Teutopolis Community Unit No. 50
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Location: Unit Office Board Room
Regular Meeting - 6:00 pm
January 17, 2022

The President Courtney Tegeler called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. All Board Members were present. Superintendent Matt Sturgeon was also present.

Superintendent Matt Sturgeon gave an opening statement as follows:
On this federal holiday in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr., I want to share a couple of MLK quotes that I think are appropriate for our educational environment.

> "The function of education is to teach us to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."
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> "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

On this holiday when schools are closed, may we all be reminded of the efforts of Dr. King and all those that may have caused us to reflect on the content of our character and the ways in which we serve others.

Board President Courtney Tegeler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5497 - Approve the December 20th Regular Meeting Minutes.

Traci Martin moved and Chad Hewing seconded a motion to Approve the December 20th Regular Meeting Minutes. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5498 - Approve the Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, and the Payment of Bills as presented.

Chad Hewing moved and Erin Ordner seconded a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report, Financial Report, and the Payment of Bills as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Chad Hewing-yes; Erin Ordner-yes;Courtney Tegeler-yes; Matt Carpenter-yes; Toby McMahon-yes; Troy Ozenkoski-yes; Traci Martin-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Recognize persons who wish to speak on agenda items - a public letter to the Board of Education was read.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5499- Approve the Policy Changes as presented for Section 2-5.

Erin Ordner moved and Traci Martin seconded a motion to Approve the Policy Changes as presented for Section 2-5. Roll call vote as follows: Erin Ordner-yes; Traci Martin-yes; Troy Ozenkoski-no; Chad Hewing-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Matt Carpenter-yes; Toby McMahon-yes. Motion carried 6-1.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Matt Sturgeon discussed District Goals.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Matt Sturgeon had Discussion and Review of the Board of Education Self-Evaluation. Open commentary was held.

Reports:

Building Updates:

- Sherry Hoehn Grade School Principal gave an update as follows:
  - Gave review and commentary on the start of 2nd Semester
  - Reviewed upcoming dates at the Grade School
- Pat Drees, Junior high Principal was not present. No report given.
- Greg Beck, High School Principal was not present at the meeting but gave an update as follows:
  - Guidance is in the process of scheduling students for the 2022-23 school year.
  - Gathered information regarding grading scales from several neighboring school districts that He will be sharing with our Internal Curriculum Committee, then he will share with the Board at a later date
  - High School is off to a great start for the second semester.
- Laurie Thompson, Athletic Director was not present. No report given.

- Court Proceedings Update:

    - Next Hearing Date for 2021-CH-500002 in Sangamon County is January 20th, 2022.
    - Possibly ruling on TR
- COVID State Guidance Update:
    - Superintendent Matt Sturgeon gave an update on the new School Guidance as communicated by ISBE/ IDPH
- TJHS Track/ Soccer Bleacher Project:
    - Draft BID Specs and drawings shared
    - Board gave direction to proceed with the public bid process for payment in FY 22-23.
- 5Essentials Survey:
    - Student, Staff, Parent and Community participation beginning January 11th runs through March 11.
- ISBE Property Tax Relief Grant Application:
    - Superintendent applied for a grant opportunity that could provide property tax relief, its award (need basis) limit at $50 million from the state.
- ARP-IDEA Consolidated (ESSER III) Grant:
    - Superintendent is working with EIASE to identify possible expenditures for $43,000 in additional grant funds.
- TEF Mini Grants:
    - Thank you to TEF for sponsoring another year of mini grants.

Recognize persons who wish to speak on non-agenda items- Tammy Wente with CCC spoke in regards to FOIA Request process, Softball Facility, Items on Board Agendas, Masking Optional, and Board Policy Manual with Public Participation.

Motion to go in to Executive Session

Troy Ozenkoski moved and Toby McMahon seconded a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss: Appointment, employment, compensation discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employes and the Selection of a person to fill a public office; and Litigation.

Motion to come out of Executive Session

Troy Ozenkoksi moved and Chad Hewing seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:19 p.m. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5500- Approve that we keep closed the verbatim records from executive session and destroy those older than 18 months as allowable under Illinois School Code 120/2.06.

Troy Ozenkoski moved and Chad Hewing seconded to Approve that we keep closed the verbatim records from executive session and destroy those older than 18 months as allowable under Illinois School Code 120/2.06. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5501- Approve to accept the Resignation of Jake Burrell as THS Volunteer Baseball Coach with an immediate effective date, and the resignation of Dianna Hotze as Bus Driver with an effective date of January 28, 2022.

Erin Ordner moved and Toby McMahon seconded to Approve to accept the Resignation of Jake Burrell as THS Volunteer Baseball Coach with an immediate effective date, and the resignation of Dianna Hotze as Bus Driver with an effective date of January 28, 2022. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5502- Approve to Accept the irrevocable letter of Retirement from Karen Smith and Diana Grinestaff, with retirement occurring for both at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year.

Erin Ordner moved and Toby McMahon seconded to Approve to Accept the irrevocable letter of Retirement from Karen Smith and Diana Grinestaff, with retirement occurring for both at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Motion to adjourn

Troy Ozenkoski moved and Chad Hewing seconded a motion to adjourn. Roll call vote as follows: Troy Ozenkoski-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Erin Ordner-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Toby McMahon-yes; Traci Martin-yes. Motion carried 6-0-1 present.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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Board of Education President, Courtney Tegeler Board of Education Secretary, Chad Hewing