

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a closed session board meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Four board members were present: Tim Parkinson, Jill Halliburton, Charles King, Kevin Smith. Absent: Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, and Heather Dougherty. Others present: Geoffrey Neill, superintendent; John Kruse, High School Principal; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director; staff members; a Guard reporter, representatives from Boone County Mental Health Coalition and minutes were taken by Peggy Leerhoff, secretary to superintendent and board of education.

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

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to go into closed session to discuss personnel in compliance with Mo. Statue 610.021 subsection (3) Personnel, (6) Students, and (13) Personnel Records.

Roll call was taken.

Yeas: Tim Parkinson, Jill Halliburton, Charles King, Kevin Smith

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded Kevin Smith to go out of closed session and into regular session

Roll call was taken.

Yeas: Tim Parkinson, Jill Halliburton, Charles King, Kevin Smith

Nays: 0

Trace #375 was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to approve the consent agenda minus Trace #375

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Jill Halliburton, seconded by Charles King to approve Trace #375 for payment.

Yeas: 3

Nays: 0

Abstain: Kevin Smith

Charles King led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PTSO representative Tonia Valone, thanked the board members for helping with Back to School Night. Tee shirts orders will arrive next week. The Fall fundraiser wraps up next week. They are planning a Family Night on October 26, 6-8 p.m., in the K-8 gym and cafeteria. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 4, at 6:30 p.m.

CTA representative, Sherri Pelzel, announced they will be doing a Trivia Night, September 29, 6 p.m., in the High School Commons. Tables of up to 8 participants will cost \$80. This is a fund raiser for dual credit class scholarships for high school students. Check the district web site for a full list of event details.

Dr. Lou Ann Tanner Jones with the Boone County Mental Health Coalition introduced Jessica Burbridge, regional coordinator, and gave an overview of the services the program offers to our district. Her presentation will be available on the district web site for those who want information about the services offered.

John Kruse, high school principal, stated attendance is good, enrollment is down approximately 10 students. Samantha Strodtman, Ag/FFA teacher/sponsor, asked for the board's approval to take 10 students to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24-27, 2018. Our students will travel with students from Meadville and Grundy County.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to approve FFA students attending the 2018 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Brandee Brown, K-8 principal, stated attendance is good as well. Running Club has about 90 students participating along with staff, parents, and volunteers. Leader in Me is hosting an Outdoor Movie Night fundraiser on September 14. She will send home a Bulldog Business bulletin monthly with helpful information for parents. She shared her team's Strategic Plan for the 2018-19 school year.

Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director, shared the Summer School financial report. He stated attendance was higher than last year by about 150 hours due to high school student participation. The district will see approximately \$106,255 in revenue generated from Summer School. He will share survey results at the next board meeting.

He presented the pupil transportation and bus routes for the 2018-19 school year.

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Jill Halliburton to approve the 2018-19 Pupil Transportation/Route as presented.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Mr. Carr stated the two used buses we purchased were delivered last week. He announced our newly hired bus driver will begin an assigned route within the next few days.

Geoff Neill, superintendent, presented Penny Fadler's report to the board. She is absent due to game supervision. Special Education has a total of 65 students. The Campfire Kids Club wrote a letter to President Trump last Spring and are excited to have received a reply letter from him. The district received notification from DESE that we have zero compliance issues.

Mr. Neill stated he has been working with the principals on a Principal Evaluation model. He asked them to review the copy, prepare to discuss it, and potentially adopt the model at the October meeting.

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Charles King to adopt board policy R0342 Nepotism, Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Jill Halliburton, seconded by Charles King to set gate admission prices for the 2018-19 year at:

J.H. Basketball Family Season Pass- \$50

H.S. Basketball Family Season Pass- \$80

All Basketball Family Season Pass (J.H. & H.S.)- \$125

J.H.. Basketball individual Season Pass- \$20

H.S. Basketball Individual Season Pass- \$40

All Basketball Individual Season Pass (J.H. & H.S.)- \$50

Passes do not include Sturgeon Tourney, Sectionals games or District games

Adults- \$4, Students- \$3, Seniors- Free, Sturgeon R-V Staff- Free

Free activity passes will be sent to Sturgeon, Renick, and Middle Grove School Board Members.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to advertise for snow removal bids to be opened at the October 11 board meeting.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Mr. Neill stated the district received two bids for the Cushman UTV.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to accept the highest bid of \$257.

Yeas: 0

Nays: 4

The board instructed Mr. Neill to reopen the bids and to advertise in the local newspaper.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Jill Halliburton to adopt the following policies and regulations: P1445, P2745, PR2765, P2810, P2825, P 2850, P3470, P4130, PR4411, P4560, PR4831, P4865, P5610, P6116, P6135, P6140, P6160, PR6190, P7230.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Mr. Neill presented a Maintenance report submitted by Jeff Miles. The district has had several service calls with Master Tech this month. A tech has been here to repair our furnaces that were omitting a small amount of gas odor. The glass backboards have been installed and inspected in the Middle School gym. Rick's Electrical has replaced all the gym bulbs with LED bulbs. The older wood ballfield bleachers have been repaired. A new metal roof will be installed on the softball dugout.

Mr. Neill shared that our softball and baseball teams have started their seasons. Kevin Hicks extended an invitation to several districts to participate in a track meet here on March 18. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, no one was able to commit to attending. We will continue to pursue options for hosting a track meet here this Spring.

The lighting project has begun and will cost the district \$9,500 - \$10,000 with bulb disposal. The savings potential to the district greatly outweighs the cost.

Mr. Neill gave an over view of the 2017-18 financial status of the district. The district deficit spent \$22,706 (approximately 1.4% of fund reserve balance). As of June 30 the general revenue and teachers fund balance was \$1,522,478 for an unrestricted fund balance of 31.66%. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the district web site. He opened a discussion regarding fund 4 – capital projects and maintaining an adequate balance to protect the district's future liabilities and the ability to pay for unexpected repairs and purchases as well as those planned for.

Mr. Neill stated there is a need to update/replace the phones and paging system at the Elementary/Middle School building to ensure student and staff safety in an emergency. The most pressing and realistic option at this point in time is to update the paging system and install cone speakers. This will cost \$3,599 and can be paid for with REAP funds. Mr. Neill stated he needed to look into this a bit more before committing to the project but will keep the board informed.

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Jill Halliburton to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

_____ Tim Parkinson, president

_____ Peggy Leerhoff, secretary