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 14th DAY OF APRIL 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, Angela Craig, Howard Gallois, Ron Heinen and Kevin Holliday. Absent: Jennifer Morgan. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley and Charity Eugea and members of the staff and community.

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

With no public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022, regular meeting and March 22, 2022, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Cooper, Craig, Heinen and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022, at Sparta Lincoln School at 7 p.m.

Evansville Attendance Center Principal Charity Eugea reported that Trivia Night raised $7,359 for the playground equipment. She thanked Kent Wall, Taylor Martin, Aleen Dutkanych and Krissy Wilson for their help at the event.

Mr. Scott Beckley, Sparta High School Principal, reported that prom went well and thanked the sponsors and volunteers for their work. PSAT and SAT tests were taken yesterday. NWEA will be starting soon. There are 20 students with two or more Fs right now at Sparta High School. Their average absents are 44.6 days.

Band Teacher Keith Shasteen and Student Katie Pickering presented the new band uniforms to the Board of Education.

Sparta High School Cheer Coaches Emily McElroy and Jessalyn Lewis asked the Board of Education to consider allowing the cheer squad at Sparta High School to do competitive cheerleading. It will not interfere with any games. The total cost for registration and competitions would be $525, along with hotel rooms.

Board Member Jennifer Morgan entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Building and Grounds Director Tracy Smith, Architect Mike Schneider and the Building and Grounds Committee met with Trane to start the process of replacing the HVAC units and updating the control systems. This will also replace the chiller at the high school and the district will have a maintenance contract for one year. The life expectancy of the units is 15-20 years. The option they are recommending is $1.4 million. There will be some incentives from Ameren that will help with the cost. $854,000 will be paid from ESSER II grant funds and $50,000 for the matching maintenance grant. There should be an Ameren grant for $70,000. The savings will be $15,000 annually on the utility costs.

Superintendent Schwemmer recognized the recipients of the Superintendent Shout-Out for March. The recipients were: Logan Smith, Evansville Attendance Center; Wyatt Peck, Sparta Lincoln School and Cody Martin, Sparta High School.

Dr. Schwemmer reported that the AFR Profile Score is at recognition status. In the last five years, the district has been on financial watch, early warning and review. Recognition is the highest status the district can receive.

Dr. Schwemmer introduced Sophie Richards, Becky Niemietz, Lana Foster and Kelly Carpenter to the Board. They are being recommended as new teachers for the district for the 2022-2023 school year.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adopt the 2022-2023 Notice of Regular Meeting Dates as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Morgan, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig 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, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve an overnight trip to Camp Manitowa in Benton, Illinois, on May 27-28, 2022, for the Sparta Lincoln School Science Club. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the scope of work/mechanical contract with Trane in the amount of $1,400,112. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to enter into executive session at 7:51 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: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to come out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the March 10, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Kaycee Dickey as a 12-month Custodian at Sparta Lincoln School effective March 21, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the retirement request of Larry Stork as Teacher at Sparta High School effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to accept the resignation of Staci Kramper as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Sparta High School effective June 30, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Gallois Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the retirement request of Diane Chambers as Teacher at Evansville Attendance Center effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to accept the retirement request of Sheila Eaton as Counselor at Sparta High School effective August 1, 2026. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Ron Heinen seconded to accept the retirement request of Richard Scott Beckley as Principal at Sparta High School effective August 1, 2025. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Heinen, Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Morgan and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to employ Rebecca Niemietz as a full-time Teacher 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: Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: Cooper. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Lana Foster as a full-time Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year subject to and contingent upon proper licensure. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to employ Sophie Richards as a full-time Teacher 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: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to employ Kelly Carpenter as a full-time Teacher 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: Morgan, Heinen, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: Cooper and Gallois. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to a leave-of-absence for Kelsey Renner which will extend through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to employ John Burns as a 12-month Custodian for the District effective April 15, 2022, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the medical leave-of-absence for Robert Wunderlich as Custodian at Sparta High School. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the addendum to the Principal’s Contract for Scott Beckley allowing a 6% increase in TRS creditable earnings annually until his retirement. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to approve Freddie Miller as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling 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.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MAY 12, 2022 PRES.

APPROVED

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