



St. George CCSD No. 258

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 21, 2024 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, Fouts, Munsterman, Elliott, and Balk.

Absent: Pendleton and Yuska.

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; and Laura McDermott, Fifth Grade Teacher.

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 the following: Cash Receipts; Imprest Account; and Monthly Expenditures.

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

- Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 15, 2024
- Financial Reports and Monthly Expenditures
- FY2025 Consolidated District Plan
- Title 1 Schoolwide Programming Waiver Application 2024-2025
- Set April 18, 2024 at 6:20 PM in the District Office Board Room for the Public Hearing on Intent to Effect Interfund Transfer
- Resignations of Allison Hoy as Cafeteria Server effective February 19, 2024 and Timothy Koerner as Junior High Math Teacher effective July 31, 2024

Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armstrong, Fouts, Munsterman, Elliott, and Balk.

Nays: None.

Absent: Pendleton and Yuska.

Motion passed.

Administrative Reports

Assistant Principal / Athletic Director – Bryan Wells

- 5Essentials Survey Response Rates:
 - Students - Grades 3-8: 92% (50% needed);
 - Teachers: 70% (50% needed); and
 - Parents: 4% (20% needed).
- 8th Grade Volleyball had a great season and made history at St. George School by going to State. They finished the season in 4th place in State (IESA 8-2A).
- Soccer season is underway.

Principal – Christine Johnston

- Professional Development:
 - Curriculum Meetings focused on reflective questions/evaluating teaching and learning in ELA/Math Units.
 - Primary Teachers visited Minooka School District for Wit & Wisdom Observation.
 - I-KAN instructional coach Sara Dexter is finishing the current 6-week coaching cycle. She will begin a new cycle with some new teachers and remain with some for the next cycle.
- Mrs. Redman will be returning half days in Kindergarten
- Dr. Seuss Day was celebrated with Reading Buddies.
- 4th Grade held their Living Museum event and it was well attended.
- Shelter-In-Place Drill took place recently.
- 8th Grade went on a field trip to the Kankakee Area Career Center to learn about their programs.
- 1st Grade went on a field trip to see the Finding Nemo play. Mr. Balk mentioned it was great to see several St. George School students in the play.
- Kindergarten Roundup was held recently and yielded 30 potential Kindergarteners for next year.
- Pre-K screenings will be held in March & April.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Jay P. Smith

- Reminder - Statement of Economic Interests need to be filed before May 1st.
- Online Pre-Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is now open.
- There have been no Facility Use Requests received since the last board meeting.
- Projects that require immediate attention:
 - IT Support: InHouse CIO will no longer be servicing schools and is not renew its contract which ends June 30th. The current contract has provided management of the network system remotely and provided the district with an on-site person 2 days a week (manages Chromebooks, emails, and basic tech issues). The bidding process to find another IT company to maintain and secure our networking needs was completed through E-RATE (federal grant program). Bids have been reviewed by the Finance Committee and a recommendation will be made later in the board meeting.
 - District Office Building Repair: The Board already approved the FY 23 Maintenance Matching Grant and the District has funds remaining to spend prior to June 30th. Bids were received from A PLUS Home Improvements and Hemenover Construction. Bids included the following: new guttering, siding, skirting and doors. My recommendation is to go with A PLUS Home Improvements.
 - Water Softener Drainage Tile: Last year we did a minor fix on the tile which is made of cast iron, but it continues to leak causing water damage under the old stairwell. This must be addressed this summer before it becomes a larger financial issue for the District in the future. FY23 (2022-2023 school year) Maintenance Grant remaining funds will be used on this project (\$6,570). Precision Piping will complete this project over Spring Break.

- Curriculum Needs for Next Year:
 - K-5 Language Arts: The current curriculum is no longer supporting the online components. Also, with the new Literacy Plan from ISBE, a new curriculum that aligns with the Literacy Plan is needed. Mrs. Johnston has met with the Curriculum Committee and discussed the rationale for a new Language Arts series.
 - FY 25 Grants and Applications: The Consolidated District Plan must be approved by the BOE each year. Once the plan is submitted and approved, Dr. Smith can begin working on the FY 25 ESEA grants (Title I, II and IV).
- Committee Meetings:
 - Curriculum Committee met on February 28th to discuss reading curriculum.
 - Finance Committee met on March 4 and 21 to discuss rationale for the transfer of funds for the Solar Project, IT provider bids, and District Office building repair bids.
 - Executive Committee met on March 7 to discuss negotiations goals and process.

Mr. Pendleton joined the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

- A. Approve 3 Year Contract with Quality Network Solutions (QNS) as the District's I.T. Provider beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year – ACTION

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve the 3 Year Contract with Quality Network Solutions (QNS) as the District's I.T. Provider beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year as presented. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- B. Approve A Plus Home Improvement for the District Office Exterior Upgrades with FY23 Maintenance Grant Funds as Presented – ACTION

Motion was made by Mr. Pendleton to approve A Plus Home Improvement for the District Office Exterior Upgrades with FY23 Maintenance Grant Funds as presented. Mrs. Fouts seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

- C. Approve Wit & Wisdom Reading Curriculum for Grades K-5 – ACTION

Motion was made by Mrs. Fouts to approve Wit & Wisdom Reading Curriculum for Grades K-5 as presented. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Communication / Informational

- Board Communications
- Student Enrollment

Closed Session

Mrs. Fouts made a motion to enter Closed Session at 7:15 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)

Mr. Elliott seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Reconvene Open Session

Mr. Balk made a motion to return to open session at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

Closed Session Action

A. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from March 21, 2024. Mr. Munsterman seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

B. Mr. Balk made a motion to approve the employment of Lidia Mendoza as a part-time Cafeteria Server at the rate of \$15.75 per hour. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.

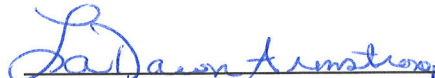
Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion.

Yeas: All.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.

Motion passed.



LaDawn Armstrong, President



Kathleen Fouts, Secretary