

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a special board meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Five board members were present: Tim Parkinson, Denise Flaspohler, Charles King, Jill Halliburton, Kevin Smith. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Becky Schafer, High School Principal; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Penny Fadler, Special Education Director; several staff members; and minutes were taken by Peggy Leerhoff, secretary to superintendent and board of education.

The special meeting was called to order by president, Tim Parkinson, at 6:00 p.m.

Tim Parkinson read letters of resignation from Mitchell Pittman, Janette Trujillo, and Mona Lara.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Kevin Smith to accept a late resignation penalty of \$2,000 and accept the resignation of Mitchell Pittman.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 1 (Denise Flaspohler)

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Jill Halliburton to accept a late resignation penalty of \$2,000 and accept the resignation of Janette Trujillo.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 1 (Denise Flaspohler)

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to accept a late resignation penalty of \$2,000 and accept the resignation of Mona Lara.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 1 (Denise Flaspohler)

Shawn Schultz, superintendent, presented the 2016-17 funding proposals. He estimates that when the fiscal year is officially closed out. The district fund reserve balance will remain static or possibly gain 1%. This is not official as the ASBR and audit for the year have not been completed. He reminded the board that the 2016-17 budget must be adopted by June 30.

Motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Charles King to give a step increase on the salary schedule and 1% increase for non-certified staff.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Jill Halliburton to fund Career Ladder for the 2016-17 year.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to allow Jennifer Campbell to enter Career Ladder on Stage 2 based on her years of teaching experience.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Jill Halliburton to approve a FFA sponsor stipend in the amount of 6% of the teacher's salary. The amount budgeted for 2016-17 will be \$2,910 benefits are included.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

The request to budget for FFA/Ag mileage was tabled.

Dan Buckman presented information on a matching funds grant for the Ag Department. He has received confirmation it has been approved for up to 20 computers and equipment. He stated the exact number purchased will be based on class size. The equipment can be used by classes other than Ag and will remain in the district for future use. Becky Schafer stated any amount not covered by the district would be paid by Friends of FFA. The board members are in favor of supporting the matching grant as it benefits all students, enhance classroom instruction, and allows the district to obtain equipment that it would otherwise not be able to purchase.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to match the grant with district funds up to \$7,000.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Jill Halliburton, seconded by Charles King to add an additional month to the High School Principal's 2016-17 contract. That contract will now be 11 months.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to add an additional month to the Special Education Director's 2016-17 contract. That contract will now be 11 months.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Jill Halliburton to eliminate the webpage stipend and move those responsibilities to Brian Fike.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

The proposed elimination of a sound system stipend was tabled.

A motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Kevin Smith to eliminate the district cell phones used by the Superintendent and the Transportation Director.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

The idea of changing lawn mowing to in-district was tabled due to the fact that mowing bids are due July 13 and will be opened at the July 14 regular board meeting.

Mr. Schultz stated he will adjust the revenues and expenditures in the 2016-17 budget to reflect the adopted proposals, write a budget message, and prepare a transfer sheet for the board to vote on. He will send out an email to arrange a time for the next meeting.

Kevin Hicks, Athletic Director, addressed the board with concerns he has regarding the athletic budget and rumors circulating. He was aware that his working budget was \$19,000 but did not realize any and all athletic related revenues and expenses were being tracked in one account instead of separate as in years past. He stated he felt he had stuck to his budget but some expenses are beyond his control and are dictated by the progression of each sporting season and whether or not we act as host for an event. He suggested if this practice was to continue more funds be added to give a more realistic picture.

The board assured Coach Hicks they do not feel he has abused his position as Athletic Director/coach in any way. They would like to see a better break down of each sport’s revenues and expenses to insure they are budgeting adequately each year. Mr. Schultz agreed to track revenues and expenses per sport for the 2016-17 and give a report to the board each month.

Motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Kevin Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

\_\_\_\_\_ Tim Parkinson, President

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