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

August 14, 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 August 14, 2017, at 6:30 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, Zachary Horn, Steve Poland, Erik Stollard, Ann Wheeler, and Jeff White.

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

Visitors present: Ben Guyot, Leslie Guyot, Mark Waelde, Kevin Landrus, Mike Brothers, Don Lockwood, Alyssa Dingman, Zane Gardner, Blake Read, Devan Tull, and Becky Batman

President White appointed Steve Poland Secretary Pro Tem.

Stollard 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, White
Nay: None
Absent: Wood

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:32 p.m.

Stollard moved that the Board reconvene to open session and approve the July 10, 2017 regular meeting closed session minutes; and, the closed session minutes of special meetings held on Jul 20, 2017; and, August 4,

2017. 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, White
Nay: None
Absent: Wood

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned from closed session at 7:04 p.m.

President White asked Becky Batman if anyone had signed in to speak to the Board this evening. No one had requested to address the Board.

President White asked if any item marked as consent agenda item needed to be withdrawn and held for further discussion. No items were withdrawn.

Poland moved that **the minutes of previous meetings held July 10, 2017; July 20, 2017; and, August 4, 2017 be approved** as presented; that the **bills be approved** as presented; that the **Treasurer's Report be approved** as presented; that the Board **accept the resignation of Deb Schaljo as High School Science Teacher and National Honor Society Sponsor effective August 8, 2017 as presented;** that the Board **approve the resignation of Jessica Reeder as Senior Class Sponsor effective immediately;** that the Board **accept the resignation of Kassie Thomas as Children's Choir Director effective August 9, 2017**; and, that the Board **approve Nicole Floyd as Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach and Heidi Clements as Volunteer Assistant Middle School Softball Coach for the 2017-2018 season as presented.** Upon said motion being seconded by Wheeler, the President put the question and the roll being called the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

FFA Sponsor Don Lockwood and several FFA officers spoke about their summer events. Devin Warren was the state winner and national semifinalist in Diversified Crop Placement Proficiency. Blake Read is the recipient of the State FFA Degree and Growing Ag Science Teachers Grant. Zane Gardner, Dasey Swiney-Frederick, Laura Tate, Myles Wiley, and Hunter Taber participated in the State

Novice Parliamentary Procedure Contest and the State FFA Greenhand Quizbowl. Drew Kirk participated in the State Novice Parliamentary Procedure Contest. FFA officers also participated in leadership training in Indianapolis.

Superintendent Walk stated that the Board previously authorized Maintenance Director, Kevin Landrus, to pursue bids for resurfacing the all-weather track. Four vendors were solicited with one bid being received. Due to excessive wear, the manufacturer recommends we install Seal-Flex LR-2 (2 ply – 1/8") resurfacing system with new lines and event markings per the manufacturers specifications. The bid includes tack primer coat, the bonding agent, two layers of Seal Flex-LR-2, 200' of crack fill, and miscellaneous repair. No asphalt or sub-base repairs are included. When resurfacing the track, some bubbling may appear. That will be repaired at additional cost once approved. The work is to be completed in the fall of 2017.

Poland moved that the Board accept the bid from Mid-West Track Builders to resurface the all-weather track as presented at a total cost of $59,157. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

High School Principal Erik Young stated that due to the resignation of Deb Schaljo, there is a need to employ a high school science teacher. Ms. Chaney Miller is the recommended candidate. Ms. Miller is a 2017 graduate of Illinois State University and completed her student teaching in the Rantoul school district.

Wheeler moved that the Board employ Chaney Miller as High School Science Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at a salary in accordance with the salary guidelines previously approved by the Board. Upon being seconded by Poland, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that due to the resignation of Cary Suhl, there is a need to employ a full-time bus driver. Donna Fowler has completed the appropriate training and is the recommended candidate.

Stollard moved that the Board employ Donna Fowler as bus driver effective August 1, 2017. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that due to the resignation of Terry Elder, there is a need to employ a full-time custodian. Mr. Keith Wood has several years of experience as a custodian and is the recommended candidate.

Wheeler moved that the Board employ Keith Wood as full-time custodian effective August 1, 2017. Upon being seconded by Stollard, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Elementary School Principal Dan Allen stated that due to the resignation of Ashley Christensen, there is a need to employ a yearbook sponsor for Sullivan Elementary School. Heather Wilson is the recommended candidate for this position. Mrs. Wilson currently teaches fifth grade.

Grooms moved that the Board employ Heather Wilson as Elementary School Yearbook Sponsor for the 2017-2018 school year at the stipend 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, White
Nay: None
Absent: Wood

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Principal Young stated that due to the resignation of Brock Feece, there is a need to employ a Prom Sponsor. Heather Hinton is the recommended candidate. Ms. Hinton is currently employed as a family consumer science teacher.

Poland moved that the Board employ Heather Hinton as Prom Sponsor for the 2017-2018 school year at the stipend 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, White
Nay: None
Absent: Wood

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Principal Allen stated that due to the resignation of Kassie Thomas, there is a need to employ a Children's Choir Director for Sullivan Elementary School. Melissa Haegen is the recommended candidate. Mrs. Haegen currently teaches second grade and has directed Children's Choir in the past.

Wheeler moved that the Board employ Melissa Haegen as Children's Choir Director for the 2017-2018 school year at the stipend 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, White
Nay: None
Absent: Wood

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Principal Young stated that due to the resignation of Deb Schaljo, an opening exists for National Honor Society Sponsor. Kristie Hardimon is the recommended candidate. Ms. Hardimon currently teaches high school math.

Stollard moved that the Board employ Kristie Hardimon as National Honor Society Sponsor for the 2017-2018 school year at the stipend previously approved by the Board. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk stated that Tim Lappin has been employed as a Custodian since June 9, 2014. Mr. Lappin currently works second shift at Sullivan Elementary School. Mr. Walk is recommending increasing the hourly rate of custodian Tim Lappin from $13.47 to $14 per hour effective August 1, 2017.

Poland moved that the Board increase the hourly rate of Custodian Tim Lappin from $13.47 to $14 per hour effective August 1, 2017. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Superintendent Walk updated the Board on the status of Illinois school funding. Mr. Walk stated that Governor Rauner put an amendatory veto on Senate Bill 1. The amendatory veto was overridden by the Senate. The Illinois House of Representatives will meet on Wednesday to determine whether they have the 3/5ths majority to override the amendatory veto. Mr. Walk added that this is the first time that Sullivan Schools has not received its first general state aid payment. Mr. Walk added that there are different Bills to be considered and it seems that both sides are intentionally providing misleading information. Mr. Walk stated that regardless of which Bill is passed, Sullivan Schools would receive an increase in funding for fiscal year 2018. However, depending on which Bill is passed,

within five years the District could receive less funding than we are receiving now.

Lastly, Superintendent Walk thanked District staff for all of their hard work preparing for the coming school year. Mr. Walk added that teacher's institute day was very successful praising the Sullivan Education Association's Morale Matters program and the Sullivan School Board for providing lunch.

Poland moved the meeting be adjourned. 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, White
Nay: None
Absent: Wood

Whereupon, the President declared said meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Poland, Secretary Pro Tem

Attest:

Jeff White, President