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 14th DAY OF JULY 2022

The regular meeting was called order at 7:03 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, Kevin Holliday and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: Ron Heinen. Others present were: Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; members of the staff, community and press *(County Journal)*.

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

Custodian Jim Gentry spoke to the Board of Education regarding how hard the custodian work. He asked the Board to consider a pay raise.

Cook Vanessa Roberts spoke to the Board regarding the cooks in the district. She explained that the cook take care of the students along with cooking for them. She also asked the Board to consider a raise.

Retired Paraprofessional Laurie Penford spoke on behalf of the Sparta Service Employees union. She explained how they all have worked very hard for the district. She also asked the Board of Education to consider the proposed raise in the contract.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2022, at Tilden Community Center at 7 p.m.

Building and Grounds Assistant Bobby Klausing reported that the high school students who have been the extra summer custodial help have really helped get the buildings ready for school to start. The work to be done on Dean Avenue is expected to start August 1st.

Mr. Klausing also reported that the Turf Tank subscription is for a GPS robot that can paint the football, softball and baseball fields. It will cut down on the number of hours the custodians previously had to put in painting the fields. With the $15,000 option, paint and parts are included, along with a warranty.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to authorize the treasurer to make, as needed for the fiscal year 2023, interfund loans from the operations and maintenance fund to the educational fund or fire prevention and safety fund; or from the educational fund to the operations and maintenance fund or fire prevention and safety fund; or from the operations and maintenance or education fund to the transportation fund; or from the transportation fund to the operations and maintenance, educational or fire prevention and safety fund, and to make the necessary transfers on the books. Such loans shall be repaid and retransferred to the proper fund within three years. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Holliday, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the Fee and Admission Schedule for 2022-2023 as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The lunch and breakfast prices have increased ten cents.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the bid from Americom in the amount of $40.75 per case for copier paper for the district for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve 2022-2023 transportation contract with Zweigart Bus Service as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the Turf Tank Subscription in the amount of $15,000 per year. Roll call vote. Yeas Holliday, Morgan, Craig, Gallois and Rheinecker. Nays: Cooper. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the easement for Ameren Illinois in the amount of $750. The work will take place during the summer break of May 27 through April 14, 2023. It is recognized that Sparta CUSD 140 is the owner of the property. Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer has the authority to sign documents on behalf of the district. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

First Readings were held for policies: 1:10 School District Legal Status, 1:20 District Organization, Operations and Cooperative Agreements, 1:30 School District Philosophy, 2:10 School District Governance, 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification, 2:30 School District Elections, 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship, 2:240 Board Policy Development, 3:30 Chain of Command, 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria, 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program, 6:145 Migrant Students, 6:160 English Learners, 6:170 Title I Programs, 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks, 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies, 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs, 7:220 Bus Conduct, 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities, 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease, and 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to enter into executive session at 7:47 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 and to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Morgan, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to come out of executive session at 8:28 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Morgan, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the June 9, 2022, meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the one-year contract with Joel Finley as Technology Director for the 2022-2023 school year with an annual salary of $68,000. Roll call vote. Yeas Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Laura Simoneaux as a Full-Time Teacher with the District with one year of experience 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: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Holliday, Cooper and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Britaney Myers as a Full-Time Teacher with the District with no years of experience 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, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ John Burns as a 12-month Custodian for the District for the 2022-2023 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to employ Glenda Penny as a 12-month Custodian for the 2022-2023 school year with a starting date of August 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Isaac Luthy as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve Angela Carter as the Yearbook Advisor at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Jerry Carpenter as the Baseball Coach at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2022-2023 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Eric Montroy as a Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2022-2023 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve Travis Heller and Nick Stork as Volunteer Assistant Softball Coaches at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2022-2023 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of criminal history background checks. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: Cooper and Holliday. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Seth Shevlin as a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2022-2023 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

AUGUST 11, 2022 PRES.

APPROVED

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