

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SPARTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
HELD AT SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL
IN SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT AT 7:00 P.M.
ON THE 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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: Howard Gallois, Mark North, Kenneth Kempfer and Corey Rheinecker. Absent: Mekalia Cooper and Kevin Holliday. Others present were: Superintendent Larry Beattie, Ed.D.; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Ryan McClellan and Amy Price; and members of the faculty, community and press (County Journal and Sparta Journal.)

Mekalia Cooper entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Board President Waldron led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rosette Clay reported on black history in Sparta.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Kempfer asked about the FGM Architects billing. It was for the building construction project. The Joiner Roofing bill was for the 10% retainage on the Sparta Lincoln School roof project. The description was wrong for the Sonitrol billing. It should have been for the installation of the door keycard/security system.

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

Principal Amy Price reported that Sparta Lincoln School saw big improvements in math and reading with the testing with the Star Program.

Absences because of illness were discussed. It is difficult to test if many students are out sick.

The shortage in substitute teachers is statewide. A committee was formed to discuss substitute teacher rates.

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Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Adrianna Walthall as Kids Club Supervisor at Sparta Lincoln School effective January 27, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for Evansville Attendance Center gymnasium flooring in the amount of \$65,780. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The existing flooring will not need to be removed. They can pour the floor on top of the tiles. The bleachers will not be removed either. This is not completely approved yet. The state will need to approve it first. If it is not approved, it will have to be revisited.

Corey Rheinecker moved, Mark North seconded to adopt the Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2016 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2015, of Community Unit School District Number 140, Randolph County, Illinois. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The resolution will let the County know the District will pay this payment with the sales tax.

Adding a stipend for an Assistant Volleyball Coach at Sparta Lincoln School was discussed. The Association can negotiate this item next year.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve 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.

Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The first reading was held for School Board Policy #2:125 Board Member Compensation: Expenses.

Howard Gallois moved, Corey Rheinecker 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, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Howard Gallois moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to come out of executive session at 9:21 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Jackie Clendenin as Beta Club Sponsor at Sparta Lincoln School effective June 30, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to accept the resignation of Melissa Bowen as Beta Club Sponsor at Sparta Lincoln School effective June 30, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Melissa Bowen as Yearbook Sponsor at Sparta Lincoln School effective January 31, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Jeremy Crank as Supervisor at Evansville Attendance Center effective February 10, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the January 12, 2017, meeting. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to re-employ Emaleen Becklman as a .5 FTE Teacher for the Biology Class at Sparta High School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year retroactive to January 3, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to approve Matt Blair as the Head Coach for Boys' Track at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Robert Kirk as the Head Coach for Girls' Track at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Breanne Holt as the Muisical Director at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. North asked about the possibility of getting a shelter for the crossing guard at Sparta Lincoln School so they can stand out of the weather. Mr. Stork's class could build it.

Mark North moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MARCH 9, 2017
APPROVED

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