

August 11, 2016  
Serena, IL

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held Thursday, August 11, 2016, in the library at Serena Grade School. The following members were present: Don McNelis, Susan McNelis, David Myer, Renee Thompson and Neal Rosengren. Randy Murley was not in attendance. Superintendent Marty Felesena and Principal Steve Hanson were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Rosengren at 6:02 p.m. After roll call, President Rosengren requested approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

The only visitor was Lesley LaRock.

President Rosengren gave opportunity for public comment. There was none.

The motion was made by Renee Thompson and seconded by Susan McNelis to appoint Lesley LaRock to serve in the vacated board seat until the April 2016 election. On roll call, those present voted "aye" Motion carried.

Upon confirmation of appointment, Lesley LaRock took the oath of office (Policy 2:80) and President Rosengren discussed board member items such as: code of conduct (Policy 2:80-E), conflicts of interest (Policy 2:100), ethics and gift ban (Policy 2:105), and mandated board trainings.

President Rosengren appointed board member LaRock to the Finance Committee and the Health Insurance Committee.

It was moved by Susan McNelis and seconded by Thompson to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of personnel and collective bargaining discussions. On roll call, those present voted "aye" Motion carried.

It was moved by Susan McNelis and seconded by Myer to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 6:37 p.m. On roll call, those present voted "aye" Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

A) There was discussion about the golf co-op with Newark High School. We are sending the co-op agreement to the IHSA for approval. We will have 3 or 4 Serena students participating. Home golf matches will be played at Prairie Lakes Country Club in Marseilles. Chad Baker will be a co-coach for the program. There will be no cost to the District, but students will have to pay a \$100 participation fee to Newark High School.

Action Items –

Motion to approve the resignation of Courtney Hicks as a reading aide, effective August 9, 2016 was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Stephanie Thompson as a special education aide, effective August 10, 2016 was made by Don McNelis and seconded by Myer. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Jessica Gauer as a bus route driver, effective August 10, 2016 was made by Thompson, seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Sue Bristol as a substitute custodian, effective August 13, 2016 was made by Thompson, seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ Samantha Watkins as a speech and language pathologist for the District for the 2016-2017 school year, pending all paperwork requirements was made by Myer, seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a leave of absence for Lee McLennan from August 9 through August 31, 2016 was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Serena High School golf co-op with Newark High School, as presented was made by Thompson, seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

President Rosengren requested further public comment. There was none.

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. was made by Thompson, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

  
Neal Rosengren, President

  
Renee Thompson, Secretary