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

November 13, 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 November 13, 2017, at 6:32 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, Mike Brothers, Ben Guyot, Leslie Guyot, Poppy Graham, Patricia King, Winchester Phelps, Zoe Ray, 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 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, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:33 p.m.

Poland moved that the Board reconvene to open session and approve the closed session minutes of October 10, 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 7:12 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President White asked if any item marked as consent agenda needed to be withdrawn and held for further discussion. No items were withdrawn.

Poland moved that **the minutes of the regular meeting held October 10, 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 emergency bus routes as presented;** that the Board **accept the resignation of Marsha Kirby as Football Cheerleading Coach;** that the Board **approve the resignation of Tabitha Davis as JV Volleyball Coach;** 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.

Zoe Ray spoke on behalf National English Honor Society regarding their recent trip to Barnes & Noble to purchase books for the high school library.

Winchester Phelps updated the Board on activities of the Spanish Club and Student Council.

Kevin Landrus updated the Board on the history of leasing buses and reminded them that the current bus lease will expire this year.

Building principals and the superintendent presented the school report cards.

Superintendent Ted Walk stated that the Board is required to direct an authorized person to prepare the 2018-2019 budget in tentative form to be presented to the Board of Education on July 9, 2018; that the tentative budget be placed on public inspection at 8:00 a.m. on July 10, 2018; that the public notice be placed in the July 18, 2018 edition of the News Progress (at least 30 days prior to the hearing); and that a public hearing be held on said budget on September 10, 2018, at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center prior to final adoption.

Poland moved that the Board adopt the resolution and public notice 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.

Superintendent Walk presented the 2017 payable 2018 tentative tax levy. Mr. Walk stated that there is an anticipated approximate 4% net change to equalize assessed valuation. He also noted that the current tax rate is 4.0896. The proposed tax rate would be 4.0886. A final proposed tax levy will be presented at the December Board meeting.

Superintendent Walk discussed the District's bonds. Mr. Walk stated that the bond and interest levy is currently $505,750. Mr. Walk proposed using the health, life, safety bonds two pay toward our current debt. This would keep the District's tax rate the same while allowing the District to pay off debt early. The projected savings would be approximately $136,000.

Stollard moved that the Board approve the 2017 payable 2018 tentative tax levy 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.

Superintendent Walk informed the Board that it was time to schedule the Winter Planning Session. Proposed dates are January 13, January 20, or January 27. Board members were asked to check their calendars and contact Mrs. Batman with the dates that work best for them.

Superintendent Walk stated that the Sullivan School District had entered into an agreement purchasing telecommunications from MC Network Services, LLC. The company's owner, Zak Horn, was elected to the Sullivan School Board, and an Escrow Agreement has been drafted to place payments into a Sullivan First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust Escrow Account held for the benefit of designated non-profit organizations: Sullivan Education Foundation, Sullivan FFA Chapter, Sullivan Singers Boosters, and Sullivan Sports Boosters.

Poland moved that the Board approve the Escrow Agreement by and among Sullivan Community Unit School District #300, MCC Network Services, LLC, and First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

High School Principal Erik Young stated there is a need to employ a head boys' track coach for the 2018 season. Mr. Andrew Kerley has expressed interest in this position. Mr. Kerley currently teaches high school social studies and serves as head football coach.

Wheeler moved that the Board employ Andrew Kerley as head boys track coach for the 2018 season at the stipend 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, 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 also discussed Senate Bill 851 which is currently at the legislative level. This bill is a property tax freeze which if put in place right now, would cost the District approximately $480,000 annually. He also noted that the State has said they're not going to reimburse any of the previous summer school for special education students which we hosted this most recent year and will not fund it in the future. Mr. Walk also discussed the new lead testing requirements. The Environmental Protection Agency requirement for the amount of lead that is acceptable is 15 parts per billion. Illinois schools are being required to meet the requirement of 5 parts per billion. The last time the City of Sullivan was tested, the amount of lead in our water was 5.3 parts per billion.

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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 8:12 p.m.

Poland moved that the Board reconvene to open session and approve the closed session minutes of October 10, 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 10:04 p.m.

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, Wood, White
Nay:	None
Absent:	None

Whereupon, the President declared said meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Wood, Secretary

Attest:

Jeff White, President