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 JANUARY 2025

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Angela Craig and upon the roll being called, Angela Craig and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Jennifer Allard, Mekalia Cooper, Ryan Pillers, Heather Price and Rob Soderlund. Absent: Corey Rheinecker. Others present were: Superintendent Chris Miesner; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; and a member of the staff.

President Angela Craig led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With no public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Jennifer Allard moved, Rob Soderlund seconded to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Allard, Soderlund, Cooper, Pillers, Price and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Allard moved, Rob Soderlund seconded to approve the Bills, Payroll, Cash Flow and Fund Balances as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Allard, Soderlund, Cooper, Pillers, Price and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2025, at Sparta Lincoln School at 7 p.m.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to adopt the Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2025 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024C, of Community Unit School District Number 140, Randolph County, Illinois. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Pillers, Price, Soderlund and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Allard, Heather Price seconded to approve the following policies as presented: School Board Policy #2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban; #2:110 Qualifications, Term and Duties of Board Officers; #2:120 Board Member Development; #2:140 Communications To and From the Board; Operational Services Policy #4:10 Fiscal and Business Management; #4:30 Revenue and Investments; #4:40 Incurring Debt; #4:60 Purchases and Contracts; #4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs; #4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds; #4:170 Safety; #4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program; General Personnel Policy #5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; #5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; #5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; #5:15 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act; #5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; #5:120 Employee Ethics, Code of Professional Conduct and Conflict of Interest; #5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media, Usage and Conduct; #5:150 Personnel Records; #5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline; Instruction Policy #6:20 School Year Calendar and Day; #6:60 Curriculum Content; #6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development; #6:135 Accelerated Placement Program; #6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program; #6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program; Students Policy #7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; #7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, Immunizations and Exclusion of Students; #7:160 Student Appearance; #7:165 School Uniforms; #7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment; #7:200 Suspension Procedures; and Community Relations Policy #8:10 Connection with the Community. Roll call vote. Yeas: Allard, Price, Cooper, Pillers, Soderlund and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Allard moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the December 12, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Allard, Cooper, Pillers, Price, Soderlund and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Heather Price seconded to accept the resignation of Lindsay Boyster as Paraprofessional at Sparta High School effective December 31, 2024. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Price, Pillers, Soderlund, Allard and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rob Soderlund moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to accept the retirement request of Stacie Hick as Teacher at Evansville Attendance Center effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Soderlund, Cooper, Allard, Pillers, Price and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Allard moved, Heather Price seconded to accept the resignation of Jennifer Falkenhein as 8th grade Play Sponsor effective December 13, 2024. Roll call vote. Yeas: Allard, Price, Cooper, Pillers, Soderlund and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Heather Price moved, Jennifer Allard seconded to accept the resignation of Kyle Gerlach as Head Football Coach at Sparta High School effective January 3, 2025. Roll call vote. Yeas: Price, Allard, Soderlund, Cooper, Pillers and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Heather Price seconded to approve the extended leave-of-absence request of Paraprofessional Kristin Craig through the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Price, Pillers, Soderlund, Allard and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rob Soderlund moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Allison Rheinecker as a Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2024-2025 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check and employment history review. Roll call vote. Yeas: Soderlund, Cooper, Price, Allard and Craig. Nays: Pillers. Motion carried.

Rob Soderlund moved, Heather Price seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Soderlund, Price, Allard, Cooper, Pillers and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 13, 2025 PRES.

APPROVED

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