

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
School District of Shullsburg
April 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Eugene Uehling.

Open Meeting Law

Lee Gill read the notice of the meeting in compliance with Open Meeting Law and Statutory Notices.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Eugene Uehling, Chad Teasdale, Lee Gill, Lauren Ray – virtually, Jacinda Gunnell - virtually, Melanie Andrews, Nathan Russell

Administration Present: District Administrator, Mark Lierman and Dana Bendorf, Principal - virtually

Legal Meeting

Motion by C. Teasdale, seconded by N. Russell to declare the meeting a legal meeting. All voted yes, and the motion was adopted.

Public Present

Jill Reilly and Ella Reilly

Positive News for the Shullsburg School District

Continuation of the free breakfast and lunch program and the Benton State Bank/Shullsburg Community Bank and staff have paid off the negative lunch balances in the school district.

Administer Oath of Office to School Board Members Elected at the Spring Election

The oath of office was administered to Chad Teasdale. Jacinda Gunnell took her oath of office in front of a notary republic and provided documentation to Mr. Lierman.

Reorganization of the Board

Election of Officers

i. President

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Gill to nominate Eugene Uehling as the Board President. By unanimous verbal vote, Eugene Uehling was elected Board President.

ii. Vice-President

Motion by L. Gill, seconded by N. Russell to nominate Jacinda Gunnell as the Board Vice-President. By unanimous verbal vote, Jacinda Gunnell was elected Board Vice-President.

iii. Clerk

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by M. Andrews to nominate Lee Gill as the Board Clerk. By unanimous verbal vote, Lee Gill was elected Board Clerk.

iv. Treasurer

Motion by L. Gill, seconded by N. Russell to nominate Chad Teasdale as the Board Treasurer. By unanimous verbal vote, Chad Teasdale was elected Board Treasurer.

Determination of Frequency, Dates and Time of Regular School Board Meetings

Motion by L. Gill, seconded by N. Russell to approve the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:30pm as the frequency, dates and times of the regular school board meetings. All voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Consideration of Continuing as Committee by the Whole or the Appointment of Board Committees and Representatives

Motion by L. Gill, seconded by N. Russell to approve going to the Appointment of Board Committees and Representatives and the appointment of board representatives will take place at the next regular school board meeting. All voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Consideration of Appointment for the Following Positions:

i. WASB Liaison/Delegate and Alternate

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by C. Teasdale to approve appointing Lee Gill as the WASB Liaison/Delegate and Eugene Uehling as the alternate. All voted yes and the motion was adopted.

ii. Delegate to CESA #3 Annual Convention

Motion by L. Gill, seconded by N. Russell to approve appointing Melanie Andrews as the delegate to CESA #3 Annual Convention. All votes yes and the motion was adopted.

Designation of Official School Newspaper

Motion by L. Gill, seconded by N. Russell to approve designating the Republican Journal as the official school newspaper. On a roll call vote, all voted yes, except J. Gunnell who abstained and the motion was adopted.

Resolution Designating Depositories for District Funds

Motion by L. Gill, seconded by J. Gunnell to approve designating Clare Bank as the depositories for District Funds. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Recognition of the Public Who Wish to Address the Board

Jill and Ella Reilly addressed the board in regards to Senior Graduation and Awards.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes from the regular board meeting on April 8, 2020

C. Approval of Baseball and Softball Co-ops and Track Tri-op for 2021 and 2022

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by C. Teasdale to approve the agenda, meeting minutes from 4/8/2020 and Baseball and Softball Co-ops and Track Tri-op for 2021 and 2022. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Notice of Public Hearing:

A. The Board will hear comments from the public pertaining to its request for a DPI Waiver pursuant to Wis. Stats. 118.38 due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Instructional Hours for the 2019-2020 school year.

No comments from the public.

B. The Board will hear comments from the public pertaining to its request for a DPI Waiver pursuant to Wis. Stats. 118.38 due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Civics Examination Requirement for the 2019-2020 school year.

No comments from the public.

C. The Board will hear comments from the public pertaining to its request for a DPI Waiver pursuant to Wis. Stats. 118.38 due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Completion of Educator Effectiveness Cycle for Educators in their Summary Year in 2019-2020.

No comments from the public.

Business

Consideration of and Action on a Resolution Requesting Waivers for Instructional Hours, Civic Exam, Requirement and Completion of the Educator Effectiveness Cycle for Educators in their Summary Year in 19-20

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by J. Gunnell to approve the resolution 20-1 requesting waivers for instructional hours, civic exam, requirement and completion of the educator effectiveness cycle for educators in their summary year in 2019-20. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Consideration of and Action on Revisions to the 2019-2020 Third Friday September Pupil Count

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Gill to approve the revisions to the 2019-2020 Third Friday September count. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Consideration and Action on Revisions to the 2019-2020 Second Friday January Pupil Count

Motion by J. Gunnell, seconded by L. Gill to approve the revisions to the 2019-2020 Second Friday January Pupil Count. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Consideration of and Action on Summer Garden Project

A discussion was held and no action taken.

Consideration of and Action on the Continuation of Providing Free Breakfast and Lunch Due to COVID-19
Motion by L. Gill, seconded by N. Russell to approve the continuation of providing Free Breakfast and Lunch including days off school due to COVID-19. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Consideration of and Action on Changes to the Virtual Learning Days Due to COVID-19
Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Gill to change the instructional days to Tuesday through Friday for all students for the remainder of the school year, move last day for seniors passing classes to May 1st, seniors not passing all classes would continue until May 22nd, move final school day for all students to May 22nd and require that students continue to get instruction/assistance for AP class through the AP exam. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Discussion of 2019 Wisconsin Act 185 School Board Reporting Requirements as of April 16, 2020
A discussion was held and no action needed.

Discussion of Senior Awards Process Due to Extended School Closure Due to COVID-19
A discussion was held regarding Senior Awards Process due to COVID-19. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting with possible action.

Discussion of Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony Due to Extended School Closure Due to COVID-19
A discussion was held regarding the Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony due to COVID-19. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting with possible action.

Consideration of and Action on Policy 167.1 – Revised Bylaw – COVID-19 Special Update – Voting
Motion by N. Russell, seconded by C. Teasdale to approve the revised policy 167.1 – Revised Bylaw – COVID-19 – Special Update – Voting. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Consideration of Policy 8420.01 – New Policy – Special Update – Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) – March 2020 – Epidemics and Pandemics (First Reading)
1st Reading was done and no action was needed.

Discussion of Employee Health and Dental Insurance Benefits for 2020-2021
Mr. Lierman presented information to the board regarding employee health and dental insurance for 2020-2021.

Personnel

Consideration of and Action on Employee Compensation Due to Extended School Closure Due to COVID-19
Motion by C. Teasdale, seconded by J. Gunnell to approve continuing to compensate employees during the extended school closure. On a roll call vote, all voted yes except N. Russell who abstained, and the motion was adopted.

Discussion of Possible Teaching Staff Reassignment
A discussion was held regarding the open high school special education teaching position. This topic will be addressed at the next meeting with possible action.

Discussion of Possible Elementary Sections and Staffing Level Change
A discussion was held and this topic will be addressed at the next meeting with possible action.

Consideration of adjourning to closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(c), which permits convening in closed session for the purpose of considering the employment and compensation of public employees/job candidates for the purpose in Item 17.D.i.

- i. Consideration of and Possible Action Regarding Renewal/Non-Renewal of Professional Staff

President E. Uehling announced the items to be covered in closed session – Consideration of and Possible Action Regarding Renewal/Non-Renewal of Professional Staff. Item 17.D.i. The board adjourned to closed session.

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Gill to approve adjourning to closed session to act on the item listed above. On a roll call vote, all voted yes, and the motion was adopted.

Convened in closed session at 8:30pm

Reconvene to Open Session at 9:13pm

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by M. Andrews to reconvene to open session to act on items from closed session. On a roll call vote, all voted yes, and the motion was adopted.

Action Resulting from Closed Session

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by M. Andrews to issue a preliminary notice of non-renewal to Robert Bendorf. On a roll call vote, 4 - Yes (Uehling, Gill, Andrews, Russell) and 2 - No (Teasdale, Gunnell) and 1 Abstain (Ray), and the motion was adopted.

Motion by L. Gill, seconded by M. Andrews to issue a preliminary notice on non-renewal to Andy Paulsen. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

Personnel

Consideration and Action on Professional Staff F.T.E. List for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by C. Teasdale to delay action until next meeting. On a roll call vote, all voted yes and the motion was adopted.

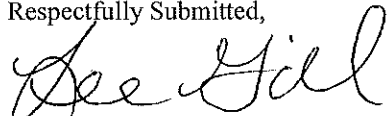
Administrator's Report

Mr. Lierman presented information regarding COVID-19 Summer School Impact (F.T.E.'s) and 2020-2021 Budget Process.

Adjournment

Motion by N. Russell, seconded by L. Gill to adjourn. All voted yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lee Gill, Clerk