



**St. George Community Consolidated School District No. 258**

5200 East Center Street ~ Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Board of Education

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**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
January 12, 2017**

Meeting was ***Called to Order*** at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President, Thomas Yuska.

Present at ***Roll Call***: Yuska, Austin, Armstrong, and Cox.

Absent: Pendleton, Goering and Dykstra. A quorum was present.

Individuals present at ***Roll Call*** other than Board of Education members:

Helen Boehrsen, Superintendent; Christine Johnston, Principal; Bryan Wells, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; John Grill, Comptroller; Jason Johnson, Treasurer.

***Additional Agenda Items*** – None

***Introduction of Guests and Comments***

Jason Johnston presented the Treasurer’s Report: Additional financial information was given to the Board including:

- Activity account
- Cash receipts
- Imprest account
- Monthly expenditures
- Credit Card statement
- Bank Collateral, qtrly. report
- Impact Fees, qtrly. report

Mr. Cox made the motion to approve the ***Consent Agenda***, which included:

- minutes from Regular Board Meeting December 8, 2016
- financial reports
- monthly expenditures
- Press Policy 93, First Reading
  - 2:125 Board Member Compensation Expenses
  - 2:125-E1 Board Member Expense Reimbursement Form
  - 2:125-E2 Board Member Expense Approval Form
  - 2:125-E3 Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements
  - 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
  - 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
  - 2:220-E1 Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes
  - 2:220-E2 Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting
  - 2:220-E4 Open Meeting Minutes

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- 2:220-E5 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
- 2:220-E6 Log of Closed Meeting Minutes
- 2:220-E7 Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings
- 2:220-E8 School Board Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQ's
- 2:250-E2 Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
- 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:110 Transportation
- 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:60 Expenses
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 5:260 Student Teachers
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:145 Migrant Students
- 6:160 English Learners
- 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7:60 Residence
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:260 Exemption from Physical Education
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- Policy 2:80 – Board Member Oath and Conduct, First Reading
- Six Month Review of Closed Session Minutes  
July 14 to December 8, 2016
- Resignations:
  - Jonathan Tumblin, Paraprofessional – effective 12-31-16
  - Danelle Henneike, Paraprofessional – effective 12-14-16
  - Jennifer Graeber, Paraprofessional – effective 12-14-16
- School Picture Contract

Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Yeas: Yuska, Austin, Armstrong, and Cox.

Nays: None.

Absent: Pendleton, Goering and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

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## **Administrative and Board Committee Reports**

- Superintendent Report – Superintendent Boehrsen  
Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that there are thirteen proposed bills on budget, pension, property taxes forthcoming in the General Assembly. Property taxes would be frozen for two years, but income taxes would be raised from 3.75% to 4.95%. This legislation will affect school funding formula and teacher pensions. The board presidents and superintendents will be attending a meeting at Bourbonnais District 53 next week with local legislators.

Schools are required to follow new lead testing regulations. St. George already does lead testing, but the school may need additional testing under the new law.

Mr. Pendleton entered the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

The most recent board member trainings have been recorded and posted in the District Office and on the District Website.

The bill for seat belts on school buses should pass. The District transports five students daily to Momence on the handicap accessible bus with shoulder straps. Many districts are saying they will need aides to ride the buses because of young students not being able to secure/unsecure themselves in a manner that will allow bus routes to proceed smoothly.

There were no violations on our annual Health/Life, Safety Annual Inspection with the I-KAN Regional Office of Education.

Northfield Square Mall protested their assessed value and asked for a reduction to \$9.6 million, which is a 46 – 47% decrease. The owner and taxing districts reached an agreement for a 27% reduction overall. St. George has one parcel which is the parking lot, but there is no change for this parcel.

- Principal Report – Principal Johnston  
Mrs. Johnston informed the Board that the Raiders' Robotics FIRST Lego Team was invited on February 23, 2017, to the Bourbonnais Public Library by BBCHS.
- Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Report – Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Wells  
Mr. Wells informed the board the Boys' Basketball season is coming to an end with regionals, sectionals, and state games. Volleyball has begun with the first game on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at Bradley Central. There will be an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night for boys' athletics and cheerleading on January 18, 2017. Parent Night for girls' athletics will occur at a home volleyball game.
- Committee Reports – KASEC: Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that KASEC is waiting on the Regional Office to finalize the sale of the building. St. George has received furniture, a refrigerator, paper and supplies due to closing the KASEC building.

Policy Committee: The Policy Committee met to discuss Press Policy 93 and Policy 2:80. Extensive discussion occurred on Policy 2:125 in reference to expenses for school board members which is required by March, 2017.

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### **Discussion and Possible Action Items**

- Approve Seeking Bids for Property, Casualty, Liability Insurance for 2017-2018 – **ACTION**  
The District will be seeking bids for Property, Casualty, Liability Insurance for 2017-18 for competitive pricing. It has been over five years since the District has sought bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Yuska to approve the District seeking bids for Property, Casualty, Liability Insurance for 2017-2018.

Mrs. Austin made the motion for the second.

All Yeas.

Nays: None

Absent: Goering, and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

- Approve Bus Leases for 2017-2018 – **ACTION**  
The bus leases are for the same number of buses as this year, six including one 42+1 wheelchair bus, for a one year lease in the amount of \$79,393. The cost has risen 3% from last year with a 2.9% interest rate. The District is getting incentives from Midwest Transit to renew at this time. If legislation is passed requiring seat belts on buses, the District will work with Midwest Transit at that time.

Motion was made by Mrs. Austin to approve the bus leases for 2017-2018 for six buses in the amount of \$79,393.

Mr. Yuska made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Austin, Armstrong, Cox, Pendleton, and Yuska.

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering, and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

### **Communication**

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment Summary
- Teacher Institute Agenda

### **Closed Session**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Cox to enter Closed Session at 7:43 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Armstrong for the purposes of discussing:

- Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). The appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.
- Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or

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imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes.

- Student Special Education 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (10). The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
- Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Yeas: Armstrong, Cox, Yuska, Austin, and Pendleton.

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering, and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

**Motion** was made by Mrs. Austin to return to open session at 8:02 p.m.

Mr. Yuska seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.

#### **Action Items**

- Approve Closed Session Minutes from January 12, 2017

**Motion** was made by Mr. Yuska to approve the Closed Session Minutes from January 12, 2017.

Mr. Pendleton made the motion for the second.

All Yeas.

Nays: None

Absent: Goering, and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

- Approve Employment of Non-Certified Staff FY 2016-17

1. **Motion** was made by Mrs. Austin to approve Diann Wilbur as a Paraprofessional for FY 2016-17 at the hourly rate of \$12.03.

Mr. Pendleton made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Cox, Pendleton, Yuska, Austin, and Armstrong.

Nays: None

Absent: Goering, and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

2. **Motion** was made by Mr. Cox to approve Sabrina Nguyen as a Paraprofessional for FY 2016-17 at the hourly rate of \$13.35.

Mr. Pendleton made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Cox, Pendleton, Yuska, Austin, and Armstrong.

Nays: None

Absent: Goering, and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

3. **Motion** was made by Mrs. Austin to approve Kelsy VanWert as a Paraprofessional for FY 2016-17 at the hourly rate of \$12.03.

Mr. Yuska made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Pendleton, Yuska, Austin, Armstrong, and Cox.

Nays: None

Absent: Goering, and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

- **Motion** to adjourn was made by Mrs. Austin at 8:08 p.m.

Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

All Yeas.

Nays: None

Absent: Goering, and Dykstra.

Motion passed.

  
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Darrell Pendleton, President

VICE PRESIDENT

  
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Addison Goering, Secretary