



St. George Community Consolidated School District No. 258

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Board of Education

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*The St. George Community creates a world-class educational environment that employs technology and quality classroom instruction to help our children become global independent thinkers, lifelong learners, and productive members of society.*

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
July 9, 2015**

Meeting was **Called to Order** at 6:34 p.m. by Board Vice-President, Carl Fletcher.

Present at **Roll Call**: Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, and Alpers. Absent: Pendleton and Austin. A quorum was present.

Individuals present at **Roll Call** other than Board of Education members:  
Helen Boehrsen, Superintendent; Christine Johnston, Principal; Brandon Owens, Dean of Students/Athletic Director; John Grill, Comptroller; and Jason Johnson, Treasurer.

**Introduction of Guests and Comments**

Superintendent Boehrsen introduced Paula Grimes, Special Education Coordinator, to the school board.

Jason Johnson presented the Treasurer’s Report: Additional financial information was given to the Board including:

- Activity account
- Cash receipts
- Imprest account
- Monthly expenditures
- Bank Collateral – Qtrly. Report
- Impact Fees – Qtrly. Report

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

- **minutes** from Regular Board Meeting, June 11, 2015
- financial reports
- monthly expenditures
- Policy 7:260 Exemption from Physical Activity - Additions, Second Reading
- Press Policy Issue 88, Second Reading
- 2:250 Access to District Public Records
- 3:40 Superintendent
- 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
- 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
- 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery

- 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 5:120 Ethics and Conduct
- 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
- 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment
- 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspension
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 6:40 Curriculum Development
- Six month review of Closed Session Minutes
- Resignation –  
Helen Herbst, Part-time Technology Teacher effective July 9, 2015

Mr. Yuska seconded the motion.

Yeas: Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, and Alpers

Nays: None

Absent: Pendleton and Austin

Motion passed.

### **Administrative and Board Committee Reports**

- Superintendent Report – Superintendent Boehrsen  
Ms. Boehrsen gave the board two legislative reports on State and Federal Senate Bills for education.

The school district has only received three transportation payments. The fourth will be received next year sometime.

The school board received a handout with the November Triple I Preconference workshops. Ms. Boehrsen requested the board let her know by the August meeting the selection of workshop they would like to attend.

The environmental study conducted in the lower level classrooms, Media Center and the mobile units indicated no presence of mold. The carpets in the lower level classroom and the Media Center were cleaned by Service Master on Wednesday. The odor is still present. If the odor persists in the carpet in the Media Center, the carpet will have to be removed within the next week or so. If that occurs, we will examine polishing the concrete floor for now and replacing the carpet next summer after the water problem is satisfactorily fixed.

The roof, and gutter replacement has been completed. The office remodeling is presently being done. Chromeboxes purchased by Student Council are in and the computer lab is set-up.

- Principal Report – Principal Johnston  
St. George is preparing for registration with attendees this year of the Bourbonnais Park District, PTO, boosters, and BSN, which is the vendor we use for P.E. uniforms.  
The positions needing to be filled are Student Council Sponsor and Part-time Technology Teacher.

- Committee Reports

**KASEC –**

The first superintendent meeting will be next Thursday. The governing board will meet in August. The budget is now available. It will be voted on in August. Herscher's proposal came up for a revote, and it failed. Herscher pulling out of KASEC will cost districts more money in overhead costs.

**Other -**

There will be an Insurance Committee meeting next week. With the Affordable Care Act, there is composite and community pricing. The district would like to offer additional options because that may not be an option later. The Board of Education will vote on health insurance in August as the renewal is September 1, 2015.

**Discussion and Possible Action Items**

- Signatories on Bank Accounts – **Action**  
Signatories on the St. George School bank accounts had to be changed due to board officer changes. All signers remain the same except Addison Goering is added and Kenya Austin is removed.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Alpers to approve the signatories on the bank accounts due to officer changes.

Mr. Yuska seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Absent: Pendleton and Austin

Motion passed.

- Approve Additional Changes to the 2015-16 St. George School Handbook – **Action**  
These additional changes to the 2015-16 St. George School Handbook pertain to attendance. The enrollment was consistently around 473 students for 2014-15. In the past, approximately 22 students were absent each and every school day. The average daily attendance for funding purposes is calculated using the best three months of attendance averaged over three years. The district's average daily attendance based upon the best three months for 2014-15 was 458. Given the best case scenario, we could have collected an additional \$77,000 in state aid for student attendance, assuming 100% state payment with no proration.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Fletcher to approve the additional attendance changes to the 2015-16 St. George School Handbook as presented.

Mr. Goering seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Absent: Pendleton and Austin

Motion passed.

- Approve Resolution to Dispose of Riding Tractor – **Action**  
This non-functioning riding tractor was solely used for maintenance on the softball field.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Goering to Approve the Resolution to Dispose of the Non-functioning Riding Tractor.

Mr. Yuska seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Absent: Pendleton and Austin

Motion passed.

- Accept Donation of Riding Lawn Tractor – **Action**  
Phil Hoekstra donated a riding lawn tractor that will be used for maintenance on the softball field.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Yuska to Accept the Donation of a Riding Lawn Tractor from Phil Hoekstra.

Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Absent: Pendleton and Austin

Motion passed.

- Discussion and Possible Action to Create a Retention Area to Alleviate Flooding – **Action**  
A proposal was submitted in 2010 from Johnson-Downs to address flooding in the lower level of the building. Phase I included the creation of a retention area. This plan has been reviewed with the District's architect JH2B. JH2B recommends a similar plan to change the grade in the area outside the building and direct the water to the street and storm sewer. This may include up to three contractors for excavation, concrete work, and landscape restoration. The administration would like to include additional concrete work to address recurring standing water at the playground entrance and deteriorated concrete at the west student drop-off entrance. The administration is seeking authorization to spend up to \$12,500 for these combined projects. This project is to correct the flooding that occurs in the lower level and media center. Specifically, water enters in to the Communications classroom when it rains heavily. Since last July, that area has flooded at least 4 times. This project is may be in conjunction with the road drainage work to be completed by Hamman Excavating this summer.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Fletcher to approve the excavation, concrete work, and landscape restoration to alleviate flooding up to the amount of \$12,500.

Mr. Alpers seconded the motion.

Yeas: Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, and Alpers.

Nays: None

Absent: Pendleton and Austin

Motion passed.

### **Communication**

Mr. Goering read a thank you letter from Mrs. Lorand for the luncheon and clock for her retirement.

- Board Communications
- Board Highlights-Informational

### **Closed Session**

**Motion** made by Mr. Yuska to enter Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.

Motion seconded by Mr. Alpers for the purposes of discussing:

- Personnel ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). The appointment, employment, compensation, 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.
- Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- Board Vacancy 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3). The selection of a person to fill a public office including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.
- Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). 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.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Absent: Pendleton and Austin

Motion passed.

Mrs. Austin entered at 7:37 p.m.

Mr. Darrell Pendleton entered at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion to return to open session at 8:28 p.m.

Mr. Goering seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

## Action Items

- **Motion** made by Mr. Pendleton to approve the employment of Patricia Ferris as Title I Teacher for 190 days for the 2015-2016 school year at a salary consistent with the teachers' salary schedule.

Mr. Yuska made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Austin, Pendleton, Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, and Alpers

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Alpers to approve the employment of Rebecca Lowery as Social Worker for 190 days for the 2015-2016 school year at a salary consistent with the teachers' salary schedule.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Pendleton, Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, Alpers, and Austin

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mrs. Austin to approve the employment of Michelle Sanders as First Grade Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year at a salary consistent with the teachers' salary schedule.

Mr. Yuska made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, Alpers, Austin and Pendleton

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Fletcher to approve the employment of Andrew Grala as Girls' Softball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Alpers made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Pendleton, Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, Alpers, and Austin

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Goering to approve the employment of Corey Hannig as Boys' Baseball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Pendleton made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, Alpers, Austin, and Pendleton

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Fletcher to approve the employment of Addison Goering as Cross Country Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Alpers made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Yuska, Alpers, Austin, Pendleton and Fletcher

Abstain: Goering

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Goering to approve the employment of Jennifer Boll as Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mrs. Austin made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Yuska, Alpers, Austin, Pendleton, Fletcher, and Goering.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mrs. Austin to approve the employment of Jackie Ward as Eighth Grade as Girls' Basketball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Alpers, Austin, Pendleton, Fletcher, Goering, and Yuska.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mrs. Austin to approve the employment of Corey Hannig as Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Alpers made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Pendleton, Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, Alpers, and Austin

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Goering to approve the employment of Mario Long as Sixth Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Pendleton, Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, Alpers, and Austin

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Alpers to approve the employment of Andrew Grala as Seventh Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mrs. Austin made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Fletcher, Goering, Yuska, Alpers, Austin, and Pendleton

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Fletcher to approve the employment of Sarah Powers as Eighth Grade Girls' Volleyball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Goering made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Goering, Yuska, Alpers, Austin, Pendleton, and Fletcher.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mrs. Austin to approve the employment of Mario Long as Fifth Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach for FY 2015-2016 at a stipend consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Alpers made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Yuska, Alpers, Austin, Pendleton, Fletcher, and Goering.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- **Motion** made by Mrs. Austin to appoint LaDawn Armstrong as Board Member to fill board vacancy through 2017, which was created by the resignation of Angie Harms.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion for the second.

Yeas: Alpers, Austin, Pendleton, Fletcher, Goering, and Yuska.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

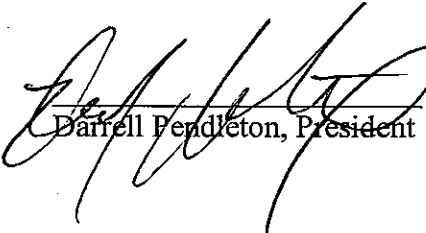
**Motion** to adjourn was made by Mrs. Austin at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion.

All Yeas.

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

  
Darrell Pendleton, President

  
Addison Goering, Secretary