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 DECEMBER 2018

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Corey Rheinecker and upon the roll being called, Corey Rheinecker and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Bert Byington, Angela Craig, Howard Gallois, Kevin Holliday, Kenneth Kempfer and Alan Young. Absent: none. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley, Chris Miesner and Amy Price; and members of the faculty, community and press (*County Journal*).

Board President Rheinecker led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Heinen asked if the Board of Education had plans to close Evansville Attendance Center. Mr. Holliday replied that the Board is not currently considering it.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting will be January 10, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Sparta Lincoln School.

Principal Amy Price reported that the Annual Reading Night will be December 18, 2018. The PBIS reward party and talent show will be held tomorrow. The NWEA deadline was extended due to excessive absences. There are many fun activities planned for next week. Sparta Lincoln School will host the Girls Basketball Regionals beginning January 8, 2019.

Mr. Miesner reported that a Veterans Day breakfast was held at Evansville Attendance Center. Third grade students placed flags on fallen heroes’ gravesites. NWEA testing is finishing up. The Christmas concert was a great success.

Scott Beckley reported that the Sparta High School band concert was held Monday night. Holly-Daze activities will be held next week. NWEA testing has finished. There was significant growth in math this year.

Wrestling Coach Rob Kirk introduced the Sparta High School Wrestling Team to the Board of Education. Coach Kirk also discussed the overnight trips the team would like to take.

Dr. Schwemmer presented the Superintendent Shout-Out plaques to: Evansville Attendance Center –Student Jada Long and Adult Volunteer Roxie Mines; Sparta High School – Student Emily Loesing and Adult Volunteers Steve & Bernie Bremer; Sparta Lincoln School – Student Darrin Parker and Adult Volunteer Gary Keller.

Mr. Keller addressed the Board of Education. He would like them to keep Evansville Attendance Center open. He requested a laminating machine for the first-grade hallway at Sparta Lincoln School. He felt the teachers were overworked and underpaid. He would like the board members to come into the classrooms to volunteer also.

Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer reported that the IASB meeting resolutions’ debate on whether to allow staff to carry at school was voted down.

To see if the district could save money by outsourcing food services, a feasibility study was done by Opaa. Tonia Boss and Joyce Fisher, Representatives from Opaa, presented information about the company to the Board of Education.

Mr. Holliday reported that it would be around $13,000 to repair the bleachers at Evansville Attendance Center. The cost for new six-row bleachers would be $35,000 or $55,000 for nine-row bleachers.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to accept the resignation of Sharon Hepp as Supervisor at Sparta Lincoln School effective January 7, 2019. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Adam Baird as Agriculture Teacher at Sparta High School effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the resolution stating the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2018 is $4,001,392 not including the Bond and Interest Levy of $1,055,041.25 and that the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2018 does not exceed 105% of the taxes extended in the year 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to authorize the letting of a $45,197 lease for the purchase of computer equipment. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the overnight trips as presented for the Sparta High School Wrestling Team. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the revised Fee and Admission Schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the Photography Club at Sparta High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Dismissal of a Full-Time First year Non-Tenured Teacher: Sharon Holland-Welge. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to accept the bid of $57,446 from Limbaugh Construction of Granite City, Illinois, for the Sparta High School Gymnasium Chair Lift as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adopt the General Personnel Policies #5:110 Recognition for Service; #5:120 Ethics and Conduct; #5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct; #5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information; and #5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

First readings were held for General Personnel Policies #5:150 Personnel Records; $5:170 Copyright; #5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity; and #5:190 Teacher Qualifications.

Kevin Holliday moved, Angela Craig seconded to enter into closed session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss items related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and other matters relating to individual students. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to come out of executive session at 9:13 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the closed session minutes as presented for the November 8, 2018, meeting. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to keep the closed session minutes from January 2018 through June 2018 closed to the public. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Brian Burns as the FFA Advisor at Sparta High School for the 2018-2019 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Alicia Allard as a Volunteer Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Craig. Nays: Rheinecker. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Ron Dupree as Head Football Coach at Sparta High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: Kempfer. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Keith Shasteen as a Teacher for the District for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year with 7 years of experience subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screen, along with proper licensure. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Hailey Kingston as a .6 FTE Teacher for the District for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screen, along with proper licensure. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Tyler Magruder as a Full-Time Paraprofessional for the District for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screen, along with proper licensure. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Angela Craig seconded to employ Beth Merker as a Full-Time Paraprofessional for the District for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screen, along with proper licensure. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Sylvia Boston as a 1 hour 45 minute per day Supervisor at Sparta Lincoln School for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screen. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve early graduation for Student #1819-01. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

JANUARY 10, 2019 \_\_\_ PRES.

APPROVED

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