



# St. George CCSD No. 258

—Every Child Every Day—

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING July 15, 2021 ST. GEORGE SCHOOL GYM (TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING)

Meeting was Called to Order at 6:32 p.m. by President, LaDawn Armstrong.

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

Absent: Yuska and Cox.

A quorum was present.

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

Helen Boehrnsen, Superintendent; John Grill, Comptroller; Jason Johnson, Treasurer; Christine Johnston, Principal; Rhonda Stegall, Board Recording Secretary; Diane Stedman Conrad, Teacher/Union President; Ron McGrath, Architect of Tria Architecture; Michelle Sanders, First Grade Teacher; Ashley Uphoff, Kindergarten Teacher; and the following St. George School Parents: Justin Kessl, Felicia St. John, Ryan St. John, Stephanie Rose, Jennifer Burton, Stephanie DeCarlo, Sara Heusing, Colleen Cote, Darrin Tharp, Jim Wasser, Ty Watson, Katelyn Watson, Nate Blanchette, Emily Storer, Lindsay Adams, Debby Absher, Sarah Gregoire, Adam Gregoire, Erin Weakley, Tracy Redman, Tania Wilson, Mary Snoreck, William Dowding, Michele Chappell, Jessica Leaver, Becky Fischer, and Tracey Underwood.

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

Public comments were made by the following: Justin Kessl, Felicia St. John, Ryan St. John, Stephanie DeCarlo, Sara Heusing, Ty Watson, Adam Gregoire, and Katelyn Watson.

**Additional Agenda Items:** None.

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

- Minutes from Special Board Meeting on June 17, 2021
- Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on June 17, 2021
- Minutes from Special Board Meeting on June 24, 2021
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Expenditures
- Quarterly Reports
- FY22 Consolidated District Plan
- Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings from July 2019 – December 2019
- Resignation of Damon Ballard as Custodian, effective July 10, 2021

Mrs. Fouts seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska and Cox.

Motion passed.

### **Administrative and Board Committee Reports**

Superintendent Report – Helen Boehrsen

Ms. Boehrsen gave a building project update and noted that project completion is approximately only three (3) weeks away.

Ms. Boehrsen provided an update on the Return to School Plan for 2021-2022 School Year and noted that the Board will make the decision after all available information is gathered and considered.

Ms. Boehrsen announced that St. George School is very fortunate and excited to have a full teaching staff for the 2021-2022 School Year. She noted that the new teachers will be bringing a lot of experience with them when they join our staff.

Principal – Christine Johnston

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the school staff is preparing for Fee Days on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and New Teacher Orientation on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports

KASEC: The KASEC Board will meet next week because a quorum was not available.

Building: The Building Committee did not meet.

Parent Teacher Advisory (Behavior Intervention Committee): The Committee met to review updates to the parent/student handbook.

Other: None.

## Discussion and Possible Action Items

### A. Update on Allowance Deduction Breakdown – **INFORMATIONAL**

Mr. Ron McGrath gave a presentation about the four (4) new items on the Allowance Deduction Breakdown spreadsheet. He noted that working with St. George School has been a fantastic experience and he was excited to see the project nearing completion. Ms. Boehrnsen noted that there will be a dedication ceremony for the school and community after Labor Day (Date/Time TBA).

### B. Authorize Superintendent to Repair or Replace, if Warranted, the Fire Suppression Pump and Approve the Health / Life Safety Emergency Board Resolution – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to authorize Superintendent, Helen Boehrnsen, to repair or replace, if warranted, the fire suppression pump. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the Health / Life Safety Emergency Board Resolution as presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

### C. Approve Proposal from Ruder Technologies for MDF Computer Room Build-Out – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the proposal from Ruder Technologies for MDF Computer Room Build-Out as presented. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion. Ms. Boehrnsen noted that this will allow all servers, etc. to be moved to one location.

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

### D. Approve Purchase of Technology as Presented – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the purchase of Technology as presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

E. Approve Resolution for Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the Resolution for Disposal of Obsolete Equipment. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska and Cox.

Motion passed.

F. Approve 2021-2022 St. George School District No. 258 Handbook – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the 2021-2022 St. George School District No. 258 Handbook as presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska and Cox.

Motion passed.

G. Approve Restore Illinois Retention Stipend for All 2020-2021 Permanent Employees Returning for the 2021-2022 School Year – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Munsterman to approve the Restore Illinois Retention Stipend and associated benefits for all 2020-2021 permanent employees returning for the 2021-2022 School Year with funds from the ESSER 2 Grant and district funds as presented. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion. Ms. Boehrnsen provided details about the MOA with the Union and the signing bonuses for new teachers. She explained all staff who worked in the 2020-2021 school year and returned to work for the 2021-2022 school year will receive a \$1,000 retention stipend on approximately September 15, 2021 (\$71,000 will be covered by the grant and the remaining \$3,000 would be paid by the District).

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska and Cox.

Motion passed.

**Communication / Informational**

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment
- Tentative 2021-2022 Instructional Staff Assignments

## Closed Session

Motion was made by Mrs. Dykstra to enter Closed Session at 7:39 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).
- 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).
- Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska and Cox.

Motion passed.

Mr. Pendleton left the meeting after the motion was made to enter Closed Session.

Mrs. Fouts made a motion to return to open session at 8:45 p.m. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska and Cox.

Motion passed.

## Action Items

A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from July 15, 2021

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from July 15 2021. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska, Cox, and Pendleton.

Motion passed.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to retain the confidentiality of all previous Closed Session Minutes. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve Employment of Certified Staff for FY 2021-2022

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to employ Carol Szynal as School Psychologist at the rate of \$60 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to employ Karen Bailey as School Nurse at the rate of \$43 per hour on an as needed basis for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Dykstra to approve the employment of Jeannie Argenta as an Early Childhood Education Teacher per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the employment of Sonja Gibson as a Junior High Science Teacher per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve Employment of Non-Certified Staff for FY 2021-2022

There were no motions made for the agenda item.

E. Coaching and Extra-Duty Assignments for FY 2021-2022

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the Coaching and Extra-Duty Assignments for FY 2021-2022 as presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska, Cox, and Pendleton.

Motion passed.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska, Cox, and Pendleton.

Motion passed.

  
LaDawn Armstrong, President

  
Kathleen Fouts, Secretary