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 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022

The regular meeting was called order at 7:00 p.m. by Board 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, Howard Gallois, Ron Heinen and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: Angela Craig and Corey Rheinecker. Others present were: Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Charity Eugea and Chris Miesner and members of the staff and community.

Board Vice President Kevin Holliday led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jennifer Martin spoke to the Board of Education about the judge’s ruling with the Thomas DeVore case. She is one of many parents listed on the lawsuit. She felt that the ESSER funds were used to push agendas of the governor.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the Bills, Payroll, Cash Flow and Fund Balances as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper and Heinen. Nays: Holliday. Motion carried.

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

Sparta Lincoln School Principal Chris Miesner recognized the second grade team for their activities planned for February 22, 2022. The boys’ basketball team made it to state with a 16-11 record.

Principal Charity Eugea reported that Evansville Attendance Center held special activities for 100th day. She also congratulated the Young Authors winners.

Mike Schneider of Quadrant Design Architects & Planners reported that the pre-bid walk-through was held at Sparta High School. HVAC and electrical upgrades are being pursued.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to authorize the Superintendent to approve bid documents for mechanical units at Evansville Attendance Center and Sparta High School. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to enter into executive session at 7:11 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, Gallois, Cooper, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to come out of executive session at 7:20 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the January 13, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to accept the resignation of Jim Sarwark as Assistant Coach for Boys’ Basketball at Sparta High School effective January 13, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Ron Heinen seconded to accept the retirement request of Laura Penford as Paraprofessional at Sparta High School effective June 1, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Heinen, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: Morgan. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to employ Courtney Maisel as a full-time Speech Language Pathologist 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, along with proper certification. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Cooper and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Gallois, Heinen and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MARCH 10, 2022 PRES.

APPROVED

SEC.