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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 16, 2023 ST. GEORGE SCHOOL - DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM

Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by the President, LaDawn Armstrong.

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

Absent: Pendleton.

A quorum was present.

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

Dr. Jay P. Smith, Superintendent; Jason Johnson, Treasurer; Christine Johnston, Principal; Bryan Wells, Assistant Principal / Athletic Director; Rhonda Stegall, Board Recording Secretary; Karen Bacon, Fourth Grade Teacher / Union Co-President; Jill Blanchette, ELL Teacher; and Laura Roney, Reading Teacher.

Additional Agenda Items: None.

Introduction of Guests and Comments

Mr. 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 16, 2023
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Expenditures
- Resignation of Allison Mascolino as Junior High Social Studies Teacher and Assistant Soccer Coach effective 05/26/2023

Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Pendleton.

Motion passed.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports

Assistant Principal / Athletic Director – Bryan Wells

Mr. Wells provided the following information to the Board:

- The 5Essentials staff, student, and parent surveys are open until March 31, 2023. Mr. Wells provided an update on the response rates for each of the surveys to date.
- Soccer had 29 students at tryouts and 18 were selected for the roster.
- A new Athletic Entrance sign has been ordered.
- Mr. Wells asked the Board to consider a Baseball/Softball Co-Op with St. Paul's Lutheran School. Discussion followed. The Board is in favor of pursuing the Co-Op.
- Mr. Wells presented a spreadsheet of game admission fees from area schools and recommended the following admission fees for St. George School starting with the 2023-2024 school year: All sports will have a \$2 game admission with Seniors (55+) and St. George students being free. The Board is in favor of the new recommended admission fees for the 2023-2024 school year.

Principal – Christine Johnston

Mrs. Johnston provided the following information to the Board:

- Curriculum Updates
 - The School Improvement team met and began local data evaluation.
 - Planning for summer school Dive-In Program has started.
- Professional Development
 - Ms. Vasil attended the Kindergarten Conference.
 - Ms. Shide is to attend Math Illustrative Training Conference on 3/17.
 - Ms. Blanchette attended the librarian specialist workshop.
 - Ms. Kappel attended the national speech pathologist conference.
- Miscellaneous
 - Pre K Screenings: Number screened = 12 with 5 more future screenings scheduled.
 - BBCHS Counselors met with 8th grade.
 - Mr. Grala attended the spring games with students at Olivet.
 - Parent - Teacher Conferences Attendance = 208.
 - 4th Grade Living Museum was well attended.
 - Kindergarten Roundup had 20 participants.
 - 4th grade will attend Day at the Farm.
 - First grade will attend the KVTA production of Moana.
 - Four students were referred to the I-KAN Truancy Assistance Program.
 - BBCHS announced their Illinois State Scholars – Eight (8) are St. George Graduates: Jocelyn Boswell, Caidon Chisum, Lauren Gross, Natalie Johnson, Maya Proctor, Tegan Shear, Lillian Yuska, and Katrina Zettegren.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Jay P. Smith

Dr. Smith provided the following information to the Board:

- Reminder to the Board to complete their Statement of Economic Interests filings before May 1.
- Update on 2023-2024 Pre-Registration which ends on March 17th.
- Update on Maintenance Projects (Maintenance Gant):
 - North Parking Lot LED project has been completed.
 - Friction System for bleachers will be completed over Spring Break. He noted that custodians will no longer have to manually pull and push anymore; they will press a button and the bleachers will roll out and in on their own.
- 2023-2024 Transportation Update: Dr. Smith discussed going to one schedule for K-8 if he could find the drivers, but he cannot find the drivers at this time. He noted that the District will continue with a split schedule but with one change being made (5th Grade will be moved to first run arrivals and dismissals) for the 2023-2024 school year. The school hours for the 2023-2024 school year will be Grades K-5: 7:50 a.m. - 2:35 p.m. and Grades 6-8: 8:20 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
- FY 24 Grants and Applications Update: Dr. Smith is working on the Consolidated District Plan, which must be completed before the ESEA grants (Title I, II and IV) can be submitted. It is his hope to have the Consolidated District Plan completed by May.

Committee Reports

KASEC: None.

Other: None.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

There were no items for discussion or action presented at this meeting.

Communication / Informational

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment
- School Improvement Day Agenda (February 17)

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to enter Closed Session at 6:49 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: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Cox, Dykstra, and Munsterman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Pendleton.

Motion passed.

Mr. Pendleton joined the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Mr. Cox made a motion to return to open session at 7:41 p.m. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed.

Closed Session Action Items

A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from March 16, 2023

Mr. Cox made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from March 16, 2023. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed.


Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Mrs. Dykstra seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed.



LaDawn Armstrong, President



Kathleen Fouts, Secretary