

March 23, 2017  
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Thursday, March 23, 2017, in the Serena High School library. The following members were present: Lesley LaRock, Don McNelis, Susan McNelis, Randy Murley, David Myer, and Renee Thompson, Superintendent Marty Felesena, Principals Steve Hanson, Joe Landers, and Randy Goodbred were also in attendance. President Neal Rosengren and Principal Aaron Rios were not in attendance.

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

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Susan McNelis to come out of executive session and enter into public session at 7:08 p.m. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Vice-President Myer requested approval of the agenda. Visitors were reporter Kate Reynolds, Nicole Znaniecki, and Jeanne Felesena.

Vice-President Myer asked for public comment. There was none.

There was no correspondence.

Motion was made by Susan McNelis and seconded by Don McNelis to approve Consent Agenda Items IX A thru I. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### Reports –

Enrollment Report – As of February 28, 2017 the elementary total was 456. High school total, with out-of-District students, was 218. The District total was 674 students.

#### Principal Reports

Principal Goodbred recognized the students of the month. He thanked Carrie Browder for setting up Family Reading Night. He thanked Art Bohlmann for coaching track. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will travel to IVVC in April for a career expo. He also thanked Jen Shugrue for coaching a team in Battle of the Books. Sheridan GS took first place.

Principal Hanson said the high school is up for IHSA renewal. Tomorrow starts the baseball/softball season with games in Jacksonville. Students leave for the band trip tomorrow night. FFA Pork Chop Supper is Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Vice-President Myer said that someone fell in the parking lot at the FFA Toy Show recently. He followed up with the family and the man is OK.

Principal Landers recognized the students of the month. He thanked the Illinois Free Masons Organization for sponsoring the Illinois Child Identification Program at HGS. They provide fingerprinting, photos DNA samples to parents in case a child is missing. He also congratulated the Young Authors winners.

Supt. Felesena reminded members to get the economic interest statement receipts to the District for filing. He also said the state approved a payment of \$91,600 for student room and board in private facilities.

#### Discussion/Informational Items –

A) School Fees/Food Service - There will be no increase in school fees and a slight increase for meal prices.

B) Facility Naming Recommendation - The committee met with Marcia Hitchins and Paul Finley to discuss naming the high school gym court after Al Stegman.

C) District Reorganization – As of now, Harding will have 13 kindergarteners and Harding will have 18 kindergarteners.

#### Action Items –

Motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Leonard as School Social Worker, effective June 30, 2017, was made by Susan McNelis and seconded by Murley. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the retirement of Angie Pokarney, effective June 30, 2020, was made by Murley and seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to reassign James Helling from part-time custodian at Sheridan GS to full-time custodian at Serena, was made by Don McNelis and seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to reassign Sean Sexton from full-time temporary custodian at Serena to part-time custodian at Sheridan GS was made by LaRock and seconded by Murley. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve all support staff assignments for the 2017-18 school year was made by LaRock and seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Jennifer Hoppis as MS/HS Guidance Counselor, effective July 1, 2017, was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to employ Rebecca Shelly as part-time food service worker, effective August 14, 2017, was made by Thompson, seconded by Murley. On roll call, those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Fall/Winter Coaches for the 2017-18 school year {Volleyball; Jenna Keigley-8<sup>th</sup>, Jen Shugrue-7<sup>th</sup>, Katy Severson-HS Coach: Soccer; Jeremy Foreman-MS, Dean DeRango-HS: Boys’ Basketball; Kale Duffy-8<sup>th</sup>, Tom Staton-6<sup>th</sup>, Dain Twait-Head Coach HS, Art Bohlmann-HS Assistant, Randy Goodbred-HS Volunteer: Girls’ Basketball; Ann Hoffmann-8<sup>th</sup>, Craig Twait-7<sup>th</sup>, Kale Duffy-6<sup>th</sup>, Jeremy Jenkins-Head Coach HS, Jim Jobst-HS Assistant:

Cheerleading; Danielle Bedford-MS A-Team, Amy Zulfer-HS Coach: Chad Baker-Golf Coach: Dean DeRango-Athletic Director}, was made by Susan McNelis, and seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Fall/Winter Coaches for the 2017-18 school year {Leona Whiteaker-6<sup>th</sup> Volleyball and Jacob Stark-7<sup>th</sup> Boys' Basketball}, was made by Thompson, seconded by LaRock. On roll call, Don McNelis voted "pass", Susan McNelis voted "present", all remaining members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Fall/Winter Coaches for the 2017-18 school year {Chris Gunier-HS Soccer Assistant and HS Girls' Basketball Assistant}, was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve Sam Olson as volunteer chaperone for the Spring Band Trip to Atlanta GA., was made by Murley, and seconded by LaRock. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve Clint Baker as volunteer baseball coach at Serena HS for the 2017 season was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to set Monday, May 22, 2017 as the date for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation (Harding-6:30, Sheridan-7:15, Serena-8:00) was made by Murley and seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried

Motion to approve the 2017-18 school fees and food service prices, as presented, was made by LaRock and seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.


Motion to name the Serena High School gymnasium floor "Al Stegman Court" with a dedication ceremony to be held in the winter of 2017, was made by Susan McNelis, and seconded by LaRock. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve Serena High School's membership in the IHSA, was made by Thompson, and seconded by Murley. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Vice-President Myer asked for any more public comment. There was none.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

  
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Neal Rosengren, President

  
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Renee Thompson, Secretary