MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF

SPARTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #140

RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

HELD AT EVANSVILLE ATTENDANCE CENTER

IN SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT AT 7:00 P.M.

ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Kevin Holliday and upon the roll being called, Kevin Holliday and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Mekalia Cooper, Howard Gallois and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: Angela Craig Ron Heinen and Corey Rheinecker. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley and Chris Miesner; and members of the staff, community and press (*County Journal*).

Vice President Kevin Holliday led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With no public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022, regular meeting and of the November 29, 2022, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the Bills, Payroll, Cash Flow and Fund Balances as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023, at Sparta Lincoln School at 7 p.m.

Mr. Miesner stated that Dr. Charity Eugea asked him to report that Evansville Attendance Center has been enjoying their Christmas Cheer dress-up days. STEAM and Beta Club students have helped decorate trees at the park. The Evansville Attendance Center Christmas program will be December 20, 2022, from 6-7 p.m.

Mr. Miesner recognized Megan Beelman as the Sparta VFW Teacher of the Year. Angela Lysakowski received a $500 grant for her living museum program. Mr. Norton did a survey regarding golf at Sparta Lincoln School. They are going to try it this year with the help of Bobby Bohnert, Jim Jeffers and Jonathan Norton.

Sparta High School Principal Scott Beckley recently met with the Cahokia Conference. They are proposing a raise in fees of $5,500 per year. They will then propose raising the gate fees to $3/$5 per person to help offset those costs. Terry Mezo was also recognized by the VFW as Teacher of the year. He would like to get graduation dates set now. They are proposing May 14, 2023, but that is Mother’s Day. They could also have it on May 13, 2023.

Teacher Morgan Clinton presented an overnight trip request for FFA to the Board of Education. There would be a maximum of 8 students that would attend Ground Zero at Carbondale, Illinois.

Dr. Schwemmer presented the November Superintendent Shout-Outs to Alexandria McFadden for Sparta High School. Riley Robertson from Evansville Attendance Center and Alexis Tadlock from Sparta Lincoln School were not in attendance. She also presented the December Superintendent Shout-Out plaque to Emma Fernandez for Evansville Attendance Center. Kyla Howe from Sparta Lincoln School and Sydney Rheinecker from Sparta High School were not in attendance.

Dr. Schwemmer reported that there have been weekly well-being challenges with 49 people who are actively participating.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the resolution stating the aggregate amount of taxes to be levied for the year 2022 is $4,574,631, not including the Bond and Interest Levy of $912,370 and that the aggregate amount of taxes to be levied for the year 2022 does not exceed 105% of the taxes extended in the year 2021. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to authorize the letting of a $49,142 lease for the purchase of computer equipment. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the Sparta High School FFA for an overnight trip to SIUC on January 27-28, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the bid of $95,568 from Molanda Company for the Evansville Attendance Center playground. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Cooper, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The first readings were reviewed for policies: School Board: 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board, Indemnification; 2:30 School District Elections; 2:50 Board Member Term of Office; 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest; 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban; 2:210 Organizational School Board Meeting; 2:250 Access to District Public Records; 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure; General School Administration: 3:10 Goals and Objectives; Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent; 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal; Operational Services: 4:10 Fiscal and business Management; 4:120 Food Services; 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees; 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors; 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program; General Personnel: 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:20 Workplace harassment Prohibited; Employee Ethics, Code of Professional Conduct and Conflict of Interest; Professional Personnel: 5:190 Teacher Qualifications; 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:220 Substitute Teachers; 5:250 Leaves of Absence; Educational Support Personnel: 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment; 5:280 Duties and Qualifications; 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions; 5:320 Evaluation; 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves; Instruction: 6:15 School Accountability; 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day; 6:50 School Wellness; 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development; 6:160 English Learners; 6:220 Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program, ,Responsible Use and Conduct; 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers; 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies; 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs; 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program; 6:280 Grading and Promotion; 6:300 Graduation Requirements; 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences, Course Substitutions, Re-Entering Students; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; 7;50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools; 7:70 Attendance and Truancy; 7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, Immunization, and Exclusion of Students; 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment; 7:190 Student Behavior; 7:250 Student Support Services; 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response and Management Program; 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 7:340 Student Records.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to enter into closed session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss items related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to come out of closed session at 7:42 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the October 13, 2022, regular meeting and October 19 and November 29, 2022, special meetings as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the retirement request of Terry Mezo as Teacher at Sparta High School effective August 1, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Brock Barns as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve a leave-of-absence for Amanda Orella as Volleyball Coach at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Faith Argus as Volleyball Coach at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Howard Gallois as a Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Robert Bohnert as the Head Bowling Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Steve Dierks as a Volunteer Assistant Bowling Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Keith Shasteen as a Volunteer Assistant Bowling Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

JANUARY 12, 2023 PRES.

APPROVED

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