



St. George CCSD No. 258

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 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, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Absent: Elliott.

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; John Grill, Comptroller; Rhonda Stegall, Board Recording Secretary; Karen Bacon, Fourth Grade Teacher / Union Co-President; Kristi Haas, Fourth Grade Teacher; Tammy Krause, Third Grade Teacher; and Gordon Schweitzer of Veregy.

Additional Agenda Items – None.

Introduction of Guests and Comments

Mr. Gordon Schweitzer of Veregy (a SIPC - Schools of Illinois Public Cooperative Implementation Partner) presented information about a possible solar project at St. George CCSD No. 258. Discussion followed.

Mr. Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report. Additional financial information was provided to the Board including:

- Cash Receipts
- Imprest Account
- Monthly Expenditures

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

- Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on September 21, 2023
- Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on September 21, 2023
- Financial Reports and Monthly Expenditures for October and November
- Quarterly Reports
- Job Descriptions
- Set the date and time for a Special Board Meeting (Truth in Taxation Hearing) to be held on December 21, 2023 at 6:20 PM
- Second Reading of Policy 4:80 (Accounting and Audits)

- Policies from Press Plus Issue 113 (First Reading)
 - 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
 - 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
 - 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
 - 2:220-E2 Exhibit - Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting
 - 2:220-E6 Exhibit - Log of Closed Meeting Minutes
 - 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
 - 4:30 Revenue and Investments
 - 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
 - 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
 - 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
 - 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
 - 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
 - 5:210 Resignations
 - 5:220 Substitute Teachers
 - 5:250 Leaves of Absence
 - 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - 6:15 School Accountability
 - 6:50 School Wellness
 - 6:60 Curriculum Content
 - 6:230 Library Media Program
 - 7:60 Residence
 - 7:160 Student Appearance
 - 7:190 Student Behavior
 - 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
 - 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
 - 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Five-Year Review Policies and Policies with Minor Changes for Continuous Improvement, Style, Legal References, and/or Footnotes

- 2:120 Board Member Development
- 4:130-E Exhibit - Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; Meal Charge Notifications
- 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- 6:30 Organization of Instruction
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program

Mr. Balk seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports

Assistant Principal / Athletic Director – Bryan Wells

- Student behaviors have been good.
- Restorative circles with social worker & AP have been effective to resolve conflicts.
- Bus behavior has been excellent and no issues resulting in discipline.
- 2023-24 Coach/Sponsor list has been updated .

- Head Soccer Coach and Assistant Soccer Coach recommendations for hire will be presented later during the meeting.
- 8th BBK took 1st place in the Raiders Round Robin Tournament.
- All of basketball vs Mac was 4-1 in week Oct 30-Nov 4.
- 8th BBK picked up 2 additional tournaments for the season.
- 7th GBK finished - 1 point loss in regional final.
- 8th GBK regional champs – will advance to sectionals.

Principal – Christine Johnston

- New Initiative: IMHC - Social Worker County Wide Grant
- US News & World Report Recognition 2024 Best Elementary & Middle School in Kankakee County. Mr. Yuska commended Mrs. Johnston and staff for all of their hard work.
- Robotics will compete in Mt. Prospect on December 16.
- Student Council hosted a glow dance on November 16.
- Veterans Day Assembly November 10 was well attended. Mrs. Armstrong, a veteran, was the guest speaker.
- Grades 2nd & 3rd attended Wizard of OZ.
- Grades 4-6 attended the Symphony at Olivet.
- Brad Hertig's Assembly "Find A Way" presentation was enjoyed by Grades 4-8 (Social-Emotional). The message was impactful.
- Steam practices have started.
- A long-term sub has been secured for Mrs. Nelson's maternity leave.
- Professional Development:
 - Curriculum Meeting reviewed State Standards and Curriculum Alignment.
 - On the Right Track - Sara Dexter
 - Team Building Activity - Bowling

Superintendent Report – Dr. Jay P. Smith

Upcoming Teacher Institutes:

- November 20 - Team Building Activity/Bowling
- November 21 - Teachers will be working from home. A zoom meeting with the ROE Instructional Coach will be conducted to discuss pedagogy practices, common assessments and learning activities for students.

Solar Project Information:

- Solar Feasibility Preliminary Analysis by Veregy was presented.
- Possible Funding Sources: Ed Fund (\$2.2 million available), Operations & Maintenance (\$395,000 available), and Capital Projects (funds from building project - \$282,000).

Trauma Informed Practices: Tutorial information was provided to the Board. Dr. Smith noted that this is a new requirement for school board members.

Dr. Smith expressed appreciation and congratulated the SG258 Administration and Staff for the accolades received for all of their hard work this year.

Committee Reports

KASEC: Dr. Smith noted that November 30 is the closing date for the KASEC Director applications to be submitted. He stated that the KASEC Board hopes to have a recommendation to hire by the end of December.

Other: The Building Committee met to discuss a possible solar project. The Crisis Response Team held their annual meeting in October.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

A. Solar Project Presentation by Schools of Illinois Public Cooperative Partner – **INFORMATIONAL**

This agenda item was moved to the Introduction of Guests section at the beginning of the board meeting.

B. Approve Letter of Intent to Select Implementation Partner (Schools of Illinois Public Cooperative) – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Yuska to approve the letter of intent with Veregy utilizing the Schools of Illinois Public Cooperative for potential consideration of the installation of a solar PV system. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.

C. Present Tentative Tax Levy Resolution – **INFORMATIONAL**

Mr. Grill presented the tentative tax levy resolution and information.

D. Approve Resolution regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the 2023 Tax Year – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to motion to approve the resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the 2023 Tax Year. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.

Communication / Informational

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights
- Student Enrollment
- Staff Holiday Luncheon – December 20, 2023
- Agenda for Teacher Institute Day on November 20, 2023
- Agenda for School Improvement Day on November 21, 2023
- Trauma Informed Practices Training for Board Members

Closed Session

Mrs. Fouts made a motion to enter Closed Session at 7:37 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. Balk seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.

Reconvene Open Session

Mrs. Fouts made a motion to return to open session at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Balk seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.

Closed Session Action

- A. Mrs. Fouts made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from November 27, 2023. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.

- B. Mrs. Fouts made the motion to approve the employment of Matt Nanos as Head Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$2,602 for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.

C. Mrs. Armstrong made the motion to approve the employment of Emmet Wolff as Assistant Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$1,301 for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Fouts, Pendleton, Munsterman, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.

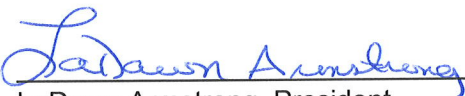
Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.


Nays: None.

Absent: Elliott.

Motion passed.



LaDawn Armstrong, President



Kathleen Fouts, Secretary
THOMAS YUSKA Pres TEM