

MINUTES OF THE **Regularly** scheduled MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STAUNTON COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #6, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois, held on google meets from the school board room on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

## **I. Call to Order Regular Meeting**

### **A. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll call**

President Kim Peterson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 pm via google meets. Roll was taken: Board members Kim Peterson, John Renner, Stefanie Legendre, Janice Kinder, Poonam Jain and Derrick Taylor were present. Emilee Schnefke absent.

Administration in attendance were Superintendent Dan Cox and Junior High Principal Ryan McGowen, High School Principal Brett Allen and Elementary Principal Nancy Werden and new superintendent Cindy Tolbert.

### **B. Approval of agenda**

Poonam Jain made a **motion** to approve the regular agenda as presented. John Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve the agenda as presented. Schnefke absent.

## **II. Recognition of Public/Visitors**

President Peterson acknowledged Hannah Kahl reporter from the Staunton Star Times,

## **III. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Bills/Payroll/Treasurer's Report**

### **B. Approval of Minutes from the month of April including regular, special and closed meetings.**

### **C. Approval of Consolidated District Title Grant Plan**

### **D. Acceptance of Donations**

### **E. Destruction of Closed Session recordings older than 18 months**

The superintendent recommended the consent agenda be approved as presented. Poonam Jain made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jan Kinder seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve the agenda as presented. Schnefke absent.

## **IV. Administrator Reports**

### **A. Principal reports**

**There were no questions for the principal reports.**

### **B. Superintendent Dan Cox Report**

Superintendent Cox congratulated the class of 2020 and thanked Mr. Allen and his staff for making graduation special and unforgettable. He said as we close this school year and plan for the fall the District will continue to center on general welfare, communication and continued education.

## **V. Financial Report**

Superintendent Cox said that the state said that we would get at minimum the base funding. The County Schools Facilities Sales Tax is projected to decrease by an average of 25% for FY21, 15% for FY22 and then rebounding in FY23.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Approval of Second Reading of Updates and Revisions to Board of Education Policies**

John Renner made a **motion** to approve the second reading of updates and revisions to board of education policies. Jan Kinder seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve the agenda as presented. Schnefke absent.

## **B. Approval of rescheduled prom and graduation dates.**

Stefanie Legendre made a **motion** to approve the rescheduled prom on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and High School graduation at 7:00 p.m. as presented. Kim Peterson seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve the agenda as presented. Schnefke absent.

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Discussion of Employee Health Insurance Renewal**

Cornerstone predicted a 10-16% increase but has negotiated an 8% increase for health insurance. Final rates will be presented at the regular board meeting in June.

### **b. Approval to Continue Food Service through June 2020**

OPAA and our three cafeteria workers will continue to prepare the meals for students. Our three employees will get paid for the hours they work. We will go down to two sites. Pick up here at the school and in Livingston.

Derrick Taylor made a **motion** to approve continuing food service through June 2020 as presented. John Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve the agenda as presented. Schnefke absent.

### **c. Discussion and Action on District Student Handbook Updates and Revisions**

There were two changes to the handbook. The first was information was added about the remote learning plan. Second was a special education law that states parents must be given a draft of the student's IEP 3 days in advance of their meetings.

Stefanie Legendre made a **motion** to approve the District Student Handbook Updates and Revisions as presented. Poonam Jain seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve the agenda as presented. Schnefke absent.

### **d. Discussion and Possible Action on District Fees for FY21**

There were no increases in fees. The only changes that were made were new classes that were not on the 19-20 fee schedule were added at \$10 per class.

Derrick Taylor made a **motion** to approve the District Fees for FY21 as presented. Poonam Jain seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve the agenda as presented. Schnefke absent.

## **VIII. Roll call to go into Closed Session of Purposes defined in:**

Peterson made a **motion** to go into executive session at 7:49 pm. Legendre seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to go into executive session to discuss:

- a. **A. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body**
- b. **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees**

## **Roll call to Open Session**

Peterson made a **motion** to return to the regular order of business at 8:03 p.m. Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to return to the regular order of business. Schnefke absent.

## **IX. Action as a Result of Closed Session**

### **A. Approval of Personnel Report**

#### **i. Recognition of Resignation(s)/Retirement(s) –**

Margaret Gunn resigned from the position she accepted at the April meeting.

Austin Hollaway resigned from IT support position with thanks for service.

Kyle McBrain resigned from Driver Education, HS Baseball, JH Baseball with thanks for service.

#### **ii. Approval of Recommendations for Hire**

There were no new hires.

Peterson made a **motion** to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Schnefke absent.

### **B. Approval of Classified Support Personnel Pay Increase for FY21**

The board approved a 3% increase for FY 20-21 for support personnel.

Poonam Jain made a **motion** to approve the classified support personnel pay increase as presented. Derrick Taylor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve. Schnefke absent.

### **C. Approval of Staunton Junior High Principal Salary Increase for FY21**

The board approved that Ryan McGowen receive the 1.81% increase in salary that the teacher's will be receiving.

Taylor made a **motion** to approve the Staunton Junior High Principal Salary Increase for FY21 as presented. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve. Schnefke absent.

### **D. Approval of Consultant Agreement**

The board agrees to employ Dan Cox as a consultant on an at-will "as-needed" basis to assist the new superintendent with transitional duties for a period extending from June 1, 2020 thru August 31, 2020. He is not expected to provide more than 10 days of service during the term of this agreement. The compensation would be on a per diem rate of \$516.10 per day that the consultant is required to be physically present in the District at the Superintendent's request.

Taylor made a **motion** to approve the consultant agreement as presented. Jain seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve. Schnefke absent.

### **E. Approval of Amended Superintendent Employment Agreement**

The amended superintendent employment agreement has been changed to have Mrs. Cindy Tolbert start her position early on June 8, 2020. She will be paid on a per diem rate for the days worked in June with her contracted salary starting on July 1.

Taylor made a **motion** to approve the amended superintendent employment agreement as presented. Renner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Peterson, Renner, Legendre, Kinder, Taylor and Jain voted to approve. Schnefke absent.

**X. Correspondence: None**

**XI. General Discussion:**

Meeting in June could possibly be able to go back to the library with everyone meeting in person.

**XII. Adjournment**

With no further business Kinder made a **motion** for adjournment. Renner seconded the motion. All members present voted for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the high school library.