

November 21, 2019
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, in the library at Harding Grade School. The following members were present: Renee Thompson, Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, Dan McNally in at 6:09 p.m., Gary McNelis, Susan McNelis, and Stephanie Thompson..

Also in attendance: Superintendent Spencer Byrd, Principals Angie Merboth, Randy Goodbred, Assistant Principal Ann Hoffmann, and Todd Hayden.

The meeting was called to order by President R. Thompson at 6:00 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by S. McNelis with a second by S. Thompson to go into executive session for the purpose of: (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; (2) school safety; (3) student discipline; (4) pending litigation; and (5) review of executive session minutes pursuant to the authority granted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (6), (8), (9), (11), and (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:13 p.m., was made by S. Thompson, seconded by G. McNelis. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President R. Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President R. Thompson requested any changes be made to the Agenda. Vice-President Cantlin requested the Re-Assignment Action Item be removed. Motion to remove XII. Action Item A. iv., was made by S. McNelis, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

President R. Thompson requested public comment. The following addressed the Board: Julie Ajster, Chad Cartwright, Shellie Cartwright, Ethan Calvert, Roxanne Dormer, Veronica Erickson, Julie Johnson, Addison Kempiaak, and Frank Kitzman.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A through F was made by S. McNelis, seconded by G. McNelis. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reports –

Enrollment Report – 659 students in the District.

Principals Report –

Principal Goodbred – Halloween Reading Night was very successful. Over 75 people attended and every student received a new book. Congratulations to Olivia Kember for having her Veteran's Day essay selected to be read at the District Assembly. The Sheridan PTO will be selling holiday raffle tickets and the drawing will be held on December 12th at the Christmas Program. Congratulations to November Cardinal Award Winners: Kindergarten – Elly Ochoa-Schmoker and Allen Ohligschlager, 1st Grade – Sophia Johnson and Avery Doll, 2nd Grade – Abby Walsh, 3rd Grade – Austin Peverill and Riley Schuman, 4th Grade – Charlee Turner and Caleb Collins.

Middle School Athletics – Congratulations to the 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Teams for taking 1st Place in their division at the Amboy Tournament. Congratulations to the 6th Grade Boys Basketball Team for taking 3rd Place in the Newark Early Bird Tournament and for taking 2nd Place at the Milton Pope Tournament. 8th Grade Night for Boys Basketball and Cheerleading will be held on December 2nd. 8th Grade is currently tied for 1st Place in the Jr. 10 Conference

Principal Merboth congratulated November Ace Award recipients: Kindergarten – Claire Westvig, 1st Grade – Glenna Cody, 2nd Grade – Faith Miller, 3rd Grade – Caylin Cantlin, and 4th Grade – Parker Twait. The Annual Paul Miller Children's Raffle will be held during the Christmas holiday season. The Harding community, PTO and Miller family provide students with an exciting event in which many of the students receive gifts. Students will earn Eagle Bucks for good behavior and will be entered for a chance to win donated gifts. There will be an all school assembly on December 20th to draw the winners.

Assistant Principal Ann Hoffmann recognized November Students of the Month: 5th Grade – Olivia Kelly, 6th Grade – Kendall Whiteaker, 7th Grade – Hailey Turner, 8th Grade – Tanner Faivre, 9th Grade – Bradley Armour, 10th Grade – Alexis Linder, 11th Grade – Libby Farrell, 12th Grade – Brandt Faivre and Nicole Manke. Staffulty of the Month: Dave Hughes (SHS) and Chris Bjork (SMS). The next Husker Way assembly will be held on November 26th. On, Sunday, November 17th, the new NHS members were honored. Thank you to Jessica Kempiaik for setting up the evening and Debbie Fuchs and her staff for the delicious food.

Superintendent Report – Folders containing informational items regarding the Joint Annual Conference will be handed out to Board members following the meeting. New board policy updates will be distributed for review prior to adoption.

Discussion/Informational Items – Debbie Fuchs would like to start looking for a replacement for the red food service van for next school year, as is on its last legs.

Action Items –

Motion to approve the posting of a full-time cafeteria worker for the remainder of the 2019-2020, was made by McNally, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the posting for a Serena Middle School Teacher Aide for the remainder of the 2019-2020, was made by McNally, seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Bridget Faivre as the Middle School Soccer Coach, was made by G. McNelis, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Chad Baker as the Middle School Baseball Coach, was made by S. McNelis, seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Crystal Clairmont, Title Aide, effective November 22nd, was made by Cantlin, seconded by G. McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the employment of Jessica Luna as substitute bus driver, pending the completion of all paperwork was made by DeBolt, seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the employment of Cathy Noel as a substitute Guidance Counselor during the time in which Jennifer Hoppis is engaged in her Military Leave during the 2019-2020 school year, was made by S. Thompson, seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the second and final reading of the 2019 Tax Levy, was made by Cantlin, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Bond and Interest payment of \$813,662.50 to Heartland Bank and Trust Company as part of Bills Payable for November 2019, was made by McNally, seconded by G. McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the first reading of the 2020 Board Meeting dates, as presented, was made by Cantlin, seconded by G. McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

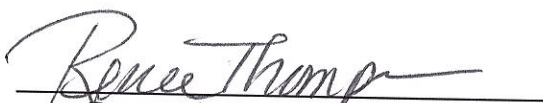
Motion to approve the \$15,396.85 lease of a new bus for the purpose of using it as a spare bus for the next three years, depending on the agreed length of the lease by the Board, was made by McNally, seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

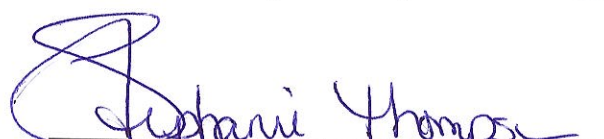
President R. Thompson requested any further public comment. There was none.

Motion to enter back into executive session at 9:56 p.m. was made by Cantlin, seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 11:56 p.m., was made by G. McNelis, seconded by S. Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 11:56 p.m., was made by S. McNelis, seconded by S. Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.


Renee Thompson, President


Stephanie Thompson, Secretary