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 MARCH 2022

The regular meeting was called order at 7:00 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, Ron Heinen, Kevin Holliday and Jennifer Morgan. Absent: none. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley, Charity Eugea and Chris Miesner and members of the staff, community and press (*County Journal*).

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

With no public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Kevin Holliday moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022, regular meeting and March 1, 2022, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Morgan, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Heinen and Rheinecker. 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, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: Holliday and Cooper. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2022, at Evansville Attendance Center at 7 p.m.

Principal Chris Miesner stated that Sparta Lincoln School is focusing on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, the Illinois Science Assessment and NWEA testing. He recognized the staff at Sparta Lincoln School for the great job they have been doing.

Evansville Attendance Center Principal Charity Eugea reported that they celebrated February 22, 2022. There will be a Trivia Night on April 2, 2022, to raise money for the playground.

Mr. Scott Beckley, Sparta High School Principal, reported that the Spring sports are starting soon. They will be working on assessments also, along with SAT/PSAT testing. He is still meeting with One Goal. Remediation Wednesdays have helped the students who have shown up. Skills USA students and Golf will be going to state competitions.

Superintendent Schwemmer recognized the recipients of the Superintendent Shout-Out. For January, the recipients were: Aaron Orella, Evansville Attendance Center; Liberti Johnson, Sparta Lincoln School and Kerry Kloos, Sparta High School. The recipients for February were: Dylan Heinen and Tyler Heinen, Evansville Attendance Center; Caydance Keen, Sparta Lincoln School and Wyatt Evans, Sparta High School.

Dr. Schwemmer reported the third grade has 85% of students at or above grade level in reading. Second grade is at 69% and first grade is at 51.6%. Dr. Schwemmer proposed adding two special education classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year. One will be for autistic students and the other would be a cross-categorical special education classroom.

The proposed calendar has a start date of August 15 for the teachers and August 17 for students. There will only be one parent/teacher conference for the year. School would get out May 26. Without snow days, it would be May 19.

Building and Grounds Director Tracy Smith reported that he has met with Trane regarding the HVAC, but is waiting to hear more from them.

Mr. Rheinecker reported that the bids were received for the Sparta High School gymnasium. The Project Manager is doing interviews and a special meeting will be called to approve the bids.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve the preliminary school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the FBLA overnight trip for the State Leadership Conference on April 1-2, 2022, to Springfield, Illinois. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: Cooper. Motion carried.

Ron Heinen moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to approve paying for the Skills USA State Competition from district funds. Roll call vote. Yeas: Heinen, Morgan, Holliday, Cooper, Craig, Gallois and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan 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. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to come out of executive session at 9:06 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Morgan, Heinen, Holliday, Cooper, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to approve the executive session minutes of the February 10, 2022, regular meeting and of the March 1, 2022, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to accept the verbal resignation of Anthony Herbert as a 10-month Custodian at Sparta High School effective February 16, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Luke Lochhead as Teacher at Evansville Attendance Center effective August 1, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Gallois, Cooper, Craig, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Angela Craig seconded to accept the resignation of Heather Harris as Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach at Sparta Lincoln School effective February 21, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Craig, Cooper, Gallois Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to approve the one-year contract with Alicea Orella as Food Service Director with an annual salary of $36,500 for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to extend the leave-of-absence for Lana Foster until May 20, 2022. Roll call vote. Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Morgan moved, Ron Heinen seconded to accept the resignation of Amanda Buescher as Teacher at Sparta Lincoln School effective March 10, 2022. Roll call vote: Yeas: Morgan, Heinen, Cooper, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Jennifer Morgan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Morgan, Craig, Gallois, Heinen, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APRIL 14, 2022 PRES.

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