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**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
May 18, 2017**

Meeting was *Called to Order* at 6:30 p.m. by President, Darrell Pendleton.

Present at *Roll Call*: Pendleton, Goering, Armstrong, Dykstra, Cox and Fouts.
Absent: Yuska. 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

Mrs. Armstrong made the motion to approve the *Consent Agenda*, which included:

- minutes from Regular Board Meeting April 13, 2017
- Minutes from Special Meeting – Re-Organization of the School Board, April 27, 2017
- financial reports
- monthly expenditures
- Press Plus Issue 94, Second Reading
 - 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest
 - 3:70 Succession of Authority
 - 4:15 Identity Protection
 - 5:120 Employee Ethics, and Conduct, and Conflict of Interest
 - 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline
 - 5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers
 - 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year

6:70 Teaching About Religions
7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunization; and Exclusion of Students

- 5-Year Review Policies
 - 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness
 - 5:70 Religious Holidays
 - 5:80 Court Duty
 - 5:110 Recognition for Service
 - 5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff
 - 5:210 Resignations
 - 5:320 Evaluation
 - 6:185 Remote Educational Program

- prevailing wage

- resignation:

Karen Soukup, District Office Assistant effective May 26, 2017

Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

Yeas: Goering, Armstrong, Dykstra, Cox, Fouts, and Pendleton.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports

- Superintendent Report – Superintendent Boehrsen
Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that the Staff Picnic will be held on May 25, 2017 at noon and all Board members are welcome to attend and help if they would like.

The HVAC project will begin the day after Memorial Day.

The District will be closed on Fridays beginning June 2, 2017.

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that the District received General State Aid, but has not received Mandated Categorical Grant monies.

The Board was given yearbooks, which are compliments of the School District.

- Principal Report – Principal Johnston
Mrs. Johnston informed the Board that graduation will take place next week on May 23, 2017. The band, under the direction of Ms. Stedman-Martin, will play at graduation for the first time.

Field Day will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. Honors Assembly will take place on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Teachers from Herscher School District recently visited some classrooms because they are interested in adopting the same reading services used in the District.

- Committee Reports – KASEC: The Governing Board changed the Articles of Joint Agreement. The Governing Board will meet once or twice a year. The Finance Committee met last week. Some of the proceeds of \$600,000 from the sale of the garage and the building will cover administrative costs for next year. Substitute and paraprofessionals pay will be raised to \$90 a day.
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment – Mrs. Dykstra and Mr. Goering reported they met last week with Ms. Boehrsen and Mrs. Johnston to discuss a new Early Childhood Special Education class, K-5 Eureka math, and an Instructional Coach/Title 1 position.
- Parent Teacher Advisory – Mr. Goering reported the committee met with Bryan Wells and parents to discuss and make changes to the student handbook.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

- Approve Final School Calendar for FY 2016-17 – **ACTION**
The only change is the removal of Emergency Days since they were not used.

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the final School Calendar for FY 2016-17.

Mrs. Armstrong made the motion for the second.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- Adopt and Approve Purchase of New K-5th Math Curriculum – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Goering to adopt and approve the purchase of Eureka Math for K-5th grades at a cost of \$14,093.

Mrs. Dykstra made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Armstrong, Dykstra, Cox, Fouts, Pendleton, and Goering.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- Establish Early Childhood Special Education Program – **ACTION**
This program is for three, four and five year old students. The District currently sends 5 students to Momence and Grant Park. By bringing the program to St. George and not having to bus these students, the District will save \$30,000 to \$54,000 the first year. There is also a need for an aide for this program. This is not a preschool.

Motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong to establish an Early Childhood Special Education Program at St. George CCSD 258 next year.

Mr. Cox made the motion for the second.

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Yeas: Dykstra, Cox, Fouts, Pendleton, Goering, and Armstrong.
Nays: None.
Absent: Yuska.
Motion passed.

- Approve 2017-2018 St. George School District 258 Handbook – **ACTION**
Mr. Wells informed the Board that 90% of the changes made are mandated by the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Goering to approve the 2017-2018 St. George School District 258 Handbook as presented with changes.

Mr. Pendleton made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Cox, Fouts, Pendleton, Goering, Armstrong, and Dykstra.
Nays: None.
Absent: Yuska.
Motion passed.

- Approve Resolution for Disposal of Piano – **ACTION**
Mr. Wells informed the Board that 90% of the changes made are mandated by the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the Resolution for Disposal of the Everett Upright Piano in the Music Room that is no longer in useable condition.

Mrs. Dykstra made the motion for the second.

All in favor.
Nays: None
Absent: Yuska.
Motion passed.

- Approve Resolution Setting the Amount of the Treasurer's Bond – **ACTION**
The amount of the bond is set by statute at 25% of the fund balance of revenue, whichever is greater.

Motion was made by Mr. Goering to approve the Resolution setting the amount of the Treasurer's Bond for \$1,300,000.

Mrs. Armstrong made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Pendleton, Goering, Armstrong, Dykstra, Cox, and Fouts.
Nays: None.
Absent: Yuska.
Motion passed.

- Approve Application for Schoolwide Programming Waiver 2017-2018 – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Pendleton to approve the Application for Schoolwide Programming Waiver 2017-2018.

Mr. Goering made the motion for the second.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- Create Instructional Coach Position – **ACTION**

This position will provide in-class coaching support to teachers, mostly in areas of reading/language arts. Some math coaching may also occur.

Motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong to create an Instructional Coach position.

Mrs. Dykstra made the motion for the second.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Communication

- Board Communications – The Ryan family was thanked for giving the Board some treats.
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment Summary – enrollment dropped by three students from the same time last year
- Tentative 2017-18 Teaching Assignment
- Staff Picnic on Thursday, May 25, 2017 provided by the Administration and Board of Education
- FOIA request from SMART Local 265 requesting information for new construction, renovation, and/or maintenance work planned for the district and names and contact information for contractors awarded work.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Goering to enter Closed Session at 7:15 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).** 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 imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes.
- **Discipline 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (9).** Student Disciplinary cases.
- **Collective Bargaining 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.

All yeas. Motion passed.

Mrs. Dykstra made the motion to return to open session at 7:41 p.m. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

All yeas. Motion passed.

Action Items

- **Approve Closed Session Minutes from May 18, 2017**

Motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong to approve Closed Session Minutes from May 18, 2017.

Mr. Goering made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Armstrong, Dykstra, Cox, Fouts, Pendleton, Goering.

Nays: None

Absent: Yuska

Motion passed.

- **Rescind Employment of Non-Certified Staff FY 2016-17**

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to rescind the employment of Cynthia Castillo as Bus Driver for FY 2016-2017.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Armstrong, Dykstra, Cox, Fouts, Pendleton, Goering.

Nays: None

Absent: Yuska

Motion passed.

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- **Approve Employment of Personnel for FY 2017-18**

1. Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the employment of Debra Haskell as .5 FTE Early Childhood Special Education Teacher per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2017-18.

Mrs. Dykstra made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Armstrong, Dykstra, Cox, Fouts, Pendleton, and Goering.

Nays: None

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

2. Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the employment of Carol Szynal as part-time School Psychologist at the rate of \$50 per hour for up to 240 hours of service plus paid mileage at the IRS rate for FY 2017-18.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Dykstra, Cox, Fouts, Pendleton, Goering, and Armstrong.

Nays: None

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- **Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Armstrong at 7:53 p.m.**

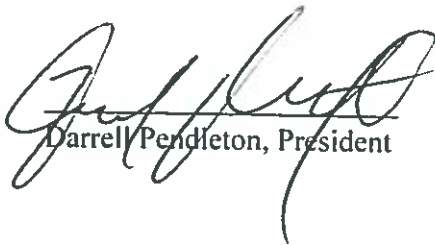
Mrs. Fouts seconded the motion.

All Yeas.

Nays: None

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.


Darrell Pendleton, President


Addison Goering, Secretary