



St. George CCSD No. 258

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DECEMBER 21, 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, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

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; Jamie Howard-Breeden, Fifth Grade Teacher / Union Co-President; Timothy Koerner, Junior High Math Teacher; and Stephanie Koerner, Special Education Teacher.

Mrs. Armstrong appointed Tom Yuska as Secretary ProTem for the meeting.

Additional Agenda Items – None.

Introduction of Guests and Comments

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

- Cash Receipts
- Imprest Account
- Monthly Expenditures

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

- Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on November 27, 2023
 - Financial Reports
 - Monthly Expenditures
 - 2024-2025 School Calendar
- Second Reading of Press Plus Issue 113 Policies that are listed on the Agenda

Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports

Assistant Principal / Athletic Director – Bryan Wells

- Volleyball Tryouts: 34 6-8th graders tried out. The result of tryouts is a roster of 10 for 7th Grade Volleyball Team, 12 for 8th Grade Volleyball Team, and 1 manager.
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball: 8BBK was 3-0 at Lostant tournament. The St Paul's tournament will be held January 8-13 (Double elimination tournament). There are 22-24 games scheduled for season (24 is max per IESA rules).

Principal – Christine Johnston

- New Initiatives: Planning stages of grades 2-5 departmentalization (all kids will have both teachers at each grade level next year)
- Professional Development:
 - MTSS Social Emotional Resources
 - SIP Team Meeting Check-In
 - Grant Park Math teachers came to observe IM Curriculum
- Other:
 - Aimsweb Benchmark winter assessment in process
 - Student Council's Salvation Army Food Drive was a success
 - I-KAN Steam Competition: Mr. Howard-Breeden was nominated for a Mentorship Award
 - Angel Tree: 8 families were helped by SG258 staff and the following St. George Community partners: St George Catholic Church, Wesley Methodist, and PTO.
 - 10 St. George Students were selected for the ONU Jr High Honor Band which will take place on Monday, February 12.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Jay P. Smith

- Dr. Smith provided a handout of information for the solar project. He noted that it will be a 5 row array that will tie only into the main meter. Dr. Smith explained that the original project estimate was to cost \$1,200,000 but he was able to successfully negotiate it down to \$1,193,000. Dr. Smith and Mr. Grill provided more details about funding for the project.
- Dr. Smith talked about the staff holiday luncheon that was held on December 20th.
- Dr. Smith noted that with the first semester completed, "more cowbell" was experienced and the result was a fantastic start to the school year. He expressed appreciation to the teachers, staff, and administration for all of their hard work during the first half of the school year.

Committee Reports

KASEC: Dr. Smith noted that interviews for the new KASEC Director concluded and a new director has been chosen. An announcement will be made in January after the new director's contract has been finalized.

Other: The Finance Committee discussed adding Equitable as an additional 403(b) provider. Horace Mann and Security Benefit will remain 403(b) providers for the District as well.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

- A. Approve the Tax Levy Resolution / Certificate of Tax Levy for 2023 – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the Tax Levy Resolution / Certificate of Tax Levy for 2023. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

B. Approve Equitable as an additional Third Party Provider for the St. George CCSD No. 258 403(b) Plan – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve Equitable as an additional Third Party Provider for the St. George CCSD No. 258 403(b) Plan. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

C. Approve Solar Project as Presented – **ACTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Munsterman to approve the solar project at a cost of \$1,193,000 as presented. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

Communication / Informational

- Board Communications
- Student Enrollment

Closed Session

Mr. Munsterman made a motion to enter Closed Session at 7:01 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. Elliott seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

Reconvene Open Session

Mr. Elliott made a motion to return to open session at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

Closed Session Action

- A. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from December 21, 2023. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

- B. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve the employment of Jessica Barclay as Junior High ELA Teacher per the collective bargaining agreement for the 2024-2025 school year pending successful completion of PEL requirements. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

- C. Mr. Elliott made the motion to terminate the employment of Vincent Rigsby as Custodian effective December 21, 2023. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Yuska, Munsterman, and Elliott.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.

Mr. Elliott made the motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: Fouts, Pendleton, and Balk.

Motion passed.


LaDawn Armstrong, President


Thomas Yuska, Secretary Pro Tem