

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Five board members were present: Charles King, Heather Dougherty, Tim Parkinson, Kevin Smith and Jill Halliburton. Misty Doss and Denise Flaspohler were absent. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Becky Schafer, High School Principal; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum and Transportation Director; several staff, parents, and students; a Guard reporter; 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 #782 and #858 were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Charles King to approve the consent agenda.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Charles King to approve trace #782 and #858 for payment

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Abstain: Kevin Smith

Tim Parkinson presented certificates to several high school students in recognition of their sports and art achievements.

Tonia Valone, PTSO representative, stated there are 13 bleacher seats available for sale. Adopt a Family forms have been sent out. Plans are underway for Santa's Breakfast to be held Saturday, December 10. Penny Wars will return this year as a fundraiser. PTSO will sponsor an Ugly Sweater contest. Students will buy items to attach to the sweaters. Select staff will be chosen to model the sweaters.

Amy Watson with Gerding, Korte, and Chitwood presented the board with the results of the 2015-16 audit. She stated the audit was clean. Our ending fund reserve balance is 27.16% down from 28% last year.

Kathryn Anderson, co-treasurer of Friends of FFA, reported they sold 429 meals at their Fall Chicken Dinner with a profit of \$3,187. She thanked the district for allowing them to host the dinner on campus. The Friends of FFA have created a \$1,200 classroom supply budget for Mr. Buckman. They will reimburse him 35 cents per mile when he transports students to events in his personal vehicle. The students will have \$500 to put towards community involvement. They have decide to help at the local food bank.

Dan Buckman, FFA Sponsor, shared with the board that our students attended the Area Fall Speaking Contest recently in Centralia. Our students did very well. Eric Anderson presented his speech "Youth Involved in Agriculture."

Becky Schafer, High School Principal, shared that Alex Mobley and Jake Vaughn were voted Queen and King at the recent FFA Barnwarming.

Mrs. Schafer presented two high school seniors for early graduation. The students will graduate in December and be allowed to participate in Prom and Graduation.

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Jill Halliburton to allow the two students to graduate in December provided they meet all necessary graduation requirements.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Brandee Brown, K-8 principal, shared the year is moving smoothly. She and her staff are focusing on the students. With the closing of school today, second grade grandparent's day has been rescheduled for Monday, November 14. The annual Preschool Thanksgiving Dinner will be Tuesday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Brown, the preschool staff, and Title I staff will be doing the cooking this year.

Jeff Carr, Curriculum Director, presented the district's APR results. The district received its highest rating ever of 96.8%. This number has increased over each of the last 3 years. While this is excellent, we need to be vigilant in our goals to continue moving our students forward.

Mr. Carr presented a plan for doing summer school in house this year. In the past we have contracted with Catapult Learning. Due to the decline in summer school attendance it is not feasible to continue paying for this service. He proposes that we have core teachers write curriculum for academic and enrichment classes. Perhaps look at shortening the number of days we offer classes. It would still be possible to offer field trips and incentive prizes. It would be necessary to amend the budget to cover these costs since we will be paying up front instead of after the fiscal year. However, we would be able to budget appropriately for the following fiscal year. Mr. Carr recommends that we not sign a contract with Catapult Learning for the 2017 Summer School and move to doing it all in house.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Heather Dougherty that the 2017 Summer School program be done in house.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Shawn Schultz, superintendent, spoke to the board regarding their previous decision on the track and field lighting and storage shed. It was brought to his attention that it was the intent of MECO and Paragon Architect to combine their services and prices as one project to be done at the same time using each other's services. Our options are accept MECO's proposal of \$9,000 for lights only and start the building project again or accept both proposals as one and move forward with lights and the storage building in the Spring at a combined cost of \$39,960 before construction.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Heather Dougherty to rescind the October 2016 vote giving permission for Mr. Schultz to sign a contract with MECO Engineering Company, Inc. in the amount of \$16,000 to prepare a scope of work for a new storage facility and track and field lighting.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Kevin Smith to hire MECO to do the scope of work services for the track and field lighting at a cost of \$9,000.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

The following board members seats are up for reelection in April 2017: Misty Doss, Charles King, Heather Dougherty.

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Jill Halliburton to set the following dates for the April 4, 2017 Election:

Open Board Filings to Candidates – Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Close Board Filings for Christmas Break – noon, Wednesday, December 21, 2016

Reopen Board Filings – Thursday, January 5, 2017

Close Board Filings – 5:00 p.m., January 17, 2017

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Mr. Schultz asked the board for permission to purchase staff Christmas gifts not to exceed \$10 per person. After some discussion, it will be necessary for him to get back with the board before a final decision is made.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Kevin Smith to approve the payment from bond proceeds to ADB in the amount of \$8,602.50 for the fiber optic project.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Jill Halliburton to approve pay ap #6 with Bryne and Jones Construction from bond proceeds in the amount of \$43,302.50 for work on the track project.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

James Smith, reporter with the *Centralia Fireside Guard*, asked if there was anyone in our community interested in writing community interest articles or something they would like to see in the *Fireside Guard* to please contact the *Fireside Guard* or himself. He would appreciate if those present would spread that word to people they know that might be interested in doing this.

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Heather Dougherty to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

_____ Tim Parkinson, president

_____ Peggy Leerhoff, secretary