

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2020

7:30 p.m. New Gym and Google Meets

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

President Chad Ruppert called the regular board meeting to order and roll call was taken with seven board members present. Board members present were Janssen, Ruppert, Eisenbarth, Bauman, Fesser, Tarter, and Gasparich (on Zoom). Also present were Superintendent Doerr, Principal McDowell, Assistant Principal McDonald, and Principal Reedy.

Guests present included Jill Lipe, Greg Lipe, Janelle Stolte, Theresa Cruthis, Debbie Gonet, Tim Miller, Melissa Shalter, Michele Ingram, Brandon Engelman, Liz Engelman, Bonnie Brownback, Tanya Engelman, Amanda Alsbury, Jill Huddleston, Michelle Pavolka, Cassie Watson, Dylan Perkins, Yvonne Ward, Angie Durbin, Gloria Ginger, Melissa Satterlee, Trevor Satterlee, Dan DeWerff, Lisa DeWerff, Mindy Pearse, Tara Follis, Rachael Taylor, Paul Watson, Jennifer Doyen, Julie Friesland, Rebecca West, Vickie Williams, Ellen Christner, Sarah McCooley, Morgan Johnson, Megan Mehochko, Gia O'Malley, Matt Hoffman, Madigan, Hoffman, Mollie Hoffman, Rick Ginger, Beth King, Wendy Goodwin, Abby Huff, and Alexis Tharp.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Janssen seconded by Fesser to approve the Board Meeting Agenda for August 18, 2020 as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Those addressing the Board included the following:

Jill Lipe asked for the Board to reconsider the Reopening Plan to include all vocational classes to go Remote as well as extracurricular activities.

Rick Ginger addressed the Board regarding the requirement of facial coverings being mandatory for all students and thought it was not necessary.

Dan DeWerff spoke to the Board representing the NEA and asked the Board to consider allowing students to be dismissed early to allow teachers time to work with remote learners. He discussed the issues between using synchronous and asynchronous learning, the need for additional training on remote platforms, and other issues pertaining to remote learning.

Tara Follis addressed the Board regarding technology issues that students and some teachers face during live remote learning.

Melissa Satterlee addressed the Board regarding the need for more time for teachers to plan for remote and in-person learning.

Melissa Shalter addressed the Board regarding the need for more preparation time to handle remote and in-person learning.

Mollie Hoffman addressed the Board regarding the need for the Board to hear the teachers and provide them the time necessary to plan.

The Consent Agenda included the regular and closed minutes, bills, payroll, and Treasurer's Report for approval.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 18, 2020 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Tarter, seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the August 18, 2020 Consent Agenda as presented.

Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA. Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As for school funding, the State will owe the District over \$21,000 from FY 20, which is 2 driver's education payments, and one Early Childhood payment. As for FY 21, as you can see on the spreadsheet, ISBE is really far behind in getting us information. Several grants have not even been sent to us yet and we are still awaiting information on special education and transportation.

Summer Project Updates:

- a. South School – 60% completed, but they have not started the brick work at the HS.
- b. Fire Shutters – 50% completed – still waiting on shutters to arrive.
- c. Roof Top Ladder – Completed
- d. New Phone System – 95% Completed
- e. HS Door Replacement – Completed
- f. Camera and DVR's – on order

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principals provided the Board with written reports. No additional information provided.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Reopen Plan. As of today, we have 71 remote learners. This represents 11% of our student population. Our first day of school today (08/18/2020) went well with all students and staff following guidelines. Dr. Doerr noted that there is a difference between the Reopen Plan and the Remote Learning Plan.

New IDPH rules came out on 08/12/2020. Nurse Kiefer and the admin are working on putting them in a summary to be placed on the webpage and social media before school starts.

Dr. Doerr addressed some concerns with the following statements:

Per the ISBE Fall 2020 Learning Recommendations sent out on July 23, 2020, it states in the summary the following: "While both the ISBE and IDPH agree that in-person learning is the goal, it may not be safe or feasible to fully resume in-person learning in every school community. As such, the purpose of this document is to provide *recommendations* to educators for implementing in-person, blended, and/or remote learning during the 2020-21 school year."

Dr. Doerr also noted for the Board, the following information is provided from our legal counsel:

Extra-Curricular Activities: “The firms view is that they don't have jurisdiction here (based in part on ISBE's own admission in the Hillsboro/IHSA case that they have no authority related to extracurricular activities). ...That statement in the FAQ doesn't change my opinion.”

CTE classes: “you are not required to make every course have a remote option, so long as there are alternative elective courses that a student can take remotely. I think you can stand firm on that.”

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Doerr provided a brief updated on the FY 21 budget. Of the 9 funds that operate the District's finances, all but Transportation should be fine, unless the General Assembly changes the state budget after the November elections, which is possible. In addition, we still have not received all of the information from the State on revenues as you can see from the spreadsheet and at least 5 of our grants have not even been opened for us to see yet. Also, Taylorville has been asked numerous times by NPT to provide them with salary and benefit information so NPT can finalize their budget, which is due in August. They have not been compliant to this point. The budget is a work in progress until our September hearing and meeting.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NOKOMIS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REGARDING BLOCK SCHEDULING, PREP TIME, AND IN-HOUSE SUB PAY.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Fesser to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nokomis Education Association regarding block scheduling, prep time, and in-house sub pay. Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF THE BOARD POLICIES, EXHIBITS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.

Motion by Fesser seconded by Eisenbarth to approve I move to approve First Reading of the Board Policies, Exhibits, and Administrative Procedures. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE FY21 REMOTE LEARNING PLAN.

Motion by Eisenbarth seconded by Fesser to approve the FY21 Remote Learning Plan (1st draft). Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE NEW HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL BY HEALTH ALLIANCE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Janssen seconded by Tarter to approve the new health insurance proposal by Health Alliance effective September 1, 2020 as presented.

Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:46 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF GATHERING EVIDENCE FOR FAN DISCIPLINARY HEARING, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATIONS, COMPENSATION, APPOINTMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION.

Motion by Tarter, seconded by Eisenbarth to enter into closed session at 8:46 p.m. for the purpose of gathering evidence for fan disciplinary hearing, employment, evaluations, compensation, appointment and discipline of personnel and litigation.

Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 9:49 P.M.

Motion by Janssen seconded by Tarter to re-enter regular session from closed session at 9:49 p.m. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF AUTUMN AMLING AS TITLE I AIDE EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2020.

Motion by Tarter seconded by Eisenbarth to accept the resignation of Autumn Amling as Title I Aide effective July 31, 2020. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF KIRY AUMANN (TITLE I AIDE), VICKI LOSKOT (PART-TIME CUSTODIAN), AND DARREN FRITTS (FULL-TIME TECHNOLOGY TEACHER) FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Fesser seconded by Janssen to approve the employment of Kiry Aumann (Title I Aide), Vicki Loskot (part-time Custodian), and Darren Fritts (Full-time Technology Teacher) for the 2020-2021 school year.

Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO APPROVE TIM MILLER AS A VOLUNTEER COACH FOR THE HS BOYS BASKETBALL PROGRAM.

Motion by Tarter seconded by Fesser to approve Tim Miller as a volunteer coach for the HS Boys Basketball program. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Janssen to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chad Ruppert, President

Denny Bauman, Secretary