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

September 11, 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 September 11, 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, Zach Horn, Erik Stollard, Ann Wheeler, Norman Wood, Jeff White. Steve Poland did not answer and was found to be absent.

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

Visitors present: Mike Brothers, Winchester Phelps, Cami Badman, Shaun Schaefers, Patricia King, Leslie Guyot, Ben Guyot, Christy Molzen, Kevin Landrus, Mark Waelde, Nicole Hendry, and Becky Batman

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 related 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 Wheeler, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:31 p.m.

Stollard moved that the Board reconvene to open session and approve the August 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Upon said motion being

seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried, and the Board adjourned from closed session at 7:02 p.m.

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

President White announced the opening of the budget hearing and turned the floor over to Superintendent Walk. Mr. Walk stated that the proposed budget has been updated to include finalized salaries. Title expenditures were also adjusted. Mr. Walk added that although this budget reflects deficit spending in the educational and operations & maintenance funds, the overall budget is $25,490 in the black. Superintendent Walk asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Wheeler moved that the hearing on the FY2018 budget be closed. Upon being seconded by Wood, the President put the question and roll being called the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

President White asked if any item marked as consent agenda item needed to be withdrawn and held for further discussion. No items were withdrawn.

Grooms moved that **the minutes of the regular meeting held August 14, 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 Public Act 96-0434 Administrator Compensation Report as presented;** that the Board **approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report as presented;** that the Board **approve Public Act 97-0609 IMRF Compensation Report as presented;** that the Board **appoint Ted**

Walk and Becky Batman as Freedom of Information Officers; and, that the Board **approve Jason Drury as Volunteer Assistant Swim Coach, Craig Toler as Volunteer Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach, and, Melissa Krieger as Volunteer Dance Team 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, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: Poland

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

President White directed the Board to action item 9-1, Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget. Superintendent Walk stated that we've had the hearing and the administrative recommendation would be to adopt the Budget Resolution.

Stollard moved that the Board adopt the Budget Resolution as presented. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

High School Principal Erik Young stated that Band Director, Shaun Schaefers, is requesting approval of a band trip to St. Louis, Missouri on May 11-12, 2018. Students would attend either a St. Louis University Band Clinic or perform at Six Flags on May 12. While in St. Louis, students would also attend Phantom of the Opera at the Fox Theater, City Museum, and tour the Arch. Band Boosters will pay travel costs for the driver and bus, as well as subsidize a portion of cost per student.

Wheeler moved that the Board approve the 2018 Marching Redskins trip to St. Louis, Missouri on May 11-12, 2018 as presented. Upon being seconded by Stollard, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

Yea: Grooms, Horn, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White

Nay: None
Absent: Poland

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

High School Principal Erik Young stated that Show Choir Director, Chris Wilson, is requesting approval of the 2017-2018 show choir trips as follows:

January 13 – Show Choir Invitational
January 19-20 – Mt. Zion Competition
January 25-28 – ILMEA All State Conference
February 2-3 – Danville Competition
February 16-17 – El Paso-Gridley Competition
February 23-25 – Franklin Central Competition, Indianapolis
March 2-3 – Glenwood Competition
March 16-17 – Decatur Competition
April 6-9 – FAME Competition - Branson, Missouri
April 26-29 – FAME Nationals–Chicago

The HS Show Choir will only be traveling to Chicago if they qualify for the National Competition while competing in Branson.

Stollard moved that the Board approve the 2017-2018 show choir trips as presented. Upon being seconded by Grooms, the President put the question and roll being called, the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

Principal Young stated that there is a need to employ a senior class sponsor for the 2017-2018 school year. Cami Badman has expressed interest in this position. Mrs. Badman currently teaches high school English and is the National English Honor Society sponsor.

Wheeler moved that the Board employ Cami Badman as senior class 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 the following members voted:

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

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried.

The principals each gave their monthly reports. A copy of said reports are attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Superintendent Walk gave his monthly report informing the Board that the State of Illinois has passed an evidence-based funding formula. The budget passed previously, but money couldn't be distributed until an evidence-based formula was passed. Generally, many of the original Senate Bill 1 items remained in the formula. Of the amendatory veto, the two major things that stayed are $75 million in potential school vouchers as well as an option for districts who have at least 110% of adequacy from the local tax base to have essentially a referendum to drop taxes. Mr. Walk feels that neither of those two things will affect the District to a large degree. Mr. Walk stated that the District has received its first general state aid payment and anticipates the receiving the second payment very soon. Mr. Walk added that every school district has a hold harmless clause ensuring that they will not receive less money than they should have received the previous year. Superintendent Walk also updated the Board on Title funds reporting that the high school now qualifies as Title eligible. The increase in Title funds is lower than anticipated at approximately a 1% increase. However, the District will see a decrease in TRS contributions for teachers who are paid through Title money. The current TRS contribution of 39% is decreasing to 10.1%. Lastly, Superintendent Walk stated that he has reinstated the Superintendent's Cabinet. The cabinet consists of the Superintendent and two teachers from each building. The first cabinet meeting was held recently where they discussed building and district-wide issues and reviewed the Board agenda.

Stollard 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, Stollard, Wheeler, Wood, White
Nay: None
Absent: Poland

Whereupon, the President declared said meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Wood, Secretary

Attest:

Jeff White, President