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 13th DAY OF APRIL 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 and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: Kevin Holliday. Others present were: Acting Superintendent Chris Miesner, Recording Secretary Tina Witherby, Principal Charity Eugea and members of the staff, community and press (*County Journal*).

Board President Corey Rheinecker led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Miesner presented Mr. Heinen and Mr. Rheinecker certificates for their years of service on the Board of Education.

With no public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023, at Sparta Lincoln School at 7 p.m.

Evansville Attendance Center Principal Charity Eugea reported that Joy Worthington has started volunteering 2 ½ days per week to teach music to K-4 students. She will also teach Art as an enrichment class for the junior high students.

Mr. Miesner reported that Sparta Lincoln School students have finished the state assessments. They will begin NWEA testing in the next two weeks. Mrs. Lysakowski will be putting on the Living Museum on May 11, 2023, from 6-7 in the Sparta Lincoln School gymnasium.

Mr. Miesner also reported for Sparta High School. There has been a company working on the vocational building to restore it and the technology. The new gym addition is on schedule. He presented two quotes for the scorers’ table for the new gym. The Board asked for additional quotes.

Mr. Rheinecker reminded everyone that the 8th grade graduations would be held on May 18, 2023. Evansville Attendance Center’s ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Sparta Lincoln School’s ceremony will be held at 7:30 in the Sparta High School gymnasium.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to renew membership in the Illinois High School Association and to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Terms and Conditions and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the Illinois High School Association for the year of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the Building Budget Requests for FY24 as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Heinen, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the amended calendar for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to adopt the 2023-2024 Notice of Regular Meeting Dates as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the overnight trip for the Sparta Lincoln School Science Club to Camp Ondessonk from May 12-13, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Heinen, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the overnight trip for the Sparta High School Math Team for State Competition. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement with Okaw Regional Vocational System as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

First readings were held for School Board Policy #2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; General School Administration Policy #3:40 Superintendent; Operational Services Policy #4:60 Purchases and Contracts; General Personnel Policies #5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; #5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; #5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media, Usage and Conduct; #5:150 Personnel Records; #5:170 Copyright; #5:260 Student Teachers; Instruction Policies #6:135 Accelerated Placement Program; #6:230 Library Media Program; and Community Relations Policy #8:20 Community Use of School Facilities.

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

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

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

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the retirement request of Suzanne Manker as Paraprofessional at Sparta High School effective August 31, 2027. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois Heinen, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Alison Yearian 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, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to employ Mikayla Goodwin as a Full-time Speech-Language Pathologist 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: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Alisa Nesbit 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, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Ron Heinen seconded to employ Thomas White as a Full-time Teacher for the District for the 2023-2024 school year with one year 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, Heinen, Morgan, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ron Heinen moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Stacie Hick as a Full-time Teacher for the District for the 2023-2024 school year with 34 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: Heinen, Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Gallois and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ron Heinen moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Bethany Peters 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: Heinen, Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Gallois and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Julia Chandler as a Full-time Teacher for the District for the 2023-2024 school year with 7 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: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Heinen, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Jennifer Raetz as a Full-time Teacher for the District for the 2023-2024 school year with 18 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, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to approve Megan Beelman as the Head Coach for Girls’ Basketball at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve Corey Rheinecker as a Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Heinen and Cooper. Nays: none. Abstain: Rheinecker. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Angela Craig seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Morgan and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MAY 11, 2023 PRES.

APPROVED

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