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 13th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 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, Ron Heinen and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: Corey Rheinecker. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley and Chris Miesner; and members of the staff, community and press (*County Journal*).

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 September 8, 2022, regular meeting and of the October 3, 2022, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022, at Sparta Lincoln School at 7 p.m.

Chris Miesner, Principal of Sparta Lincoln School, reported for Evansville Attendance Center. Over $1,200 was raised from the spaghetti/pumpkin fundraiser.

Mr. Miesner reported that the Sparta Lincoln School Cross Country Team advanced to state with boys placing second at regionals.

Sparta High School Agriculture Teacher Morgan Clinton spoke to the Board of Education regarding the upcoming overnight trips for FFA.

Sparta High School Principal Scott Beckley reported that he and Dr. Schwemmer went to Belleville District 188 to see their new vocational and alternate education program. Sparta High School has almost every program and machine they have. Trane has an educational program that will allow students to receive certification through classes at high school.

Dr. Schwemmer reported that Sparta High School and Evansville Attendance Center scores have remained commendable. Sparta Lincoln School is targeted, but is still happy because they are only off two points for black students. Special education has completely pulled out of the bottom. Engage New York has done that. She will send the official scores out when she gets them. The Superintendent Shout-outs will be presented next month.

Mr. Gallois attended the Perandoe Special Education meeting of school board representatives. They implemented a Personal Development Plan, which consists of classes for teachers to meet certain goals by the state.

Mr. Gallois also reported that the Knights of Columbus donated $200 to the autism classroom in Sparta Lincoln School.

James Lunk of Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson CPAs P.C. presented the audit. The audit was unqualified, which is the leading rating.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the fiscal year 2022 audit as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Heinen, Cooper, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to go out for bid to repair the Sparta Lincoln School parking lot and Sparta High School parking lot. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve retiring Darius Jackson’s jersey number. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried. Mr. Jackson is not able to attend the last football game so this will be done during one of the home basketball games.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve an addendum to the Sparta Education Association contract. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The district will wait on Cahokia Conference to discuss officials’ pay increase. No motion was made.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the overnight trips for FFA for National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 26-29, 2022, and for FFA for the BUILD Conference in Normal, Illinois, on November 21-22, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig to enter into closed session at 7:34 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: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the September 8 and October 3, 2022, meetings. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to approve Jerry Carpenter as the Head Basketball Coach at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Avery Carpenter and Austin Carpenter as volunteer Assistant Basketball Coaches at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Cooper, Heinen, Morgan, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Stevie Walker as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach at Sparta High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Morgan and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Terri Menke as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for Girls’ Basketball 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, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Jason Boston as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for Girls’ Basketball 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, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Rob Soderlund as a Volunteer Assistant Girls’ Basketball 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: Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Morgan and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to accept the voluntary resignation of Jamie Hubbard and the conditions set forth herein, submitted by Jamie Hubbard, a probationary teacher, effective immediately. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

NOVEMBER 10, 2022 PRES.

APPROVED

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