

**ST. CROIX CENTRAL DISTRICT, HAMMOND-ROBERTS, WI**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
***Google Meet Virtual Meeting***

- 1) Call to Order – President Kruschke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call – Members attending remotely: Scott DeGross, John Hueg, Howard Kruschke, Kirk Lyksett, David Olsen, Jeff Redmon, and Tricia Rogers. Also attending remotely: Superintendent Tim Widiker, High School Principal Kurt Soderberg, Middle School Principal Pete Nusbaum, Elementary Principal Shelly Clay, Elementary Assistant Principal Lindsay Jacobs, Virtual Education Principal Stephani Posta, Director of Teaching and Learning Nic Been, Business Manager Jennifer Kleschold, and Executive Administrative Assistant Pam Katner. Staff: Greg Green and Amy Hueg. Also attending remotely: Bryan Kofal, Baird Financial Consultant Brian Brewer, and district residents.
- 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 was being recorded.
- 5) Welcome Visitors/Public Comment – President Kruschke called for public comment with no response.
- 6) Highlight on Youth – Nothing at this time.
- 7) Comments by Board Members and Superintendent
  - a. Thank you to Director John Hueg for 15 Years of Service – President Kruschke thanked outgoing incumbent John Hueg for his years of service to the SCC students, staff, and community. The Board and Administration individually thanked Director Hueg for his continued support of the District. Director Hueg gave a summary of highlights during his fifteen years on the SCC School Board.
  - b. Congratulations to Elected Board Members – Two community members were elected in the 2020 Spring Election to serve on the SCC School Board. The Board congratulated incumbent David Olsen for his re-election to the board and welcomed new board member Bryan Kofal.

- c. Oath of Office for Elected School Board Members – The Oath of Office was administered to the elected board members. They will serve a three-year term starting April 27, 2020 and ending April 23, 2023.
- d. Governor Evers’ Safer at Home Order #28 – Discussion was held on the current status of the Safer at Home Order #28 issued in the state of Wisconsin by Governor Evers. Currently, the order extends school closures through June 30<sup>th</sup> which encompasses the onsite June Summer School program. The administration team will be discussing where that leaves this year’s Summer School program. Information and guidance is changing hourly and the administration team will continue to monitor the situation and determine how the district should move forward in the best interest of our students and families. **The Board thanked everyone for their hard work during this difficult time.**
- e. Support Staff Meet and Confer Meetings Update – Due to COVID-19 restrictions the meeting will be rescheduled to individual employee group virtual meetings on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30 p.m. Director DeGross suggested that a survey be sent out ahead of time to each support staff member to gather feedback that they may have given at the annual in-person meeting. Superintendent Widiker will send the survey out.
- f. Teacher Meet and Confer Meeting Update – This meeting was also changed to a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions. The virtual meeting will be held on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
- g. The Board thanked the SCC Middle School Paraprofessionals for the thank you and gift of appreciation. The Board commented on the meaningful gesture and how much it meant to them.

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 \$3,469,050.35. Motion Director Olsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hueg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Director Olsen to approve the consent agenda. Unanimously carried.

a. Approval of Minutes

**Exhibit 10a**

i. Wage & Benefit Committee Meeting – March 16, 2020

ii. SCC School Board Meeting – March 16, 2020

iii. Wage & Benefit Committee Meeting – April 6, 2020

iv. SCC Board Learning Meeting – April 6, 2020

b. Approval of Bi-Monthly Bills for April 2020

**Exhibit 10b**

c. Approval of Resignations and Retirements

- i. Ty Ketz                      1 FTE HS Physical Education/Health Teacher                      June 4, 2020
- ii. Ryan Wood                1 FTE HS Business Information Technology Teacher                      June 4, 2020
- iii. Brianna Forrest        1 FTE C-Team Volleyball Coach    June 4, 2020
- d. Approval of Appointments and Contract Modifications
  - i. Brian Johnson        1 FTE HS Asst. Principal/Activities Director                      July 1, 2020
  - ii. Leah Voelker        1 FTE Director of Special Education/Student Services                      July 1, 2020
  - iii. Kali Gorman        1 FTE 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher    August 24, 2020

#### 11) Administrative Reports

- a. Spring Extra-Curricular Survey – Superintendent Widiker shared a survey that was sent to extra-curricular staff in order to get their feedback on their Spring sport or activity. Survey questions included: 1) tasks they have completed in preparation for their Spring sport or activity; 2) number of hours spent on those tasks; 3) future ideas for their Spring sport or activity; and 4) additional comments. He received 49 responses. The Board and administration decided to move forward with paying all extra-curricular assignment in full for the Spring season and remaining payments for yearly activities. ***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 the SCC Bus Drivers including: Keith Hansen, Lee Jacobson, Russell Johnson, Donna Kattre, Erin Knowles, Michael Lang, Bill Nawrocki, Bill Manore, Lynn Pariseau, Lorri Pedersen, Beau Peterson, Deborah Roberts, Bob Sather, and Lee Sarnstrom. The Board thanked them for the amazing job they do daily by driving the buses safely, wearing smiles, and for their efforts to teach courtesy, respect and cleanliness.
  - ii. Thank you to Transportation Supervisor Brian Pedersen for the tremendous job he does to keep our buses in tip-top shape, developing routes, and his flexibility in working with Special Education transportation needs. They also thanked him for developing routes and transporting food to SCC families during the current school closures.
  - iii. In recognition of Trevor Nelson on receiving a Goldwater Scholarship for academic success and future endeavors.
  - iv. Thank you to Food Service Director Tammy Simonson and the entire Food Service Staff for their outstanding efforts in preparing and packaging 400 meals daily to SCC students during the closure. Your dedication to our kids is amazing!
  - v. Thank you to the American Legion Post 432 for their generous donation to the students and families of SCC.
  - vi. Thank you to the Auxiliary Hammond/Roberts for their generous donation to the student and families of SCC.

- vii. Thank you to Gretchen and Dan Weatherly for their generous donation towards student headphones at the elementary school.
- b. Discussion on Future District Needs and Priorities – The Board was updated on the progress with the Donovan Group - School Communications Consultants. Superintendent Widiker is looking for input from the Board regarding the next steps in the process.

### 13) Core Agenda Items

- a. Designate Board Member(s) to Hand Out Diplomas for 2020 Graduation Ceremony – President Kruschke asked for volunteers to hand out diplomas at the 2020 graduation ceremony on July 25, 2020. President Kruschke and Directors Redmon and Olsen will award the diplomas at the graduation ceremony.
- b. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Defeasance of a Portion of the Saint Croix Central School District \$8,525,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds – Baird Financial Consultant Brian Brewer presented a summary of a cash defeasance strategy to help smooth a drop-off of the 2021-22 debt levy in the amount of \$500,000 and a savings of \$18,486.00. Motion Director Redmon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Director Lyksett to approve a resolution authorizing the defeasance of a portion of the SCC \$8,525,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds as presented. Unanimously carried. ***Exhibit 13b***
- c. Discussion of Financial Impact of Operational and Capital Projects Referendum – Baird Financial Consultant Brian Brewer presented a hypothetical referendum financing illustration in the amount of \$10,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds and \$1,110,000 of additional tax levy for operational costs. This was a hypothetical and informational presentation that the Board will take it into consideration. ***Exhibit 13c***

### 14) Other – Nothing at this time.

### 15) Important Upcoming Dates

- a. May 18, 2020 - SCC School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. – this meeting will be held remotely
- b. June 1, 2020 – CESA #11 Annual Convention at 7:00 p.m. at CESA #11 in Turtle Lake, WI
- c. June 1, 2020 – SCC Board Learning and Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the SCC District Office at 915 Davis Street, Hammond
- d. June 15, 2020 – SCC School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the SCC District Office at 915 Davis Street, Hammond
- e. July 25, 2020 – SCC Graduation Ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the Tom Sempf High School Gym

- 16) Convene to Closed Session – The motion was made by Director Lyksett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Rogers to convene to closed session. Roll call vote: all ayes.
- a. Per WI State Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
    - i. Consideration of Wages and Benefits for 2020-21

Time: 8:25 p.m.

- 17) Return to Open Session – The Board Returned to open session at 9:05 p.m. No one joined the meeting.
- 18) Announce Any Action Taken in Closed Session if Appropriate – The Board approved a 2.0% wage increase for all employee groups including substitutes, game workers, and summer school staff. With respect to the teacher group the increase is consistent with the continuing education model that was approved last year. A motion was made by Director Redmon and seconded by Director Lyksett to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- 19) Adjournment – Motion Director Olsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Director Redmon to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Time: 9:07 p.m.

Jeff Redmon, School Board Clerk