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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING August 19, 2021 ST. GEORGE SCHOOL GYM (TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING)

Meeting was Called to Order at 7:02 p.m. by President, LaDawn Armstrong.

Present at **Roll Call**: Armstrong, Fouts, Pendleton, Cox, Dykstra, 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; Christine Johnston, Principal; Bryan Wells, Assistant Principal / Athletic Director; Rhonda Stegall, Board Recording Secretary; Diane Stedman Conrad, Teacher/Union President; Ron McGrath, Architect of Tria Architecture; Matt Gardner, Attorney from Robbins Schwartz; and the following St. George School Parents/Guests: Becky Fischer, Ryan St. John, Sara Heusing, Nancy Harris, Bob Harris, William Dowding, Heather Cox, and Nate Blanchette.

Mrs. Dykstra joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Additional Agenda Items

- Resignation of Justine Lamie as Head Cheerleading Coach, effective 07/13/2021 and Assistant Cross Country Coach, effective 08/02/2021
- Resignation of Elaine Patterson as Paraprofessional, effective 08/19/2021

Introduction of Guests and Comments

School District Attorney, Matt Gardner, provided information and a legal opinion regarding the Governor of Illinois' Mask Mandate and the consequences and liabilities for schools and school boards for not following the Mask Mandate.

Public comments were made by the following: Ryan St. John and Becky Fischer.

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 July 15, 2021
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Expenditures
- Resignation of Justine Lamie as Head Cheerleading Coach, effective 07/13/2021 and Assistant Cross Country Coach, effective 08/02/2021
- Resignation of Elaine Patterson as Paraprofessional, effective 08/19/2021
- Resignation of Shannon Chaffin as School Bus Driver and Cafeteria Server, effective 08/10/2021
- Reschedule Regular September Board of Education Meeting to September 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM
- Set September 23, 2021 at 6:20 PM for the Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget
- Press Policy 107 – First Reading: Five Year Review Policies and Policies with Minor Changes for Continuous Improvement to Style, Legal References, and/or Footnotes
 - 1:10 School District Legal Status
 - 1:20 District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
 - 1:30 School District Philosophy
 - 2:10 School District Governance
 - 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
 - 2:30 School District Elections
 - 2:120-E1 Guidelines for Serving as a Mentor to a New School Board Member
 - 2:120-E2 Website Listing of Development and Training Completed by Board Members
 - 2:125-E3 Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements
 - 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
 - 2:220-E4 Open Meeting Minutes
 - 2:220-E7 Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings
 - 2:240 Board Policy Development
 - 2:240-E1 PRESS Issue Updates
 - 2:240-E2 Developing Local Policy
 - 2:250-E2 Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
 - 2:250-E3 Recurrent Requestor Notification
 - 3:30 Chain of Command
 - 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
 - 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
 - 6:145 Migrant Students
 - 6:160 English Learners
 - 6:170 Title I Programs
 - 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
 - 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
 - 6:260 Complaints about Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
 - 7:220 Bus Conduct
 - 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
 - 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
 - 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports

Superintendent Report – Helen Boehrnsen

Ms. Boehrnsen provided the Board information about the resignation of the paraprofessional and bus driver. She noted that Mrs. Johnston will be working with the District Office to conduct exit interviews on employees who resign.

Ms. Boehrnsen informed the Board that the parents were able to view the addition and renovations during the Back to School Night. All of the comments were very complimentary. Ms. Boehrnsen thanked the Board for their vision to provide for the St. George School community.

Principal – Christine Johnston

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the school has been busy with new teacher orientation, Teacher Institute Days, Fee Days, and new student registrations (15 new students since Fee Days).

Assistant Principal / Athletic Director – Bryan Wells

Mr. Wells informed the Board that cross country, softball, and baseball have started and noted that Girls Basketball starts a week from Monday. He noted that it's exciting that things are getting back to normal with athletics.

Committee Reports

KASEC: The KASEC Board met but the Ms. Boehrnsen was unable to attend due to a construction meeting.

Building: The Building Committee did not meet.

Policy: The Committee met to review policies for first reading from Press Plus, Issue 107.

Other: None.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

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

Mr. Ron McGrath provided details about the new items on the Allowance Deduction Breakdown spreadsheet and expressed his excitement for the project which is nearing completion.

B. Approve Display of Tentative 2021-2022 Budget – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve and display the Tentative 2021-2022 Budget. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

C. Adopt KASEC Budget for FY 2021-2022 – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to adopt the KASEC Budget for FY 2021-2022. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

D. Announce the Date and Time of the Dedication Ceremony for the New Addition to St. George School – **INFORMATIONAL**

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that the Dedication Ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent and information provided to the public.

E. Approve Amended 2021-2022 School Calendar – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Dykstra to approve the Amended 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

F. Approve Purchase of Furniture as Presented – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the Purchase of Furniture as Presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion. Ms. Boehrsen noted that the District is waiting for samples to be provided before the order is placed and stated that the District plans to use ESSER 3 grant funds.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- H. Approve the 2022 School Maintenance Grant Project Application and Reserve Local Funds to Cover the Portion of the District's Project Costs – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the 2022 School Maintenance Grant project application in order of priority presented and reserve local funds to cover the portion of the district's project costs. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Board that the project priority order is as follows: 1) Fire Suppression Pump; 2) ADA Ramp; 3) District Office New Siding and Window Trim; 4) Lighting for the four classroom spaces in the original building and light pole replacement by the playground, both of which were not included in the construction project; and 5) Fencing.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- I. Approve Hiring Bonus for the Vacant Custodian Position as Presented – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the Hiring Bonus for the Vacant Custodian Position as presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Ms. Boehrsen noted that the total amount of \$1,500 (which will be split into 4 quarterly payments of \$375) can be covered by the ESSER 2 Grant because there is stipend money left due to resignations of some employees.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- J. Approve Resolution to Implement State Requirements for all PreK – 12 Schools – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the Resolution to Implement State Requirements for all PreK – 12 Schools. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- K. Motion to Waive First Reading and Adopt Revisions to Policy 4:182 – Face Coverings, as the Board finds that it is necessary and prudent to adopt this policy as presented for the beginning of the 2021-2022 School Year – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve Policy 4:182, Face Coverings, as amended, upon first reading as the Board finds that it is necessary and prudent to adopt this policy prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year based on the current executive order and guidance from health departments? (Note that this is permissible under Policy 2:240). Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- L. Approve Resolution for the Return to School Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Dykstra to approve the Resolution for the Return to School Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year as presented. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Ms. Boehrsen explained results from the recent anonymous Teacher Survey regarding remote learning. She noted that ISBE does not provide a definition for remote learning which then leaves it up to each school district to define. As a result, Ms. Boehrsen requested direction from the Board regarding which type of remote learning (synchronous vs. asynchronous) to include in the St. George School's Return to School Plan. The Board unanimously chose asynchronous learning. The Return to School Plan will be updated accordingly.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Communication / Informational

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment
- 2021-2022 Instructional Staff Assignments
- Teacher Institute Agendas

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to enter Closed Session at 8:24 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).

Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cox made a motion to return to open session at 8:57 p.m. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Action Items

A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from August 19, 2021

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from August 19 2021. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.
 Nays: None.
 Absent: Yuska.
 Motion passed.

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

There were no motions made for the agenda item.

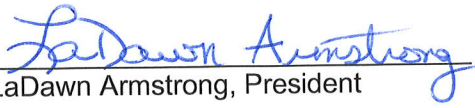
C. Coaching and Extra-Duty Assignments for FY 2021-2022


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

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

Mrs. Dykstra made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Fouts seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.
Nays: None.
Absent: Yuska.
Motion passed.


LaDawn Armstrong, President


Kathleen Fouts, Secretary