

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 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2017

After a moment of silence, the regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice President Corey Rheinecker and upon the roll being called, Corey Rheinecker and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Mekalia Cooper, Kevin Holliday, Mark North and Kenneth Kempfer. Absent: Howard Gallois and Terry Waldron. Others present were: Superintendent Larry Beattie, Ed.D.; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley and Ryan McClellan; and members of the faculty, community and press (*County Journal and Sparta Journal*.)

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

Rosette Clay congratulated the new board members-elect. She was upset there were no black inductees into the National Honor Society. She informed the Board she still has a lawsuit pending with the district. She felt that many of the black students did not want to see the assistant principal leave.

Mr. Howard Gallois entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Missy Biethman asked the Board of Education to add another teacher at Evansville Attendance Center. She also asked that the Board hire a Superintendent/Evansville Attendance Center Principal. She also complimented Mr. McClellan on how he handled the recent events at Evansville Attendance Center.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017, regular meeting and April 6, 2017, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting will be May 11, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Evansville Attendance Center.

Mr. McClellan thanked Perandoe Special Education District, the Crisis Team and his staff for their help during the past week.

Scott Beckley reported that the CNA students participated at the State tournament. Prom went well. The Buzz Bradley Invitational Track Meet and softball tournament will be next week.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to accept the resignation of Grace Hernandez as Assistant Golf Coach at Sparta High School effective March 31, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the building budget requests for FY18 as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the preliminary calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the amended calendar for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to increase the substitute teacher daily pay rate from \$75 per day to \$80 per day for the 2017-2018 school year and to increase the substitute teacher daily pay rate for retired District 140 teachers from \$80 per day to \$85 per day for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the Sparta Lincoln Science Club overnight trip to Dubois, Illinois, on May 12, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adopt the Social Studies textbooks for Sparta Lincoln School as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A special meeting will be held on April 27, 2017, to seat the new board members.

The first reading was held on the Intergovernmental Agreement with Career Center of Southern Illinois.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the overnight trip for the Sparta High School Math Team Competition to Champaign, Illinois, on May 5-6, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to enter into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss items related to specific employee performance/hiring. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to come out of executive session at 8:49 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the March 9 and April 6, 2017, meetings. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve a three-year contract with Lynda Loesing as Assistant Principal at Sparta Lincoln School beginning July 1, 2017, with an annual salary of \$65,000 for the 2017-2018 school year; \$67,500 for the 2018-2019 school year and \$70,000 for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, North and Rheinecker. Nays: Kempfer. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Julie Draper as the Assistant Softball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North reflected on his four years as a board member. His decisions were made to help the kids in the school district.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MAY 11, 2017  
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