

**Oglesby Public School District #125  
Board of Education, Regular Meeting  
February 19, 2020**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Doug Kramarsic, President, called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Mike Barrie, Laura Hein, Jim Knoblauch, Scott Pescetto, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. Absent: Bob Etzenbach. Others present: Michael Pillion, Superintendent, Michael Balestri, Principal, Merritt Burns, Principal, and Traci Tomasson, Secretary, Board of Education.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Marc Strand, seconded by Jim Knoblauch, to approve the board meeting agenda for February 19, 2020. Voting aye: Marc Strand, Jim Knoblauch, Mike Barrie, Laura Hein, Scott Pescetto, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**MOTION** by Mike Barrie, seconded by Scott Pescetto, to approve the consent agenda as presented, keeping the January 15, 2020, closed minutes closed. Voting aye: Mike Barrie, Scott Pescetto, Laura Hein, Jim Knoblauch, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Public Comment, Correspondence and Announcements**

Mr. Pillion said there were multiple letters to staff members in the board packet regarding a student situation where the staff members went above and beyond.

**Presentation of Financial Profile**

Mr. Pillion said the profile is in the packet and it has not changed since the auditor reported it in November. He said the district is rated at 4.0.

**Approval of 2019-2020 District Calendar Setting Graduation**

Mr. Pillion said there have been no changes to the 2019-2020 calendar and graduation is set for Thursday, May 28. He added that even if there are multiple days missed, graduation will only move to May 29<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students would not return after that date. **MOTION** by Mike Barrie, seconded by Laura Hein, to approve the 2019-2020 district calendar setting graduation for May 28<sup>th</sup> as presented. Voting aye: Mike Barrie, Laura Hein, Jim Knoblauch, Scott Pescetto, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of April Board Meeting Set for April 22, 2020**

Mr. Pillion said due to where spring break falls and for financial records purposes, he is seeking approval to change the April board meeting to April 22, 2020. **MOTION** by Laura Hein, seconded by Scott Pescetto, to approve the April board meeting date change to April 22, 2020. Voting aye: Laura Hein, Scott Pescetto, Mike Barrie, Jim Knoblauch, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Presentation of Proposed District Calendar for 2020-2021**

Mr. Pillion said the 2020-2021 district calendar was in the board packet, and noted that this is the first reading. He said it has been shared with the union.

## **Approval of Changes in Official Fees**

Mr. Burns said in an effort to remain competitive with scheduling, he is recommending a change in official fees to \$30 per game for both basketball and volleyball. **MOTION** by Laura Hein, seconded by Mike Barrie, to approve the changes in official fees as presented. Voting aye: Laura Hein, Mike Barrie, Jim Knoblauch, Scott Pescetto, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **Reports/Updates**

### **Superintendent Report/Information**

- Enrollment Report– Mr. Pillion said enrollment is up a total of one, but noted that there have been many students moving in and out.
- Apptegy Switch– Mr. Pillion said he is pursuing the use of Apptegy which would combine the district website, calling, texting, Facebook, and Live Feed all in one. He said this aligns with ESSA and the School Improvement Plan for communication, and would make communication through an app much easier.
- Preschool Report– Mr. Pillion said a person from ISBE recently visited the district in regards to preschool funding and understands the equity issues. He told the board he is meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> with ISBE to question the state superintendent. He also noted that he is talking with Lance Yednock who said he had a few suggestions and may take the issue to the governor's office.
- 0 to 3 Program– Mr. Pillion said he was approached by someone at LaSalle Elementary regarding the 0 to 3 program and having our district join them. He said the grant is due in March and he is at the preliminary stages at this point.
- Financial Report– Mr. Pillion said the district has received one TIFF payment, one categorical payment and noted that preschool payments are three months behind.
- TAT and Safety Team– Mr. Pillion said the Threat Assessment Team has met and they will proceed with safety plans.
- S.O.S. Report– Mr. Pillion said the S.O.S. committee reported that the recent Trivia Night raised approximately \$16,000. Mr. Pillion added that the contribution committee will be meeting soon.
- Building Report– Mr. Pillion said both life safety amendments have been approved and the maintenance grant was sent in.
- FOIA Report– Mr. Pillion said the district received three FOIA requests since the last meeting and said they were part of the board packet. He said one request was regarding content filtering and monitoring software for school district devices for students. He said the second FOIA was a request for our latest bus contract. He said the third one was a request for multiple pieces of employee information some of which cannot be requested. He also said due to a change in law, there were some procedure changes with the third FOIA and the office followed through with the required notifications.

### **Principal Report/Information (Lincoln)**

- Assemblies and Field Trips– Mr. Balestri said on February 6<sup>th</sup>, author, Barb Rosenstock, gave two assemblies for K-2 and 3-5, focusing on non-fiction and historical fiction. He said on February 21<sup>st</sup>, Oglesby native, Matt Hancock, will be presenting to the K-5 students on healthy choices, fitness, and will be leading the kids in exercises. He said on February 28<sup>th</sup>, as part of PE class and in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester celebration, the students in grades 3-5 will be going to the Dickinson House for bowling.

- State Testing–Mr. Balestri said the 3-5 students will be participating in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness the week of March 23, and added that the test will consist of 2 units of ELA and 3 units of math, with students taking one test each day of the week. He said the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Illinois Science Assessment during the week of March 9 and the test will consist of three forty minutes sessions which he noted is an increase in testing time from last year when students took one sixty minute session. Mr. Balestri said the Access testing was conducted the week of February 3 for students who are classified as ELL, which he said was 10 students who took the online test administered by Ms. Coble.
- Professional Development – Mr. Balestri said on February 5<sup>th</sup> the staff met to introduce Company Nurse and the Threat Assessment Team. He said on February 12<sup>th</sup>, the social studies curriculum committee met for a webinar from McGraw-Hill, and the rest of the staff worked in grade level teams on curriculum planning. He said beginning in March, the staff will be participating in a book study led by Mrs. Bell where they will discuss the book *Next Level Teaching* by Jeremy Anderson.
- John Ourth Student Recognition Breakfast – Mr. Balestri congratulated the fifth grade students, Gianni Baracani and Gianna Mueller, who will be honored on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the John Ourth Student Recognition Breakfast at Streator High School, which is sponsored by the Starved Rock Region of the Illinois Principals Association.
- Rtl – Mr. Balestri said the Rtl meetings were held January 17<sup>th</sup> to examine benchmark and diagnostic scores, noting that as a school there has been growth in both reading and math from fall to winter tests. He said this was the first year with the iready math program and noted that there has been some growth. He said the 5 Essentials Survey is now closed and noted that the school met all requirements for participation with 98% for students, 90% for staff, and 23% for parents. He also summarized the AimsWeb reports which were a part of the board packet.
- P.B.I.S. Spotlight Students – Mr. Balestri congratulated the following P.B.I.S. Spotlight Students: Kindergarten; Evelyn Corcoran; 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Matthew Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Raahi Patel; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Eli Hammers; 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Neena Baker; and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Payton Wren.

### **Principal Report/Information (Washington)**

- PLC – Mr. Burns said Mr. Flodstrom led behavioral data meetings with staff members and the team had follow-up discussions on developments, progress and support. He said Rtl data meetings were held to determine appropriate placement for students on January 16<sup>th</sup>, and noted the discussions and data will drive decision making rules. Mr. Burns said the School Improvement Team discussed PaCE Framework completion for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in Oglesby. He said they will be working Academic Olympics into the spring open house.
- Spelling Bee – Mr. Burns congratulated Faith Arkins, winner of the Spelling Bee, and Jason Curran, runner up in the contest.
- Musical – Mr. Burns congratulated Mr. Dennison, Ms. Armstrong, Reid Tomasson, and the cast and crew on their performances of Alice in Wonderland Jr.

- 5Essentials Update – Mr. Burns reported 5Essential participation rates for Washington School at 32% for parents, 100% for teachers, and 100% for students.
- John Ourth Student Recognition Breakfast – Mr. Burns congratulated Aaron Siebert and Brady Kinzer who were nominated and selected to represent the district at Streator High School on February 20<sup>th</sup> for the John Ourth Student Recognition Breakfast.
- Art – Mr. Burns said NCIArts secured a \$1000 grant for the painting of murals in Washington School, and noted that there is an additional \$1000 pending the start of the first project. He said the Student Council, class of 2020 approved the spending of their fundraising efforts to be used for the development of murals in the building.
- PaCE Framework – Mr. Burns discussed a document which outlined the progression of efforts to create individualized learning plans to help students make decisions about career and post-secondary education or training.
- Extracurricular – Mr. Burns said on February 8<sup>th</sup>, four band students from Washington participated in the annual Illinois Valley Community College Junior High Band Festival which included rehearsals and a concert. He said the four students included Ellie Radtke, Aasrah Holich, Nick Butler, and Joel Hernandez-Venes. He said the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball season has ended in regional play and congratulated the team for their growth and determination. He said the volleyball teams have been competing across the grade levels. He said the conference tournament and shootout are set to begin this week followed by regionals for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels. He said there are 13 students in Scholastic Bowl this season and noted they are just getting started with their meets. He said an annual sports survey was distributed to all 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students regarding their athletic interests. He summarized the results.
- P.B.I.S. Spotlight Students – Mr. Burns congratulated the following P.B.I.S. Spotlight Students: Madison Schweickert, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Mason Videgar, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Sophia Chiu, 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Mr. Pillion said he would like to schedule a Building and Grounds committee meeting and said he can send out possible dates to the committee. He also reminded board members about the Starved Rock Division meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> and said to let him know if interested.

### **Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Jim Knoblauch, seconded by Laura Hein, to enter into closed session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
3. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Voting aye: Jim Knoblauch, Laura Hein, Mike Barrie, Scott Pescetto, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION** by Laura Hein, seconded by Scott Pescetto, to return to regular session at 6:47 p.m. Voting aye: Laura Hein, Scott Pescetto, Mike Barrie, Jim Knoblauch, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Action Items after Closed Session**

#### *Approval of Administrative Contract*

**MOTION** by Jim Knoblauch, seconded by Mike Barrie, to approve the five year administrative contract as presented. Voting aye: Jim Knoblauch, Mike Barrie, Laura Hein, Scott Pescetto, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### *Approval of Leave Request*

**MOTION** by Scott Pescetto, seconded by Laura Hein, to approve the leave request for Mrs. Jennifer Porter as presented. Voting aye: Scott Pescetto, Laura Hein, Mike Barrie, Jim Knoblauch, Marc Strand, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### *Approval of Retirement*

**MOTION** by Jim Knoblauch, seconded by Marc Strand, to approve the request for retirement from Sue Hancock with regret. Voting aye: Jim Knoblauch, Marc Strand, Mike Barrie, Laura Hein, Scott Pescetto, and Doug Kramarsic. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Marc Strand, seconded by Laura Hein, to adjourn. All in favor, aye. **The motion carried 6-0.** Time: 6:49 p.m.

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Doug Kramarsic, Board President

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Traci Tomasson, Board Secretary