MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF

SPARTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #140

RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

HELD AT SPARTA LINCOLN SCHOOL

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

ON THE 9th DAY OF MARCH 2023

The regular meeting was called order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Corey Rheinecker and upon the roll being called, Corey Rheinecker and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Mekalia Cooper, Angela Craig, Howard Gallois, Ron Heinen, Kevin Holliday and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: none. Others present were: Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley, Charity Eugea and Chris Miesner and members of the staff, community and press (*County Journal*).

Board President Corey Rheinecker 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 February 9, 2023, regular meeting and February 28, 2023, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2023, at Evansville Attendance Center at 7 p.m.

Assistant Principal Jonathan Norton recognized the Sparta Lincoln School boys’ basketball team and coaches for their exceptional season.

Principal Chris Miesner stated that the district has partnered with Grand Canyon University to help staff with furthering their education. They would like to have a partnership agreement with the district so the people taking classes can earn scholarships. It could benefit the high school students also.

Evansville Attendance Center Principal Charity Eugea reported that they celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday last week and hosted a family reading night.

Mr. Scott Beckley, Sparta High School Principal, reported that the construction is going well. They were working on roofing. Mr. Beckley received several compliments from hosting the regionals. It was a good winter sports season.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the preliminary school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to enter into executive session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss items related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to come out of executive session at 8:03 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ron Heinen moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the February 9, 2023, regular meeting and of the February 28, 2023, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Morgan and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the resignation of Judy Wright as Teacher at Evansville Attendance Center effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the resignation of Connor McCall as Teacher at Sparta High School effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the resignation of Lyndsey Nichols as Teacher at Sparta Lincoln School effective August 1, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Craig, Gallois Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ron Heinen moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Barry Dickerson as Girls’ Basketball Head Coach at Sparta High School effective March 9, 2023. Roll call vote: Yeas: Heinen, Gallois, Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to employ Zachary Hickman as a Full-time Teacher for the District for the 2023-2024 school year with no years of experience, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening, along with proper licensure. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Heinen, Holliday, Morgan, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to approve Zac Drumwright as the Assistant Baseball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve Brittany Toler as the Assistant Track Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Jackie Smith and Abbey Miles as Academic Honors Banquet Sponsors for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve a Resolution to dismiss Katherine Bostick, a second-year probationary teacher, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year and not reemploy her for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve a Mutual Separation Agreement with Dr. Gabrielle Rodriguez. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen and Cooper. Nays: Holliday, Craig and Rheinecker. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Ron Heinen seconded to approve an addendum to Chris Meisner’s Principal’s employment contract to employ him as principal and acting superintendent from March 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Morgan, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APRIL 13, 2023 PRES.

APPROVED

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