

St. George

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Helen Boehrsen

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Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting January 17, 2019

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

Present at **Roll Call**: Pendleton, Dykstra, Armstrong, Cox.

Absent: Yuska, Goering, Fouts.

A quorum was present.

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

Helen Boehrsen, Superintendent; John Grill, Comptroller; Jason Johnson, Treasurer; Christine Johnston, Principal; Bryan Wells, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Rhonda Stegall, Board Recording Secretary; Diane Stedman-Martin, Teacher/Union President; Kathy Saindon, Speech Pathologist; and Laura Roney, Reading Specialist.

Additional Agenda Items: None.

Introduction of Guests and Comments

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that Mrs. Saindon was awarded a Kankakee Valley Autism Grant and Mrs. Haas was awarded a Meemic Foundation Grant for their classrooms. Mrs. Saindon gave a brief presentation on Kimochis, a playful and empowering communication tool to help children learn how to identify, express, and manage feelings. Ms. Boehrsen and the Board praised Mrs. Saindon and Mrs. Haas for taking their own initiatives to write for these grants and their accomplishments.

The Board briefly moved the meeting to the LRC (Library) for a presentation by the St. George School Raiders Robotics Team (First Lego League). The meeting moved back into the District Office Board Room at the conclusion of the presentation. President Pendleton thanked the group for an informative presentation. Mr. Cox commented about the value of robotics programs as it pertains to jobs at CSL Behring.

Jason Johnson 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 a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda** which included:

- Minutes from Special Board Meeting, December 20, 2018
- Minutes from Regular Board Meeting, December 20, 2018
- Minutes from Special Board Meeting, January 4, 2019
- Minutes from Special Board Meeting, January 8, 2019

- Financial Reports
- Monthly Expenditures
- Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings from January 2017 – June 2017
- Resignations:
Timothy Koerner, Paraprofessional – Effective January 25, 2019
- Press Policy 99, Second Reading:
 1. School Board
 - 2:70 – Vacancies on the School Board – Filling Vacancies
 - 2:80 – Board Member Oath and Conduct
 - 2:120 – Board Member Development
 - 2:150 – Committees
 - 2:250-E2 – Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
 - 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
 2. General School Administration
 - 3:40 – Superintendent
 3. Operational Services
 - 4:15 – Identity Protection
 - 4:45 – Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery
 - 4:130 – Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
 - 4:170 – Safety
 4. General Personnel
 - 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - 5:20 – Workplace Harassment Prohibited
 - 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria
 - 5:60 – Expenses
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 - 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
 - 5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
 - 5:220 – Substitute Teachers
 - 5:230 – Maintaining Student Discipline
 - 5:300 – Schedules and Employment Year
 5. Instruction
 - 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
 - 6:50 – School Wellness
 - 6:60 – Curriculum Content
 6. Students
 - 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy
 - 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
 - 7:190 – Student Behavior
 - 7:200 – Suspension Procedures
 - 7:250 – Student Support Services
 - 7:260 – Exemption from Physical Education
 - 7:290 – Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
 - 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
 7. Five Year Review Policies
 - 2:80-E – Board Member Code of Conduct

Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

Yeas: Pendleton, Cox, Dykstra, Armstrong.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska, Goering, Fouts.

Motion passed.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Boehrsen

Ms. Boehrsen thanked the Facility Advisory Committee Members for their input at the January 14, 2019 Building Committee meeting. She noted that the District has received positive feedback from the Facility Advisory Committee regarding the proposed building projects. Ms. Boehrsen briefly described the estimated initial timeline in which the building projects would begin if the No Tax Rate Increase Building Referendum passes in the April Election.

Ms. Boehrsen noted that a letter was recently sent to faculty, staff, and St. George School families regarding the No Tax Rate Increase Building Referendum. She described how the District has the opportunity to propose a No Tax Rate Increase because current debt on the 2004 addition will be satisfied soon. Ms. Boehrsen distributed an article to Board members which outlines the rules and regulations for school board members regarding elections. She noted that similar guidance will also be given to teachers and staff. Ms. Boehrsen noted that Tim King, the District's Financial Advisor, will be at the February Board Meeting to give more information.

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that the government shutdown affects the school lunch reimbursement for schools. She noted that St. George School proudly is able to continue to feed our students despite reimbursements to the school being significantly delayed.

Principal – Christine Johnston

Mrs. Johnston reported that the Salvation Army was amazed at the amount of food that was collected by St. George School students and staff before Christmas and thanked everyone for all of their efforts with the food drive. She noted that the annual Spelling Bee was held earlier that day and congratulated the winners: Isabella Mattox (1st Place), Riley Patterson (2nd Place), and Nicholas Baker (3rd Place). Mrs. Johnston stated that all three students will compete in the Bishop McNamara Spelling Bee competition on February 12, 2019 and Isabella Mattox will compete in the I-KAN Regional Spelling Bee which will be held on February 26, 2019.

Mrs. Johnston informed the Board that she has been selected to return to Lithuania this spring to be part of another School Review Team. She stated that she gains a lot of valuable knowledge through this experience which she brings back to benefit St. George School.

Assistant Principal – Bryan Wells

Mr. Wells provided a brief update about the volleyball and boys basketball teams.

Committee Reports

KASEC: Ms. Boehrsen stated that routine business was conducted at the January meeting.

Building: Ms. Boehrsen stated that the Building Committee along with Facility Advisory Committee members met on January 14, 2019.

Other: Mr. Pendleton appointed Mrs. Dykstra to serve on the Community Relations Committee.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

A. Approve School Fees for FY 2019-2020 – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve School Fees for FY 2019-2020 as presented. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

Yeas: Pendleton, Cox, Dykstra, Armstrong.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska, Goering, Fouts.

Motion passed.

B. Approve Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements – Policy 2:125-E3 – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements – Policy 2:125-E3. Mr. Pendleton seconded the motion.

Yeas: Pendleton, Cox, Dykstra, Armstrong.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska, Goering, Fouts.

Motion passed.

Communication / Informational

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment
- FOIA Request from Illinois Retired Teachers Association requesting names and email addresses of all teachers or administrators retiring in 2019.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong to enter Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. for the purposes of discussing:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, 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. – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- 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 imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

Yeas: Pendleton, Cox, Dykstra, Armstrong.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska, Goering, Fouts.

Motion passed.

Mr. Cox made a motion to return to open session at 7:26 p.m. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Action Items

A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from January 17, 2019

Mr. Cox made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from January 17, 2019.
Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.
Nays: None.
Absent: Yuska, Goering, Fouts.
Motion passed.

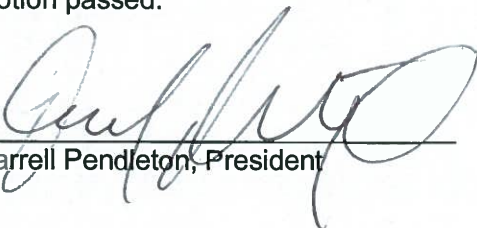
B. Review and Possible Retention of Confidentiality of Previous Semi-Annual Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Armstrong made the motion to retain the confidentiality of all previous Closed Session Minutes. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Dykstra made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.
Nays: None.
Absent: Yuska, Goering, Fouts.
Motion passed.



Darrell Pendleton, President



Addison Goering, Secretary