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 12th DAY OF MAY 2022

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, Howard Gallois, Ron Heinen, Kevin Holliday and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: Angela Craig. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer; 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.

Sparta Service Employees President Laurie Penford addressed the Board of Education regarding the bids for food service management companies.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022, regular meeting and April 25, 2022, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Holliday, Cooper, Heinen and Rheinecker. 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, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2022, at Sparta Lincoln School at 7 p.m.

Principal Chris Miesner stated that Sparta Lincoln School’s end-of-year activities are going on now. The A-Z countdown has started. He recognized Student Trevor Fath for qualifying for state in track. Student Ruth Pillers won the Jim Burns Leadership Award.

Evansville Attendance Center Principal Charity Eugea reported that they also have an alphabet-themed countdown going on now. All of their 8th grade track athletes placed and are going to state.

Mr. Scott Beckley, Sparta High School Principal, reported that today was the last day of school for seniors. He has been reviewing test scores. They are starting on the parking plan for new construction that begins in August. Student Kayla Braun qualified for state in track.

Building and Grounds Director Tracy Smith has a lawn mower that needs to be replaced. He will work on getting numbers for replacing or repairing the mower to the Board.

Superintendent Schwemmer recognized the recipients of the Superintendent Shout-Out for March. The recipients were: Brooklyn Schlueter, Evansville Attendance Center; Tyrell Charles, Sparta Lincoln School and Kayla Braun, Sparta High School.

Dr. Schwemmer reported that the District met the MOE which means the district is appropriately spending the special education money so nothing else has to be reported to the state. The only change in the extra-curricular handbook is the concussion oversite team. The staff handbook will be updated with pertinent staff forms. If an employee is out sick for three days, they must provide a doctor’s note. The student handbook has several changes. If a student is on homebound, they will be able to work remotely. Students that don’t have their IDs on will have lunch detention. The homework policy was revised. Headphones will be for academic purposes only. Because of the “Right to Play” legislation, students have to have unstructured recess time.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the FY 2022 Tentative Amended Budget, to establish the Public Hearing on the Budget which will be held prior to the June 2022 board meeting, to publish notice of the Public Hearing and to display the FY 2022 Tentative Amended Budget in the district office for 30 days. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the Building Budget Requests for FY23 as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Holliday, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the amended calendar for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The motion for the purchase of a new lawn mower was tabled while Mr. Smith looks into other options.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve changing the 10-month custodians to 12-month custodians for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas: none. Nays: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Motion failed. Mr. Smith will present the board of Education with other suggestions of how to finish the summer work.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve going out for bid for Dean Avenue road repairs. Roll call vote. Yeas Morgan, Holliday, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the bid from Byrne & Jones in the amount of $138,180 for track resurfacing at Sparta High School. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Holliday, Gallois, Heinen and Rheinecker. Nays: Cooper. Motion carried.

First readings were held for policies:

* School Board Policy #2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
* General School Administration Policy #3:70 Succession of Authority
* Operational Services Policy #4:10 Fiscal & Business Management
* Policy #4:70 Resource Conservation
* Policy #4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management and Recovery
* General Personnel Policy #5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
* Policy #5:70 Religious Holidays
* Policy #5:80 Court Duty
* Policy #5:110 Recognition for Service
* Policy #5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff
* Professional Personnel Policy #5:240 Suspension
* Instruction Policy #6:70 Teaching About Religions
* Instruction Policy #6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
* Policy #6:140 Education of Homeless Children
* Policy #6:290 Homework
* Policy #6:330 Achievement and Awards
* Policy #7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights
* Policy #7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
* Students Policy #7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response and Management Program

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to enter into executive session at 7:42 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 collective negotiating matters

between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to come out of executive session at 8:31 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the April 14 and April 25, 2022, meetings as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Ron Heinen seconded to accept the resignation of Julia Montroy as Secretary at Sparta High School effective June 30, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Morgan, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to accept the resignation of Amanda Braun as Teacher at Sparta Lincoln School effective August 1, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the verbal resignation of John Burns as Custodian at Sparta High School effective April 28, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Jackie Smith III as a 10-month Assistant Principal Intern at Sparta High School at an annual salary of $56,000 and Athletic Director at Sparta High School at an annual salary of $6,000 for the 2022-2023 school year 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: Cooper, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Morgan and Rheinecker. Nays: Cooper. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the extra-curricular recommendations of Evansville Attendance Center and Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallois, Cooper, Heinen, Holliday, Morgan and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Morgan and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

JUNE 9, 2022 PRES.

APPROVED

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