

St. George

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 18, 2021 ST. GEORGE SCHOOL GYM (TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING)

Meeting was Called to Order at 6:35 p.m. by President, Darrell Pendleton.

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

Absent: Yuska.

A quorum was present.

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

Helen Boehrsen, Superintendent; John Grill, Comptroller; Jason Johnson, Treasurer; Bryan Wells, Assistant Principal / Athletic Director; Sara Earling, Substitute Board Recording Secretary; Ron McGrath, Architect of Tria Architecture; Diane Stedman Conrad, Teacher/Union President; Stephanie Koerner, Special Education Teacher; Jillian Blanchette, ELL Teacher; Samantha Hoogstraat, Kindergarten Teacher; Michelle Sanders, First Grade Teacher; Kristi Martin, Second Grade Teacher; Ashley Uphoff, Kindergarten Teacher; Angela Cooper, Eighth Grade ELA Teacher; Amber Studyvin, Second Grade 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

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

- Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on February 18, 2021
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Expenditures

Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports

Superintendent Report – Helen Boehrsen

Ms. Boehrsen provided a building project update noting that the 44th owners meeting for the project has taken place.

Ms. Boehrsen provided a copy of the 2021 IASB Constitution, Position Statements and Belief Statements Booklet to each member of the Board.

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that Mrs. Johnston will be serving on a panel at Olivet Nazarene University regarding prospective teachers.

Ms. Boehrsen was pleased to announce that St. George CCSD 258's new website is live as of March 17th. She reviewed many features of the new website and expressed appreciation to Jody Goering whose work helped make the new website launch possible.

Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Report – Bryan Wells

Mr. Wells informed the Board that the Volleyball and Boys Basketball seasons finished last week. He also informed the Board that Girls Basketball tryouts will soon take place and that the school has been fortunate to find games and referees.

Committee Reports

KASEC: Ms. Boehrsen stated that routine business was conducted at the March meeting and contracts were reviewed.

Other: None.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

A. Update on Allowance Deduction Breakdown – INFORMATIONAL

Ms. Boehrsen and Mr. McGrath explained the four (4) items added to the list since the February Board Meeting.

B. Update on Transition to School Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year – INFORMATIONAL

Ms. Boehrsen explained details from the IDPH / ISBE Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools Part 4 – Transition Joint Guidance Handout dated March 2021 and the Restore Illinois Handout. Both of these handouts were provided to each member of the Board at the meeting. Ms. Boehrsen noted the following:

- The State of Illinois went to Phase 4 in February. Spacing under Phase 4 is now 3-6 feet, except at lunch which requires 6 feet spacing.
- The school will require a doctor's note for all requests for remote instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. Currently, the school only has 47 remote students with Jr. High having the most remote students.
- The school's band program was back in-person beginning on Monday, March 15th.

C. Approve Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar – **ACTION**

Ms. Boehrsen noted that beginning on April 6, 2021, the school will add 50 minutes to each day resulting in a normal school day schedule for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. This will allow enough minutes to be accumulated to hold needed School Improvement Planning (SIP) Days on April 5th, May 7th, and May 24th. On these SIP days, teachers and administration will be able to wrap up the 2020-2021 school year and to make necessary preparations for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve Purchase of Cafeteria Sound System from Pro Comm as Presented – **ACTION**

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that the new sound system recently installed in the gym is so much better than what the school originally had in place. She added that the St. George School PTO is generously donating funds (amount TBA) to help purchase the new sound system in the cafeteria.

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the purchase of a Cafeteria Sound System from Pro Comm as presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

E. Review and Approve Local School Wellness Policy – **ACTION**

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that changes to the Local School Wellness Policy at St. George School are listed on the last page.

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the Local School Wellness Policy as presented. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

F. Announce 8th Grade Graduation – **INFORMATIONAL**

Ms. Boehrsen explained that the school explored all options to hold 8th Grade Graduation in May, including splitting graduation into multiple groups and times. Olivet Nazarene University (ONU) became the best option for St. George School to use for 8th Grade Graduation this year. St. George School plans to use CARES Act funds to help pay for costs associated with holding graduation at ONU because of St. George School's need to secure a venue that would allow our school to comply with COVID restrictions that remain in place.

Graduation will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at Olivet Nazarene University in Centennial Chapel. In order to comply with COVID-19 distancing restrictions, Ms. Boehrsen noted that each graduate will be allowed only two (2) guests to attend the graduation ceremony and that graduation will not be open to the public this year.

Communication / Informational

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong to enter Closed Session at 7:23 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).
- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).
- 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. Cox seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Mrs. Fouts made a motion to return to open session at 9:04 p.m. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Action Items

A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from March 18, 2021

Mrs. Armstrong made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from March 18, 2021.

Mrs. Fouts seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

B. Approve Coaching and Extra-Duty Assignments for FY 2020-2021

Mr. Cox made the motion to approve the employment of Coaches for Girls Basketball per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2020-2021 as presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.



Darrell Pendleton, President



Ryan Cox, Secretary