

SULLIVAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 300
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
May 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sullivan Community Unit School District No. 300 of Moultrie, Shelby, and Coles Counties, Illinois was duly called and held on May 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sullivan High School Media Center within the boundaries of said District.

Roll Call – Present: Florey, Green, Grooms, Horn, Stollard, Wood, White

Roll Call – Absent: None

Citizens Non-Agenda Items: None

Informational Items: None

Consent Agenda: **Motion by Grooms, seconded by Stollard, to approve the following items on Consent Agenda:**

Minutes of the April 13, 2020 regular meeting.

Authorized bills in the amount of \$114,360.17; and, the treasurer's report.

Approved the substitute employee pay rates as presented. Mr. Walk noted an increase in pay for substitute teachers, teacher aides, secretaries, and custodians due to the increase in minimum wage.

Established the conference, mileage and room reimbursement rates as presented.

Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Action Items: **Approve 2020-2021 Technology Budget -** Mr. Walk met with the technology committee to discuss budget needs and proposals for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Walk noted that the proposed budget is mostly ongoing expenses. Mr. Walk also noted that the Metro Communications services will be donated next year, eliminating that expense and saving the district \$20,000.

Total expenditures will be \$96,771. Green moved the Board approve the 2020-2021 technology budget as presented. Grooms seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Approve Lighting Bid – Maintenance Director Kevin Landrus received a \$25,000 grant to complete a lighting project. With this grant, the project should pay for itself within a year and a half. Four bids were received. Springfield Electric submitted the lowest bid of \$32,520.75. Stollard moved that the Board approve the lighting bid as presented. Florey seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Closed Session – Grooms moved, seconded by Wood, to enter closed session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiations matters; student discipline; matters related to individual students; litigation; and minutes of meetings lawfully closed pursuant to statute sections 5 ILCS 120/2 [c] 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 14. On roll call, all voted yea.

Open Session – Grooms moved, seconded by Stollard, that the Board return to open session and approve the closed session minutes of April 13, 2020 regular meeting at 6:42 p.m. On roll call, all voted yea.

Approve Superintendent's Contract – Grooms moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's contract as presented. Florey seconded. Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Personnel Report – Green moved, seconded by Stollard, that the Board approve the personnel report. On roll call, all voted yea.

NEW HIRES

Whitney Smith
Hailey Caulfield

Elementary Teacher
Color Guard Sponsor

07/01/2020 BS+0,1
05/11/2020

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Walk stated that the Elementary School flooring project is moving very quickly. There is moisture mitigation to be done at the elementary school. The moisture issue on the playground is also being analyzed.

With the mandatory shutdown, it is anticipated that school budgeting will be impacted for many years. Superintendent Walk is considering scaling back in certain areas for the 2020-2021 budget hoping to reduce costs in areas where the impact won't be so great. Some areas being discussed are extra-curricular stipends and reintegrating some TLC students. TRS made new reporting rules saying districts have to report all of the given year's salary in the fiscal year. So this year we're still paying people in July and August for their services that they performed in FY20.

Superintendent Walk added that there is no guidance from the governor regarding next school year but hopes to hear a decision by early July.

Superintendent Walk discussed the plans for graduation.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Board at this time, there was a motion made by Grooms, and seconded by Florey, to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. On roll call, all voted yea.

Jeff White, President

Erik Stollard, Secretary