

# St. George

## Community Consolidated School District No. 258

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Helen Boehmsen

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## Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting February 21, 2019

Meeting was Called to Order at 6:32 p.m. by President, Darrell Pendleton.

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

Absent: Goering.

A quorum was present.

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

Helen Boehmsen, Superintendent; John Grill, Comptroller; Jason Johnson, Treasurer; Christine Johnston, Principal; Rhonda Stegall, Board Recording Secretary; Tim King of Kings Financial Consulting, Inc., District Financial Advisor; Diane Stedman-Martin, Teacher/Union President; Stephanie Koerner, Special Education Teacher; and Deena Hilliard, Junior High Science Teacher.

**Additional Agenda Items:** None.

### **Introduction of Guests and Comments**

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. Fouts made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda** which included:

- Minutes from Regular Board Meeting, January 17, 2019 (with a change made to Item 5 a – Under Committee Reports – Other to read “Mr. Pendleton appointed Mrs. Dykstra to serve on the Community Relations Committee.”)
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Expenditures
- Resignations:
  - Carla Wright, Paraprofessional – Effective February 15, 2019
  - Leslee Caldwell, Paraprofessional – Effective February 15, 2019

Mr. Yuska seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.

## Administrative and Board Committee Reports

### Superintendent Report – Superintendent Boehrnson

Ms. Boehrnson presented referendum informational handouts to the Board. She noted that upcoming events include a Spaghetti Dinner for Senior Citizens of St. George CCSD No. 258 and two (2) community informational meetings. Ms. Boehrnson invited the Board members to help serve the food at the Spaghetti Dinner. Ms. Boehrnson said that in addition to comprehensive informational handouts, the District met with teachers and staff, had an article in the newspaper, and created a video about the mobile units from the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students' perspective (noting that they have been in the mobile units for three (3) years now). She showed the Board renderings of the proposed building additions which were provided by Tria Architecture.

Ms. Boehrnson addressed the topic of E-Learning. Ms. Boehrnson stated that the State of Illinois does not currently have specific guidelines for E-Learning but they are in the process of creating them. She noted that the District will re-evaluate the option of E-Learning after it reviews the new guidelines when they have been released by the State of Illinois.

### Principal – Christine Johnston

Mrs. Johnston informed the Board that registration packets for the 2019-2020 school year will be sent home with students on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and they will be due back by Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated that Kindergarten Round-Up and rescheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Assistant Principal – Bryan Wells

On behalf of Mr. Wells, Ms. Boehrnson noted that volleyball was wrapping up its season. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Regionals will begin at the end of February and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade volleyball regionals will begin the first part of March.

### Committee Reports

KASEC: Ms. Boehrnson stated that routine business was conducted at the February meeting.

Finance: Ms. Boehrnson stated that the Finance Committee was not able to meet but reviewed the bus leases contract for 2019-2020.

Curriculum: Ms. Boehrnson stated that the Curriculum Committee met to discuss a Pre-K program at St. George School. She noted that the District does not qualify for a Pre-K grant and there would be an increase in costs such as transportation (which the State will not reimburse). Ms. Boehrnson informed the Board that the District would like to conduct a Pre-K needs survey. The Board was in favor of conducting the survey.

Community Relations: Mrs. Dykstra spoke about the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner for the Senior Citizens of St. George CCSD No. 258 to learn more about the 2019 No Tax Rate Increase School Bond Referendum.

Other: None.

## Discussion and Possible Action Items

### A. Presentation by Kings Financial Consulting, Inc. – **INFORMATIONAL**

Tim King of Kings Financial Consulting, Inc. presented information regarding school bond referendum campaigns.

### B. Update on 2019 Property Tax Relief Grant – **INFORMATIONAL**

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that St. George School did not receive the 2019 Property Tax Relief Grant that the District had applied for in January 2019. She noted that the grant was awarded based upon highest level of property taxes in a community. Ms. Boehrsen stated that district's initial ranking was 513 out 852 school districts; the district's final ranking was 250 out of 373 applicants; and final grant awards went to 28 school districts. Ms. Boehrsen stated that the District will apply again next year.

### C. Approve Bus Leases for FY 2019-2020 – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the Bus Leases for FY 2019-2020.  
Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.

### D. Approve Amended School Calendar for FY 2018-2019 – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the Amended School Calendar for FY 2018-2019.  
Mrs. Fouts seconded the motion.

Ms. Boehrsen noted that due to the use of emergency days for inclement weather, the last day for students will now be May 31, 2019. The last day for teachers will now be June 3, 2019.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.

### E. Announce 8th Grade Graduation – **INFORMATIONAL**

Ms. Boehrsen announced that 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be held on May 21, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Calvary Bible Church located at 2587 East Armour Road in Bourbonnais. She noted that due to construction, the auditorium at BBCHS was not available for St. George School to hold the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation there this year.

## Communication / Informational

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment
- Student Conduct Review – Six Month
- School Improvement Day Agenda from February 15, 2019

## Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to enter Closed Session at 7:46 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).

Mr. Yuska seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.

Mr. Cox made a motion to return to open session at 8:44 p.m. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.

## Action Items

A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from February 21, 2019

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from February 21, 2019.

Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.

B. Approve Employment of Non-Certified Staff for FY 2018-2019

Mrs. Armstrong made the motion to employ Amy Martin as a Paraprofessional at a rate of \$13.10 per hour for FY 2018-2019. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.

C. Approve Resolution Issuing Notice to Remedy to Certified Staff Member

Mr. Yuska made the motion to approve the Resolution Issuing Notice to Remedy to Certified Staff Member Mark Hudgens. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.

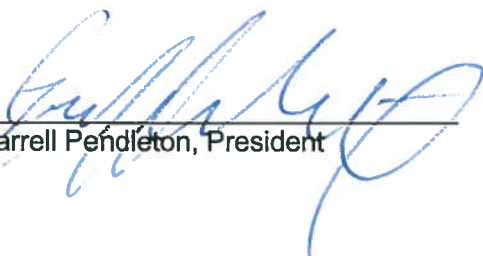
Mrs. Armstrong made the motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: Goering.

Motion passed.



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Darrell Pendleton, President



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Addison Goering, Secretary  
Tom YUSKA Vice President