

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a closed session board meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., followed by the annual calendar hearing at 7:00 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting at 7:10 p.m. Seven board members were present: Tim Parkinson, Jill Halliburton, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty. Others present: Geoffrey Neill, superintendent; John Kruse, High School Principal; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Penny Fadler, Special Education Director; Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director; staff members; 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 6:01 p.m.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Heather Dougherty 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, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to go out of closed session.

Roll call was taken.

Yeas: Tim Parkinson, Jill Halliburton, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith, Heather Dougherty

Nays: 0

The annual calendar hearing began at 7:00 p.m. with Geoff Neill, Superintendent, giving an overview of the 2019-2020 school calendar. The first day of school will be Thursday, August 15, 2019. Teachers will report to work on Monday, August 12, 2019. The last day of school will be Friday, May 15, 2020. Christmas Break will be December 21 – January 5. Spring Break will be April 9-13, 2020. DESE requires each district to build in 36 snow make-up hours. This means days scheduled off on the adopted calendar will not be used as snow make-up days. Any make-up days required above the built-in 36 hours will be added to the end of the school year May 18-22, 2020.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve opening school August 15, 2019, which is more than ten days prior to the first Monday in September.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Jill Halliburton to adopt the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented with the addition of a note to parents stating snow make-up days are built into the calendar. Any make-up days over the built-in 36 hours, will be added to the end of the school calendar the week of May 18-22, 2020.

Yeas: Tim Parkinson, Jill Halliburton, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Heather Dougherty

Nays: Kevin Smith

The regular session portion of the evening began with Jill Halliburton leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trace #1574 was pulled.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Misty Doss, to approve the consent agenda minus trace #1574.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Charles King to approve payment of trace #1574.

Yeas: 6 Abstain: 1 (Kevin Smith)

PTSO representative, Nicole Miller, stated that everyone had a great time at the Winter Dances. They are busy prepping for the Carnival to be held April 6.

John Kruse, High School Principal, presented his monthly report to the board. He and the high school staff are working on revisions to the high school handbook and will present them to the board once the process is completed.

Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal, presented her monthly report to the board. She stated that due to the amount of snow days we have had this quarter, progress reports have been moved to February 22.

Jeff Carr, Curriculum/Transportation Director, stated Summer School is scheduled for May 28 – June 28. Bus inspections will be held March 11. He is in the process of having the buses serviced.

Penny Fadler, Special Education Director, stated Pre-K / Kindergarten screenings will be held April 1-4. Staff has begun prepping for the screenings.

Mr. Neill stated incumbents Jill Halliburton and Kevin Smith both filed for office. The candidate pool matches the openings. At this time we have no vacancies; therefore no election will take place in April.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to extend John Kruse's contract one year.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Misty Doss to extend Jeff Carr's contract one year.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Misty Doss to extend Penny Fadler's contract one year.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Misty Doss to accept the resignation of Kelsey Keil at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Kevin Smith to accept the resignation of Brandee Brown effective June 30, 2019.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Misty Doss to give approval for Mr. Neill to seek bids for the school depository. Bids will be due March 22 and opened at the April Board Meeting.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Mr. Neill stated interviews have been conducted for the open maintenance position. An offer has been extended to an applicant. An announcement will be made once details are finalized. A full-time custodian has been hired and began work this week. Moving forward we will have two day-time custodians and two night-time with one part-time for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Neill presented the Athletic Director's report. District basketball will be held here the week of February 18-22. High School track will begin on Monday, February 25.

Mr. Carr and Mr. Neill presented the board with results from Spring 2018 MAP and EOC testing and APR results. The current state testing process makes it hard to compare results over the last few years. On the district level, testing shows student growth each year. Curriculum adjustments are being made within to address areas of concern. The district has a lot of quality academics going on.

Mr. Neill shared with the board our tuition is approximately \$2,000 higher than other K-8 receiving schools in the area. This is something to think about for further discussion when we set the tuition rate for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Neill presented possible make-up day options in the event the district incurs additional snow days. Currently, the last day of school will be May 22. Per DESE attendance rules, the most we would have to make-up is three additional days. However, that would mean possibly ending the school year after Memorial Day and delays the start of Summer School. Summer School would then conclude in July. Possible dates to consider are March 4, March 15, and April 8 if inclement weather days continue.

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Misty Doss to give approval for Mr. Neill to surplus the district's wrecked bus.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

Mr. Neill expressed appreciation to the board. In honor of Board Appreciation Week, each member was presented with a certificate.

Motion was made by Heather Dougherty, seconded by Misty Doss to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

_____ Tim Parkinson, president

_____ Peggy Leerhoff, secretary