

ST. CROIX CENTRAL DISTRICT, HAMMOND-ROBERTS, WI
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SCC DISTRICT OFFICE

- 1) Call to Order – President Kruschke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call – Members present: Scott DeGross, John Hueg, Howard Kruschke, Kirk Lyksett, David Olsen, Jeff Redmon, and Tricia Rogers. Absent: Also present: Superintendent Tim Widiker, High School Principal Kurt Soderberg, High School Assistant Principal and Activities Director Jason Koele, Middle School Principal Pete Nusbaum, Elementary Assistant Principal Lindsay Jacobs, Director of Special Education and Student Services Pat Basche, Director of Teaching and Learning Nic Been, and Business Manager Jennifer Kleschold, and Executive Administrative Assistant Pam Katner. Staff: Jenny Cicha, Greg Green, and Melanie Neumann. Also present: Bryan Kofal, district residents and students.
- 4) Report of Meeting Notification – Superintendent Widiker reported that the meeting was properly noticed and per SCC Employee Handbook, Part I, Section 3.06 (F) he reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded.
- 5) Welcome Visitors/Public Comment – President Kruschke called for public comment with no response.
- 6) Highlight on Youth –
 - a. Elementary Play Presentation with Students and Play Directors Jenny Cicha and Melanie Neumann – Elementary students: Cohen Wester, Gio Stork, Cole Cicha, Emory Johnson, Sophie Jensen, Hadley Berger, and Sawyer Mikla delighted the Board with two songs, *“Mustache, Squinty, and Red”* and *“The Apple Song”* from this year’s elementary play, *“The Knight at Dawn Kids”*. The play is based on the Magic Tree House best-selling book series. Performances are on April 6th and April 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the SCC Community Auditorium at the SCC High School in Hammond.
President Kruschke thanked the play directors, students, and families for coming to the meeting and sharing their talents. The Board appreciates the students’ hard work and wishes them success with their performances.

Principal Nusbaum thanked Ms. Neumann for her hard work with the middle school play. The play was very successful and he thanked everyone involved.

- 7) Comments by Board Members and Superintendent
- a. Introduction of Board Candidate Bryan Kofal – Two seats are open for the 2020 Spring School Board election: Director John Hueg and Director David Olsen. Incumbent Director Olsen is running for another three-year term; however, Director Hueg announced his intention to not seek re-election at the December 9th board meeting. Bryan Kofal is the only non-incumbent candidate seeking election. Mr. Kofal introduced himself to the Board. The Board invited him to attend any pre-election open meetings to observe and gain a better understanding of board procedures. The Board will be looking at their onboard practices to create a seamless transition after the election.
 - b. Superintendent Widiker praised and thanked Executive Administrative Assistant Pam Katner for her outstanding work in organizing the monthly board meetings.
- 8) Scheduled Presentations by Guests and Staff – Nothing at this time.
- 9) Financial Reports – Board Treasurer Scott DeGross read the treasurer’s report with a balance of \$1,983,310.38. Motion Director Olsen, 2nd Director Hueg to accept the financial reports, including the treasurer’s report, as presented. Unanimously carried. **Exhibit 9**
- 10) Consideration of Consent Agenda – Motion Director Redmon, 2nd Director Lyksett to approve the consent agenda. Unanimously carried.
- a. Approval of Minutes **Exhibit 10a**
 - i. SCC School Board Meeting – January 27, 2020
 - ii. Wage & Benefit Committee Meeting – February 3, 2020
 - iii. SCC Board Learning Meeting – February 3, 2020
 - b. Approval of Bi-Monthly Bills for February 2020 **Exhibit 10b**
 - c. Approval of Resignations and Retirements
 - i. Jason Koele 1 FTE HS Asst. Principal/HS Activities Director June 30, 2020
 - ii. Pat Basche 1 FTE Director of SPED and Student Services June 30, 2020
 - iii. Ty Ketz 1 FTE C-Team Baseball Coach February 10, 2020
 - iv. Shelby Hicks 1 FTE Elem. Reading/Math Interventionist February 28, 2020
 - d. Approval of Appointments and Contract Modifications
 - i. John Koehler 1 FTE C-Team Baseball Coach February 18, 2020
 - e. Athletic Co-op Agreement – Boys’ Hockey with Baldwin-Woodville School District **Exhibit 10e**
 - f. Approval of Curricular Modifications Requests for Students to Enroll in Full-Time and Part-Time Virtual Courses for 2019-20

President Kruschke thanked Director Basche for her years of service to district students and staff. On behalf of the Board, he wished her all the best in her retirement. He also thanked High School Assistant Principal/Activities Director Koele and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.

11) Administrative Reports

- a. Student Enrollment Update – An overview of February’s enrollment figures which showed enrollment down by five students from January’s “in the seats” enrollment total for a total of 1,602. The district’s Free and Reduced Meal percentage increased from 19.64% to 20.57%. Open enrollment is at 297 students open enrolled into SCC (233 in 18-19) and 107 students open enrolled out of the district (109 in 18-19). There are 26 full-time virtual resident students and 57 part-time virtual resident students. At this time, there are 188 virtual charter students compared to 130 students last year. **President Kruschke thanked everyone involved with virtual education and congratulated them on the success of the program.** *Exhibit 11a*

12) The Key Work of Our School Board

- a. Student, Staff, and Community Recognition – Director Hueg read this month’s recognition and thank you cards which included:
 - i. Thank you to Bobtown Brewhouse for hosting our ALIVE Bingo event. Their kindness and generosity are amazing. Thank you for your support of our community!
- b. Update on Standards Based Assessment Reporting – HS Principal Kurt Soderberg and MS Principal Pete Nusbaum – Principal Nusbaum updated the Board on transitioning to Standards Based Assessment at the middle school. He stated that the process has gone very well overall. Those students who aren’t proficient by the end of year will be invited to attend Summer School. WIN time reviews, math intervention time with Jackie Palmer, and teacher communication with TeacherEase as helping the transition go smoothly.
Principal Soderberg reported on Standards Based Assessment and Reporting at the high school. He commended the teachers, Chris Deno, Nic Been, and Kim Gunderson for their hard work in getting the program up and running. The SCC High School is the first district in the Middle Border Conference to make the transition to Standards Based Assessment and Reporting. He reviewed the “10 Mindframes for Visible Learning: Teaching for Success”, rubric and assessment examples, and SBA&R grading achievement levels to letter grades and GPA point conversions.

13) Core Agenda Items

- a. Update Long Term Capital Improvement Plan (Fund 46) for 2020 – The 2020 Long Term Capital Improvement Plan (Fund 46) was presented for review. Fund 46 money can only be used for items listed on the Long Term Capital Improvement Plan. Business Manager

Kleschold reviewed the plan and noted that she updated some of the dates on the list as well as deleted the Additional Improvements Under Consideration and Additional Improvements Mentioned appendixes. The Cost by Year calculation was updated to include years 2020 through 2043. Motion Director Redmon, 2nd Director Olsen to approve the updated Long Term Capital Improvement Plan for 2020 as presented. Unanimously carried. **Exhibit 13a**

- b. Consideration of First Reading of Board Policy 453.31, Bloodborne Pathogens (Students) – The Board reviewed the first reading of the policy and suggested that the word “Students” be added to the title of the policy before consideration of the second reading. This stands as a formal first reading of Policy 453.31, Bloodborne Pathogens.

Exhibit 13b

- c. Consideration of Approval of Board Policy 523.21, Bloodborne Pathogens (Personnel) – The proposed policy was presented to the Board. The Board reviewed the first reading of the policy and suggested that the word “Staff” be added to the title of the policy before consideration of the second reading. This stands as a formal first reading of Policy 523.21, Bloodborne Pathogens.

Exhibit 13c

- d. Elimination of Job Descriptions from Board Policies – Previous job descriptions are being revised and removed from the district policy book. Four additional job descriptions have been completed. Motion Director Redmon, 2nd Director DeGross to approve the removal of job descriptions listed as agenda items 13di through 13div from SCC Board Policies as presented. Unanimously carried.

- i. Policy 500.060, Teacher

Exhibit 13di

- ii. Policy 500.110, District Reading Specialist

Exhibit 13dii

- iii. Policy 500.140, Transportation Director

Exhibit 13diii

- iv. Policy 500.230, Community Education Coordinator

Exhibit 13div

- e. Designate the 2020 Wisconsin Higher Education Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient – Policy 461 – President Kruschke announced the top five students in order of being eligible for the 2020 Wisconsin Higher Education Academic Excellence Scholarship. The actual recipient must attend a Wisconsin college or university or the scholarship will pass to the next eligible student in ranking order if the scholarship is not utilized. The top five students are: 1) Lauren Leen, 2) Zach Holme, 3) Scout Lindquist, 4) Griffin Soderberg, and 5) Scott Mousel. Motion Director Lyksett, 2nd Director Hueg to approve awarding the 2020 Wisconsin Higher Education Academic Excellence Scholarship to the first eligible student in ranking order or the next eligible student attending a Wisconsin college or university if the scholarship is not utilized. Unanimously carried. **President Kruschke congratulated the students and wished them all the best in their educational careers.**

Exhibit 13e

- f. Designate the 2020 Wisconsin Technical Education Excellence Scholarship – Policy 462 – The SCC High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) department has nominated Logan Knapton for the 2020 Wisconsin Technical Education Excellence Scholarship.

Motion Director Redmon, 2nd Director DeGross to approve Logan Knapton as the recipient of the 2020 Wisconsin Technical Education Excellence Scholarship. Unanimously carried. **The Board congratulated Logan and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.** *Exhibit 13f*

- g. Discussion on Future District Needs and Priorities – Next Steps – Superintendent Widiker referred to the list compiled by the administration regarding future staffing needs and priorities from their perspective. Further discussion was held. President Kruschke reminded everyone to include programming needs and priorities as well.

14) Other – Nothing at this time.

15) Important Upcoming Dates

- a. March 2, 2020 – Wage and Benefit Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the SCC District Office at 915 Davis Street, Hammond
- b. March 2, 2020 – SCC Board Learning and Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the SCC District Office at 915 Davis Street, Hammond
- c. March 16, 2020 – SCC School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the SCC District Office at 915 Davis Street, Hammond
- d. April 1, 2020 - CESA #11 Joint PAC/BOE Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Turtle Lake, WI

16) Convene to Closed Session – The motion was made by Director Olsen, 2nd by Director Lyksett to convene to closed session. Roll call vote: all ayes.

- a. Per WI State Statute 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.
 - i. Parent Request Regarding Senior Picture
 - ii. Discussion Regarding Student Age Eligibility

Time: 9:06 p.m.

17) Return to Open Session – The Board Returned to open session at 10:43 p.m. SCC student and family joined the meeting.

18) Announce Any Action Taken in Closed Session if Appropriate – No announcement was made.

19) Adjournment – Motion Director Olsen, 2nd Director Redmon to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Time: 10:45 p.m.

Jeff Redmon, School Board Clerk