SULLIVAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 300
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

October 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sullivan Community Unit School District No. 300 of Moultrie, Shelby, and Coles Counties, Illinois was duly called and held on October 10, 2017, at 6:33 p.m., at the Sullivan High School Media Center within the boundaries of said District.

The President called the meeting to order and requested roll be called. Upon roll being called the following members answered and were found to be present: Tyson Grooms, Zach Horn, Ann Wheeler, Norman Wood, Jeff White, Erik Stollard and Steve Poland.

Administrators present: Ted Walk, Erik Young, Dan Allen, Nathan Ogle, Jessica Reeder

Visitors present: Mark Waelde, Christy Molzen, Cindy Yoder, Leslie Guyot, Kay Lehman, Kevin Landrus, and Becky Batman

Poland moved that the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiations matters; student disciplinary cases; matters relating to individual students; litigation; and, minutes of meetings lawfully closed pursuant to Statute Sections 5 ILCS 120/2 [c] 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 14. Upon said motion being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: None

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:34 p.m.

Poland moved that the Board reconvene to open session and approve the closed session minutes of September 11, 2017. Upon said motion being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Stollard, Poland, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: None

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned from closed session at 7:15 p.m.

President White asked Becky Batman if there were any requests to speak to the Board this evening. Mrs. Batman stated there were none.

President White asked if any item marked as consent agenda needed to be withdrawn and held for further discussion. No items were withdrawn.

White moved that **the minutes of the regular meeting held September 11, 2017 be approved** as presented; that the **bills be approved** as presented; that the **Treasurer's Report be approved** as presented; that the Board **approve the School Library Per Capita Grant as presented;** that the Board **accept the resignation of Tori Hale as Color Guard Sponsor;** that the Board **approve Jason Tucker as Volunteer Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach; and Mark Cordell as Volunteer Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year** as presented. Upon said motion being seconded by Stollard, the President put the question and the roll being called the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: None

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Ted Walk presented the District's 2016-2017 audit. Mr. Walk stated that the district's financial profile score is 3.9 which is recognition status. The District has 322.8 operating days of cash on hand. Mr. Walk went on to discuss GASB Statement Number 68 stating that the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability is $1,303,520 while the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District is $34,060,101. Lastly, Mr. Walk stated that the operational cost per pupil is $8,172 which is well below the state average of $12,000 and that the educational cost per pupil is $7,482.

Building principals discussed their 2017 school improvement plan.

Superintendent Walk stated that each school district shall, as of June 30 of each year, cause an audit of its accounts to be made by a public accounting firm. This audit is to include financial records and a professional opinion signed by the auditor. Each school district must then submit an original audit report to the regional superintendent by October 15 of each year. The firm of Mose, Yockey, Brown & Kull conducted the audit.

Poland moved that the Board approve the 2016-2017 audit as presented. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question, and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: None

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

High School Principal Erik Young stated that Don Lockwood is requesting permission for the FFA Chapter to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 25-26, 2017. Our Chapter will be recognized at the convention as a National Finalist in the National Chapter Award program. All expenses will be paid by the Sullivan FFA and the Sullivan FFA Alumni. Don and Marta Lockwood as well as Megan Coy will serve as chaperones.

Stollard moved that the Board approve the FFA trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 25-26, 2017 as presented. Upon being seconded by Poland, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: None

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Elementary School Principal Dan Allen stated that there is a need to employ an RtI aide at Sullivan Elementary. The recommended candidate is Michele Montgomery. Mrs. Montgomery has extensive experience as an aide.

Wheeler moved that the Board retroactively employ Michele Montgomery as a full-time RtI aide for the 2017-2018 school year, effective September 25, 2017, and that the salary paid shall be in accordance with that previously approved by the Board. Upon being seconded by Stollard, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: None

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that there is a need to hire a full-time custodian. Ms. Sherry Risley is the recommended candidate.

Poland moved that the Board employ Sherry Risley as full-time custodian. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Poland, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: None

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Building principals presented their Board reports.

The Superintendent gave his monthly report. Mr. Walk addressed school safety stating that over recent years, the District has made many safety improvements. Mr. Walk stated that a very important step that contributes to school safety is for our staff to establish meaningful relationships with students. Mr. Walk feels our District does that very well and is very impressed with the efforts of our staff. Superintendent Walk addressed working cash bonds stating that the District will have working cash bonds due to expire soon. He stated that the Board would need to consider maintaining the current tax rate. Mr. Walk proposed that the Board keep the tax rate the same to expedite payment of the recent bonds for the new HVAC and roof renovations.

Poland moved the meeting be adjourned. Upon said motion being seconded by Stollard, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea:	Grooms, Horn, Poland, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay:	None
Absent:	None

Whereupon, the President declared said meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Wood, Secretary

Attest:

Jeff White, President