

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 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2017

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Terry Waldron and upon the roll being called, Terry Waldron and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Mekalia Cooper, Howard Gallois, Kevin Holliday, Mark North, Kenneth Kempfer and Corey Rheinecker. Absent: None. Others present were: Superintendent Larry Beattie, Ed.D.; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley and Amy Price; and members of the community and press (County Journal and Sparta Journal.)

Board President Waldron led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rosette Clay stated that Martin Luther King Jr. Day should be celebrated along with Black History month. She also felt the Board did not use attrition for the custodial position.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mark North seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016, regular meeting and the December 14 and 29, 2016, special meetings as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the Bills, Payroll, Cash Flow and Fund Balances as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kempfer asked if Bannister Excavating should have been part of the building project. It was not because the ground that they graded was by the existing building. The pads were lower than the ground. The ground was regraded so the water could go into the storm sewer.

The CCSI costs were for one semester. Hope School is for one student that attends there. Two vacuums were purchased for the Sparta Lincoln School. They are industrial-grade vacuums.

Mr. Rheinecker asked about the FGM Architects billing. It was for the building construction project. As soon as the building project is completed, that will be the end of that billing. There are still punch list items that are being repaired.

The next regular board meeting will be February 9, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Sparta High School.

Mark North reported that a past Sparta teacher, Laurie Bielong, had passed away. He stated it was an honor to teach with her.

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Jonathan Carroll reported that the building project is substantially completed. There are a few warranty items outstanding. Most of the work now is weather dependent and will be completed within the next two months. The project came in \$50,000 under budget.

The Evansville Attendance Center gymnasium floor was discussed. Todd Jones of FGM Architects will develop a health life safety amendment for the project.

Principal Amy Price reported that Sparta Lincoln School will be starting the second round of benchmark testing with the Star Program. January 27, 2017, will be the Annual Spaghetti Dinner for Sparta Lincoln School.

Principal Scott Beckley reported that Sparta High School raised \$800 for students for Christmas. The Human Service Center has been a great help by providing a social worker at the high school two days a week. The greenhouse flooring and drain work has been completed. The project will be finished in the spring.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to accept the resignation of Stacie Baue as Teacher at Sparta High School effective December 31, 2016. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The first reading was held for the following policies:

- Operational Services Policy 4:110 Transportation;
- General Personnel Policy 5:185 Family and Medical Leave;
- Professional Personnel Policy 5:250 Leaves of Absence;
- Educational Support Personnel Policy 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves;
- Instruction Policy 6:140 Education of Homeless Children;
- Instruction Policy 6:170 Title I Programs; and
- Students Policy 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools.

Dr. Beattie explained that foster care had to be added to all of the homeless policies.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to enter into executive session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss items related to specific employee performance/hiring. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to come out of executive session at 8:08 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the December 8 and December 14, 2016 meetings. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Jake Schlich as a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to approve Melissa Renner as a Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 9, 2017
APPROVED

PRES.

SEC.