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 8th DAY OF JUNE 2023

The budget hearing was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Angela Craig.

Treasurer/Bookkeeper Tina Witherby presented the FY23 amended budget. With no questions or comments, the meeting continued.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Ryan Pillers seconded to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Pillers, Gallois, Morgan, Price and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Angela Craig and upon the roll being called, Angela Craig and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Mekalia Cooper, Howard Gallois, Jennifer Morgan, Ryan Pillers and Heather Price. Absent: Rob Soderlund. Others present were: Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principal Scott Beckley; and members of the faculty and press (*County Journal*).

Board President Angela Craig 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 May 11, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting will be July 13, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Sparta Lincoln School.

Sparta High School Principal Scott Beckley introduced Steven McGriff. He is a Hall of Fame Bowler. His experience and hours have already met the requirements of IHSA.

The Classes of 1964/1965 from Sparta High School are going to erect a granite stone in memoriam of their classmates who were killed in Vietnam. It should arrive in the Spring of 2024.

Building and Grounds Director Tracy Smith explained that they are keeping the rock that is being removed from the parking lots. That rock will be used on the back parking lot by the softball field and out by the baseball field.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Mekalia Cooper seconded to appoint Howard Gallois as the Board Representative for the Perandoe Special Education District for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Pillers, Price, Gallois and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried. Heather Price will join him at the meetings.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Mekalia Cooper seconded to appoint Howard Gallois as the Board Representative for the IASB Governing Board for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Pillers, Price, Gallois and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the Joint Annual Conference travel requests as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried. Mr. Soderlund will not be attending.

Howard Gallois moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the fiscal year 2023 amended official budget as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Howard Gallois seconded to approve the 2023-2024 District Handbook as amended. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Heather Price seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Extra-Curricular Handbook as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Price, Pillers, Cooper, Gallois and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved; Heather Price seconded to approve the purchase of a mower for Evansville Attendance Center and one to be used at Sparta Lincoln School and Sparta High School. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Price, Pillers, Morgan, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the overnight trips for the Sparta High School FFA on June 13-15, 2023, to Springfield, Illinois and on June 27-29, 2023, to Leasburg, Missouri. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

First readings were held for School Board Policy #2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct; #2:170 Procurement of Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Services; Operational Services #4:45 Insufficient fund Checks and Debt Recovery; #4:100 Insurance Management; Professional Personnel #5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline; Instruction #6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives; #6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities; #6:240 Field Trips; Students #7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment; #7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries; #7:330 Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access; Community Relations #8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities; and #8:95 Parental Involvement.

Mr. Beckley and Mr. Smith explained the issue at the high school with the cabling. It was not marked before the project started. It does need to be dug up and replaced so it is in compliance. It will come out of the contingency money.

Mekalia Cooper moved; Heather Price seconded to enter into closed session at 8:01 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 minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the

minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Price, Gallois, Pillers, Morgan and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to come out of executive session at 9:09 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Howard Gallois seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the May 11, 2023, meeting. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to keep the executive session minutes from July 2022-December 2022 closed to the public. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Heather Price seconded to accept the resignation of Julia Baird as Teacher at Sparta Lincoln School effective August 1, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Price, Pillers, Cooper, Gallois and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Heather Price seconded to accept the resignation of Zac Drumwright as Baseball Coach at Sparta Lincoln School effective May 31, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Price, Pillers, Cooper, Gallois and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Brittany Toler as Cross-Country Coach and Assistant Track Coach at Sparta High School effective May 23, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Heather Price seconded to accept the verbal resignation of Alisa Nesbitt as Teacher at Sparta High School effective June 6, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Price, Pillers and Craig. Nays: Cooper and Gallois. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Mekalia Cooper seconded to accept the resignation of Crystal Kempfer as a 10-month Custodian effective June 14, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Pillers, Price, Gallois and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Chris Long as a full-time Teacher for the district for the 2023-2024 school year with 14 years of experience, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening along with proper licensure. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Howard Gallois seconded to employ Kristy Young as a full-time Teacher for the district for the 2023-2024 school year with 9 years of experience, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening along with proper licensure. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Heather Price seconded to employ Anne Woods 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. Yeas: Morgan, Price, Pillers, Cooper, Gallois and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Coooper moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the transfer of Paul Gentry from 12-month Custodian to 6-hour Cook effective June 30, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Gallois, Pillers and Price. Nays: Craig. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved; Howard Gallois seconded to approve Steven McGriff as the Head Coach for Bowling at Sparta High School for the 2023-2024 school year, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price, Cooper and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ryan Pillers moved; Howard Gallois seconded to approve the extra-curricular recommendations for Sparta High School, Sparta Lincoln School and Evansville Attendance Center as amended for the 2023-2024 school year. Yeas: Pillers, Gallois, Price and Craig. Nays: Cooper and Morgan. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the non-union non-certified staff pay increases as amended for the 2023-2024 school year. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved; Jennifer Morgan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Gallois, Pillers, Price and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

JULY 13, 2023 \_\_\_ PRES.

APPROVED

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