

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 AUGUST 2017

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Corey Rheinecker and upon the roll being called, Corey Rheinecker and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Angela Craig, Kevin Holliday, Kenneth Kempfer and Alan Young. Absent: Bert Byington and Howard Gallois. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer, Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Jayson Baker, Scott Beckley and Amy Price; and members of the faculty, community.

Board President Rheinecker led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rosette Clay asked that the Board of Education review the policy for transcripts. It would be helpful for students if the transcripts could be mailed to their homes. She would also like to know if the archives from the Vernon School are kept by the district. Mrs. Clay attended a workshop with Mrs. White that many of the Sparta teachers also attended. It was the most informative workshop she had ever attended.

Board Member Howard Gallois entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017, regular meeting and July 21, 2017, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the Bills and Payroll as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kempfer was concerned about the additional concrete work that was finished in June. It should have been done with the new addition.

The next regular board meeting will be September 14, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Sparta Lincoln School.

Principal Jayson Baker announced that several classes have been moved around at Evansville Attendance Center. The Beta Club has been doing service projects that have cleaned up the front of the building and will paint the curbing soon.

Mrs. Amy Price reported that the fall sports at Sparta Lincoln School started today. Custodians have been working on finalizing the classrooms. The kindergarten numbers will be 24-23-23-24. If there are 6 more students that register, a paraprofessional will need to be hired.

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Sparta High School Principal Beckley expects 380 students for the 2017-2018 school year. The big speakers in the gymnasium have been removed and will be sold. Sparta High School teachers are looking at activities that can be done related to the eclipse.

Dr. Schwemmer introduced Barney Mundorf of Guin Mundorf, LLC. He is the district's new attorney.

Mr. Rheinecker and Dr. Schwemmer met with Poettker Construction and FGM Architects about the items in the new buildings that still need to be fixed. They are making a schedule of what they will be repairing. Dr. Schwemmer would like the district to have an interview process to look at different architectural firms for future projects.

Dr. Schwemmer also discussed the PARCC scores. Overall the district has regressed in English/Language Arts and Math. Mrs. Price and Mr. Baker are in the process of creating data walls for the data rooms.

The district currently has a policy in place that allows students within the district to attend school at either Evansville Attendance Center or Sparta Lincoln School. There is a waiver that can be processed with the State of Illinois that will allow teachers to bring their children to school in Sparta also.

Dr. Schwemmer reported on the pricing for 14-passenger busses. These busses could be used to transport students to extra-curricular events. The school vans will need to be replaced soon.

The 5 Essentials Survey results were reviewed. The participation rate was low. The district will have incentives to complete the survey next year.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Rebecca Davis as Teacher at Sparta High School effective August 1, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Melissa Bowen as Teacher at Sparta Lincoln School effective August 9, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to accept the resignation of Marcy Edwards as Teacher at Sparta High School effective August 8, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to accept the resignation of Laura Borger as Teacher at Sparta High School effective August 10, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the FY 2018 Tentative Budget, to establish the Public Hearing on the Budget which will be held prior to the September 2017 board meeting, to publish notice of the Public Hearing and to display the FY 2018 Tentative Budget in the district office for 30 days. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on how to move forward without the state funding. The district needs to take measures to ensure that school can start.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Tax Anticipation Promissory Notes of Community Unit School District Number 140, Randolph County, Illinois, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$2,678,000 and the Sale Thereof; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Line of Credit Agreement and Related Documents; and Related Matters. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

If the Line of Credit is used, it must be paid back when the real estate tax money is received. A discussion was held regarding a delayed start of school.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Joint Annual Conference travel requests as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois and Rheinecker. Nays: Kempfer, Young and Craig. Motion failed.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to enter into executive session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss items related to specific employee performance/hiring. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to come out of executive session at 8:52 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the July 13 and July 21, 2017, meetings. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer, Young and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Tarik D. Swenson as a full-time Teacher for the District with no years of experience for the 2017-2018 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: Craig, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to recall Lana Foster, Barry Dickerson, Mary Niemeyer, Russell Scales, Jennifer Schlueter and Dana Weber as Full-Time Para-Professionals for the District for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer, Young and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Jarrod Ostlund as the Assistant Golf Coach at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer, Young and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Jim Jeffers, Ryan Ramsey and Kendra Kessler as Volunteer Assistant Golf Coaches at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to approve John Vercellino as the Yearbook Advisor at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Alan Young moved, Kenneth Kempfer seconded to approve Rich Williams as an Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Young, Kempfer, Craig, Gallois, Holliday and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Jim Jeffers as a Volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer, Young and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Kim Morgan as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Hannah Parker as Baseball Coach at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer, Young and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve Megan Kempfer as a Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Holliday, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Craig and Rheinecker. Nays: none. Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
APPROVED

PRES.

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