

May 25, 2017
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Thursday, May 25, 2017, in the Serena High School library. The following members were present: Neal Rosengren, Kale Duffy, Lesley LaRock, Dan McNally, Don McNelis, Renee Thompson and Stephanie Thompson. Superintendent Marty Felesena, Principals Randy Goodbred, Joe Landers, and Aaron Rios were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Rosengren at 6:15 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by LaRock, and seconded by McNelis to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, student discipline and review of minutes.

It was moved by Renee Thompson and seconded by Stephanie Thompson to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 7:25 p.m. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Rosengren led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then requested approval of the agenda. LaRock made a motion to remove XII Action Item E. There was a second by Renee Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Visitors were Lib Whiteaker (Teacher) and Kate Reynolds (Ottawa Times reporter).

President Rosengren asked for public comment. There was none.

There was no correspondence.

Motion was made by LaRock and seconded by Stephanie Thompson to approve Consent Agenda Items A thru H. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reports –

Enrollment Report – There was a net gain of 2 students for a total of 674 as of April 30, 2017. Supt. Felesena said he knows of a few families who will be moving out of the District this summer.

Academic Goals – Lesley LaRock reported there will be a lot of opportunities and electives for students next year. New programs added for the middle school include Technology, Speech, Spanish, Art Exploratory, Health, Intro to Ag, and Apex courses for 8th graders. Principal Landers talked about a Balanced Literacy program that a team of teachers will attend next year.

IVVC Report – Don McNelis reported the computer class took on Lead the Way group in a catapult contest. IVVC received a \$500 grant from the Farmer's Market. IVVC will offer our high school students 3 dual-credit classes next year. They are: CNA, Early Childhood Development, and Computer Tech. The auto tech program had to add another teacher to fill the demand of students wanting to take that class. The CNA program has a 91% passing rate.

Policy Committee – Supt. Felesena explained the Succession of Authority (Policy 3.70) procedure. In case he is not available (surgery, out of the country for example), the next in line would be Asst. Supt., then HS principal, followed by MS Principal, then GS Principal based on seniority, then Dean of Students. He also talked about the ethics ban (conflict of interest). For example, if the District were to have a food service audit, we would need to prove that our food service procurement procedures were carried out fairly.

Principal Reports

Principal Landers talked about changes to the K-4 handbook. It will now reflect K-4 students instead of K-8 students. Principal Rios said that the middle school handbook will reflect 5-8 students instead of K-8 students. The District would like to begin using the new grading scale in the fall. There will also be more consistencies between the middle school and high school discipline and athletic procedures.

Supt. Felesena reported that Sterling Commercial Roofing will repair the Harding GS roof. Their bid (with both alternates) was \$119,750. He also said the Senate passed a budget, but it still has to go through the House and the Governor and will most likely not be passed.

Discussion/Informational Items –

Board Session Work Date – There is no date as of yet. Members will be sent a list of dates to choose from ASAP.

High School Credit Recovery Program - This would be an in-house program for students who are missing credits to graduate. An aide would need to be hired to keep students on task. This will be talked about more at next month's meeting.

Capital Outlay/equipment summer Purchases – The District would like to reinvest savings from the restructuring back into the District. This may include renovations, fine arts, and scoreboards.

District Reorganization Update – Teachers are being compensated for boxing up their materials to send to their new buildings. The bus routes are being planned. Also, the District is looking for a trailer to help store boxes until they can be moved to the new buildings.

Action Items –

Motion to accept the resignation of Steve Hanson as High School Principal, effective June 30, 2017 was made by McNelis and seconded by Renee Thompson. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion for the non-renewal of Sarah Rodgers as a Special Ed Aide, effective June 30, 2017, was made by Stephanie Thompson and seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to honorably dismiss Gena Hebert as a Special Ed Aide, effective June 30, 2017, was made by Renee Thompson and seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to honorably dismiss Sarah Zbrowski as Special Ed. Aide, effective June 30, 2107, was made by Stephanie Thompson and seconded by Duffy. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the retirement of Evelyn Fullmer as a Food Service Worker, effective May 23, 2017, was made by McNelis and seconded by Renee Thompson. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the retirement of Jim Farson as a Route Bus Driver, effective May 25, 2017, was made by LaRock, seconded by Stephanie Thompson. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve FMLA request for Lisa Olson from October 15th through December 13, 2017, was made by Renee Thompson, seconded by LaRock. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ Megan Mahaffey as School Social Worker for the 2017-18 school year was made by LaRock, and seconded by Duffy. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ Julie Timm for 125 additional summer hours as a Tech Assistant was made by Renee Thompson, with a second by Stephanie Thompson. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ Jeremy Wright and Brandon Franzen from June 5th through August 11, 2017 as Summer Custodial Assistants was made by LaRock, seconded by Renee Thompson. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Grading scale Proposal, as presented (90-A, 80-B, 70-C, 60-D) was made by Stephanie Thompson, seconded by Duffy. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2017-18 Title I District Plan and Intervention Handbook for a first reading was made by LaRock, seconded by McNelis. On roll call, all present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2017-18 student handbooks for a first reading was made by Renee Thompson, with a second from Stephanie Thompson. On roll call, those voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve specialty summer work with The Music Factory, as presented was made by LaRock, with a second from Renee Thompson. On roll call, McNelis voted “No”. All others voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve specialty summer work with Nevco, Inc., as presented was made by Renee Thompson, with a second from LaRock. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Board policies 2:100, 3:70 (w/option), 4:15, 4:130-E, 5:120, 5:230, 5:285, 5:300, 6:70, and 7:100 (w/both options) for a second and final reading was made by Stephanie Thompson, with a second by Renee Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to award the Harding Roof Project base bid of \$113,000, alternate bid #1 of \$4,000 and alternate bid #2 of \$2,750 to Sterling Commercial Roofing, with all work to be completed by August 10, 2017 was made by Stephanie Thompson, with a second by Renee Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to allow District administration to enter into a 1-year technology lease for infrastructure and hardware enhancements for the 2017-18 school year was made by LaRock, with a second by Renee Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Rosengren asked for public comment. There was none.


At 9:18 p.m. motion was made to enter back into executive session by Renee Thompson, with a second by Stephanie Thomson. On roll call, members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Renee Thompson, with a second by Stephanie Thompson. On roll call, members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. was made by Renee Thompson, seconded by Stephanie Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Neal Rosengren, President


~~Renee Thompson, Secretary~~
Lesley LaRock