

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Four board members were present: Jill Halliburton, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith. Absent: Tim Parkinson, Denise Flaspohler, Heather Dougherty. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director; Penny Fadler, Special Education Director; staff members; 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 vice-president; Misty Doss at 7:02 p.m. Trace #1115 was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to approve the consent agenda minus Trace #1115.

Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to approve Trace #1115 for payment.

Yea: 3

Nay: 0

Abstain: Kevin Smith

Christine Vaughn, PTSO representative, stated the Santa's Breakfast held last Saturday went very well. Penny Wars fund raiser raised \$256. The results will be presented at an assembly December 21 at 7:30 a.m. Adopt-A-Family program provided 19 families – 45 children – with Christmas gifts this year. Planning for the annual Spring PK-4th grade dance has begun. PTSO has purchased a snow cone machine for staff to use during class parties.

In the absence of John Kruse, High School principal, Shawn Schultz, Superintendent, touched on highlights of his report.

Matt Boyer, High School Guidance Counselor, presented four seniors for early graduation in December. He stated that all four students have met the necessary requirements placed on them by the state of Missouri and the Sturgeon R-V School district.

Motion was made by Jill Halliburton, seconded by Charles King to allow the four students to graduate in December provided they meet all necessary graduation requirements.

Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Brandee Brown, K-8 principal, presented each board member with a Blue Pride Never Dies booklet. She asked each staff member to write a brief statement on what being a Bulldog means to them. She stated Star Math and DRA reading scores are looking good and show student growth.

Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director, stated the district's aggregate report shows no significant gaps between groups in the district. He stated the district is working on improving our Special Education student's needs and scores. APR results were released in November. The district received a 94.6% which is above our goal of 93%. Overall last year's Summer School was very successful. By doing everything in house, the district saw net revenue of \$108,835. He recommends that we do Summer School in house this year using the same format as last year. The tentative dates will be May 29 – June 29, 2018 (24 days).

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton for the district to provide its own in house Summer School in 2018.

Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Mr. Carr gave an update on replacing the district's handicapped bus. Our normal rotation for bus replacement is every other year. We are due to replace a route bus in the spring of 2018. The district is not in the position to purchase two brand new buses. He is exploring purchasing two used buses with low mileage that would be equal to the cost of one new bus. The cost would be approximately \$100,000. The last new bus the district purchased cost \$86,000. He is working with a sales person to get the two buses that best fit our needs and requirements at the same location for him to look at.

Shawn Schultz, superintendent, presented information and statistics on a potential tax increase to be brought before the voters potentially as early as April 2018. A tax increase would greatly help the district reach its goal of retaining and recruiting highly trained staff, maintaining current programs, and provide for the longevity of the district. L.J Hart and Company recommends an increase of 60 cents. This could be done all at once or graduated in 20 cent increments over 3 years until the full 60 cents is reached. The last increase the district saw was a 68 cent partial Prop C waiver 13 years ago in April 2004. He asked the board members to think about how to proceed and if they would like to see further information presented. His hope is a decision could be made regarding the April 2018 Ballot at the January meeting.

Mr. Schultz asked the board to set a date and time for the annual Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract issuance. It was decided Misty would speak with those absent from the meeting and find a date the board can meet for a Special Board Meeting before the January board meeting.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Yea: 4

Nays: 0

Misty Doss, vice - president

Peggy Leerhoff, secretary