

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SPARTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
HELD AT EVANSVILLE ATTENDANCE CENTER
IN SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT AT 7:00 P.M.
ON THE 14th DAY OF APRIL 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Howard Gallois, Kevin Holliday, Kenneth Kempfer and Mark North. Absent: Terry Waldron. Others present were Superintendent Larry Beattie, Ed.D.; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Business Manager/Treasurer Paula Husemann; Principals Scott Beckley, Amy Price and Laura Woodworth; and members of the faculty, community and press (County Journal and Sparta Journal.)

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

With no public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mark North seconded to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016, regular meeting and March 31, 2016, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois 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 monthly construction expenditures for the Sparta Lincoln School project have been included separately each month to provide easy access to the balances paid.

Sponsors and coaches are paid their stipends with their regular checks. If there is a report that can be ran with only stipends, it will be included monthly.

The next regular board meeting will be May 12, 2016, at 7 p.m.

There will be an IASB Southwestern Division Governing Committee Meeting on May 25, 2016, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

Band Director Aaron Moore explained that the Sparta High School Band would like to take an overnight trip to St. Louis. They would go to the St. Louis Zoo, attend a formal dinner, receive a lecture and attend the St. Louis Symphony on Friday and go to Six Flags on Saturday. There would be 18 students with three chaperones. The students have raised money so there is no cost to the district.

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Math Team Sponsor Rebecca Juelfs explained that the Sparta High School Math Team advanced at regionals and will compete at State. There will be five students competing at Tuscola, Illinois. They would like to leave Friday to travel and practice. The competition will be on Saturday.

The Sparta Lincoln School volleyball team received second place at state. Mrs. Price also reported that the first Science Night at Sparta Lincoln School went very well.

Principal Woodworth reported that Hayley Drake, a fifth grade student at Evansville Attendance Center, won \$100 and a class pizza party in the First National Bank of Steeleville coloring contest. Fourth grade student Alyssa Fernandez received third place in the Red Bud SWIC poetry contest.

Scott Beckley reported that Will Monroe was nominated as Southern Illinois Wrestler of the Year. He was also notified he was the State of Illinois Class 1A Wrestler of the Year.

Mr. Beckley thanked Jeremy Harms of Harms Excavating and Janet Gerlach of the Alumni Association for their work around the grounds of the high school.

The need for an additional social studies teacher at Sparta High School was discussed. Guidance Counselor Sheila Eaton explained that many classes will have to be eliminated if another teacher is not employed.

The working cash fund bonds were discussed to determine if the cost of another teacher would be feasible.

Dr. Beattie reported that the 11:30 dismissal on May 17, 2016, will allow the teachers time to move out of the old Primary Attendance Center building. The move-in date for the Sparta Lincoln School addition will still be the first week of June. A transformer will need to be reset so the building will be without power for a week.

Many teachers attend the free conferences provided by the Regional Office of Education.

Mr. Beckley reported that Sparta High School has everything out of the small gymnasium that they want.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the retirement request of Diane Waldron as Para-Professional effective May 31, 2016. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to accept the resignation of Brenda Ogilvie as Teacher effective May 25, 2016. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the Building Budget Requests for FY17 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 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 approve the Sparta High School Band to take an overnight field trip to St. Louis on May 6, 2016. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adopt the Biometric Identification Policy for School Handbooks as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The first reading was held for Students Policies #7:190 Student Behavior (formerly known as Student Discipline); #7:200 Suspension Procedures and #7:210 Expulsion Procedures. The policy changes are aligning the procedures of the new laws.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to approve the Sparta High School Math Team overnight trip to Tuscola, Illinois, on May 6, 2016, for the State Competition. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to enter into executive session at 8:02 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.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to come out of executive session at 8:41 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kempfer reported that the cooler at Evansville Attendance Center is completed. The bathroom work is progressing.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the March 10 and March 31, 2016 meetings. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to employ Adam Baird as a full-time Teacher for the District with 0 years of experience for the 2016-2017 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening, along with proper licensure. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to employ Jeremy Crank as a 1 hour 45 minute per day Supervisor at Evansville Attendance Center at \$9.44 per hour for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year retroactive to March 29, 2016, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mark North seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

May 12, 2016
APPROVED

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