

SULLIVAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 300
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sullivan Community Unit School District No. 300 of Moultrie, Shelby, and Coles Counties, Illinois was duly called and held on September 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sullivan High School Commons within the boundaries of said District.

President White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Florey, Green, Grooms, Horn, Stollard, Wood White

Roll Call – Absent: None

Citizens Non-Agenda Items: None

Informational Items: None

Budget Hearing: President White opened the budget hearing. Superintendent Walk stated the overall operating funds in the proposed budget are in the black this year. The District has received CARES funds to help cover additional costs of opening schools. The education fund is in the red. In order to meet the stringent requirements involving exposure to COVID-19, it's likely that staff will have more absences so the substitute teacher allotment was increased to \$110,000 this year. Operation and maintenance costs have increased with additional cleaning putting that budget in the red. Stollard asked if CARES funds were guaranteed funds. Mr. Walk stated that the CARES funds have already been received. Capital projects is showing a negative balance for this year due to the elementary school flooring project, but that was projected and budgeted in previous fiscal years. There were no questions from the audience. Stollard moved the budget hearing be closed. Seconded by Grooms. Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Consent Agenda: **Motion by Stollard, seconded by Wood, to approve the following items on Consent Agenda:**

Minutes of the August 10, 2020 regular meeting.

Authorized district bills totaling \$260,718.30; activity fund expenses; and, the treasurer's report.

Appointed Ted Walk and Becky Batman as FOIA Officers.

Approved the administrator and teacher salary and benefits report.

Approved the PA96-0434 Administrator Compensation Report.

Approved the PA97-0609 IMRF Compensation Report.

Upon roll call, all voted yea.

Action Items:

Approval of 2020-2021 Budget – Superintendent Walk presented the proposed budget at the budget hearing. Grooms moved the Board approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Stollard seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Approval of Bid for Exterior Envelope Repairs – Superintendent Walk stated that seven bids to repair exterior masonry and drainage issues at Sullivan Elementary School were received. Mr. Walk's recommendation is to approve the base bid, alternate bid 1 and alternate bid 2 placed by Pulliam Masonry from Springfield, Illinois in the amount of \$77,250. Stollard moved that the Board approve the bids as presented. Florey seconded. On roll call, all voted yea.

Personnel Report – Green moved, seconded by Grooms, that the Board approve the personnel report. On roll call, all voted yea.

Resignation

Jennifer Strauf 7th Grade Volleyball Coach 09/14/2020

New Hires

Andy Wagner	HS PE/Health Teacher	07/01/2021	BS+0,0
Becca Gervais	Prom Sponsor	09/14/2020	
Bobby Kennedy	Custodian	09/15/2020	
Carla Messmore	Part-time Lunch Aide	08/17/2020	
Edna Bailey	Part-time Lunch Aide	08/17/2020	
Michelle Kinder	Part-time Paraprofessional	08/17/2020	

Principals' Reports: Building principals gave their monthly reports, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Walk thanked all staff members, students and parents for their extraordinary efforts allowing the District to return to in-person learning. Mr. Walk recognized Kevin Landrus for all of his work from the beginning of the closure and throughout the duration. Mr. Landrus has tackled many projects including the flooring project at the elementary school and high school media center; painting throughout the district; transportation for summer meals and meals to remote learners; repairs to the elementary school exterior; and, countless other projects which needed to be addressed. Mr. Walk went on to thank the Moultrie County Health Department and Angie Hogan adding that he speaks with Mrs. Hogan regularly and the health department has been extremely responsive and helpful. Mr. Walk stated that he feels very fortunate that our community and staff have rallied together to make in-person learning possible.

Mr. Walk stated that he is anticipating changes to the school calendar. Administration is analyzing changing remote learning days scheduled for this spring to regular attendance days. Administration is also considering external resources to provide additional support for some remote learners.

MAP testing is underway. MAP testing remote learners has been a challenge.

Stollard asked what kind of feedback was received from the remote learning survey. Walk stated he is awaiting more responses but overall, the survey has been very favorable. Green asked if students were switching to remote as the school year progressed. Mr. Walk stated that there may be a couple each week but it is getting less and less common. Students are being allowed to return to in person instruction per teacher requests.

Green asked if any changes would be made considering colder weather is on the way. Walk stated that the administration is evaluating how resources will be redistributed once the weather turns cold. Teachers with outside classrooms will be a priority.

President White thanked all teachers and staff for their hard work.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Board at this time, there was a motion made by Green, and seconded by Grooms, to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. On roll call, all voted yea.

Jeff White, President

Erik Stollard, Secretary