donating the use of a storage unit for this purpose. Students will place their guns and ammo in it before school on practice/meet days. A designating adult drive/sponsor will pick up the guns and ammo from there and transport in a personal vehicle. School owned guns and ammo will be stored here as well. Mr. Schultz will check on storage liability insurance.

The District ADA plan was presented. At this time, all bathrooms in the district conform to regulations. Currently, the upstairs office and board room are the only areas not in compliance. The solution is to move board meetings downstairs to the library if there is a need. A motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Kevin Smith to approve the report as presented.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Board Policy revisions and updates were presented. A motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Misty Doss to accept the revisions as presented.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

A Kelly Services report was presented by Mr. Schultz. Ms. Brown stated the sub quality is good and that most subs have teaching certificates. They are easy to work with. She has noticed on the days we have slots not filled Columbia Public Schools have professional development training taking a large number of subs needed to fill vacancies.

Mr. Schultz asked the board members to consider whether or not to stay with the original track shed of 10x20 or increase the size to 40x40 in order to store all the track equipment. The board advised him to get dollar amounts and more details before making any decisions. The matter of lighting was also discussed. Mr. Schultz will inquire about costs and report back to the board.

Motion was made by Mike Guilford, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve payment #1 to Byrne and Jones Construction in the amount of \$95,000.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Mike Guilford to approve payment #3 to Grove Construction in the amount of \$151,477.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Mike Guilford to approve change order request 002 with Grove Construction in the amount of \$5,146.35.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Mr. Schultz stated the hot water heater at the High School went out before construction began. A decision was made at that time to wait for completion of the new classrooms to determine what size water heater is needed and purchase a new unit at that time. The Board approved the purchase of an 80 gallon water heater not to exceed \$1,000.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Kevin Smith 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 Mike Guilford, seconded by Misty Doss 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 Misty Doss to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

_____ Tim Parkinson, President

_____ Peggy Leerhoff, Secretary