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 11th DAY OF MARCH 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Kevin Holliday and upon the roll being called, Kevin Holliday and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Mekalia Cooper, Angela Craig, Howard Gallois, Kenneth Kempfer and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: Corey Rheinecker. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley, Amy Laramore and Chris Miesner; members of the community and press (*County Journal*).

Board Vice President Kevin Holliday 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 February 11, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Kempfer, Craig, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting will be April 8, 2021, at 7 p.m. at Evansville Attendance Center.

Chris Miesner, Principal of Evansville Attendance Center, reported that the eighth grade promotion ceremony will be a joint ceremony with Sparta Lincoln School on May 7,2021, at 7 p.m. on the football field. The eighth-grade teachers are planning it to unite both classes. They will be recognized for their accomplishments and coming together for their freshman year.

Sparta High School Principal Scott Beckley announced that Sparta High School graduation will be on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 2 p.m. on the football field. April 24, 2021, will be prom, with homecoming activities that week, along with a parade on Wednesday. The academic awards banquet will be May 6, 2021.

Principal Amy Laramore reported that Sparta Lincoln School will host academic awards virtually like last year. The students will also be recognized at the promotion ceremony.

Teacher Larry Stork presented the plans for the house that will be built by the vocational students. It will be a two-year project. He would like to proceed with the surveying right away.

Dr. Schwemmer reported there are new guidelines from ISBE that fully-vaccinated staff can social-distance three feet instead of six feet. There will be four positions posted on Monday because of retirements and positions that will need to be filled next year.

Mike Schneider of Quadrant Design Architects and Planning presented plans for the new Sparta High School gymnasium. Construction will take 10-12 months with a move-in date of January 2022.

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

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adopt the Resolution Declaring the Intent to Issue $5.8 Million Working Cash Fund Bonds for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and Directing that Notice of Such Intention be Published in the Manner Provided by Law. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Morgan, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the quote from CTS for Complete VoIP as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Kempfer and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan 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. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Kempfer, Cooper, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to come out of executive session at 7:51 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Morgan, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the retirement request of Carol Epplin as Paraprofessional effective August 1, 2021. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Kempfer, Cooper, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the retirement request of Bill Schields as Custodian effective June 30, 2021. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Kempfer, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the resignation of Ashley Morgan as Supervisor at Sparta Lincoln School effective March 10, 2021. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Kempfer, Cooper, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve Connor McCall as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach at Sparta High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Kempfer, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Jason Becker as a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2020-2021 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Morgan and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to employ Matthew Hutchison as a full-time Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2020-2021 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, Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, Morgan and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Angelica Stoops as a full-time Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2020-2021 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, Kempfer, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the February 11, 2021, meetings as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Kempfer, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Craig, Morgan, Gallois, Kempfer, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APRIL 8, 2021 PRES.

APPROVED

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