

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 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016

The budget hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Bookkeeper/Treasurer Tina Witherby presented the budget.

Allen Wilson asked the Board to table the budget. He also suggested hiring a firm to recommend a sustainable plan. He predicted that the Board will have to raise real estate taxes, close Evansville Attendance Center, cut Band, Art and sports. He also suggested cutting the School Resource Office and nurse.

Rosette Clay suggested the Board quit hiring new people until the budget is balanced.

Mr. Waldron explained that the District is tax-capped so real estate taxes will not be increased.

With no other comments or questions, Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:34 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:34 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, Kenneth Kempfer, Mark North and Corey Rheinecker. Absent: none. Others present were Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; Principals Scott Beckley, Ryan McClellan and Amy Price; and members of the faculty, community and press (County Journal and Sparta Journal.)

Board President Waldron led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rosette Clay suggested trying different approaches on how the Board of Education handles matters.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Howard Gallois moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2016, regular meeting and August 22, 2016, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. 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, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Mr. Kempfer asked what work Harms Excavating had done for the district. They poured concrete by the softball diamond and footings for the Sparta Lincoln School playground. Mr. Kempfer also asked what web hosting was for SDS. It is a yearly fee for the program.

The next regular board meeting will be October 13, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Sparta Lincoln School.

There will be a Southwestern Division IASB meeting on October 5, 2016.

Principal Amy Price thanked Deb Jones for the Color Blast. They hope to make it an annual event. The Open House was also well attended.

The kindergarten teachers from Sparta Lincoln School spoke with the Board of Education about the number of students in their classrooms. They requested either another teacher or paraprofessionals for each room.

Principal McClellan reported that he took study hall out of the schedule and replaced it with RtI so the students can get targeted help.

Principal Scott Beckley reported that freshman orientation went well. Kendell Diercks did very well with the Trapshooting Team. He hit 90 out of 100 targets.

Sixth Day Enrollment was discussed. District enrollment is down. Pre-Kindergarten numbers are not on the list because they are not there for the enrollment that day. There are currently 65 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten.

Steve Tripi with Schmersahl Treloar & Co. presented the FY16 audit. Mr. Tripi reported that because the District is non-for-profit, only expenses can be controlled. The largest expense for the District is salaries and benefits. He advised against having someone come in to do a cost-analysis.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Jenny Vise as Teacher at Sparta High School effective August 22, 2016. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to accept the resignation of Taylor Martin as Assistant Softball Coach at Sparta High School effective August 30, 2016. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Jordan Beckley as Assistant Basketball Coach at Sparta High School effective September 7, 2016. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the fiscal year 2017 official budget as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North and Waldron. Nays: Rheinecker. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to approve the FY16 Audit as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits report for the 2016 school year as presented and to post the report to the district website as required by law. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to adopt the Transportation Contract for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: Holliday. Abstain: Kempfer. Motion carried.

The contract was for a 2.9% increase. Transit buses were discussed. Larger passenger vans were also discussed.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve individual school recognitions for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for the Sparta Lincoln School roof in the amount of \$60,998. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, North and Waldron. Nays: Cooper, Kempfer and Rheinecker. Motion carried.

This roof repair was above the band room, gymnasium and chorus room at Sparta Lincoln School. Mr. Rheinecker felt the Board should have been told about this expense before they did the work, not after it was already completed.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to enter into executive session at 9:03 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.

Kevin Holliday moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to come out of executive session at 9:39 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Corey Rheinecker moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the August 14 and August 22, 2016 meetings. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the administrator and non-union non-certified staff pay increases for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Stacie Baue as a full-time Teacher for the District for the 2016-2017 school year retroactive to August 29, 2016, 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, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to approve Justen Kempfer as the Head Basketball Coach at Evansville Attendance Center 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, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve Ryan Ramsey, Jim Jeffers, Kent Bloom, Marty Patton, Larry Pierson and Chris Brooks as Volunteer Assistant Golf Coaches at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of criminal history background checks. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark North moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Bob Huether and Sherry Walter as Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coaches at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2016-2017 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of criminal history background checks. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Corey Rheinecker moved, Mark North seconded to approve Jim Jeffers as an Assistant Coach for Boys' Basketball 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, Corey Rheinecker seconded to approve Sean Honey as a Junior Class Sponsor 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, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Dustin Lorenz as the Percussion Coach 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, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Mekalia Cooper moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to approve Abbey Miles as a Student Council Sponsor 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.

Mrs. Miles will be co-sponsoring with Terry Mezo.

Mark North moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve Rachel Thies as the Science Club Sponsor 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, Howard Gallois seconded to approve Jordan Beckley as the Head Coach for Boys' Basketball at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to approve Justin Kostelac as the Assistant Coach for Boys' Basketball at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Mark North seconded to approve Sandra Jackson as the Assistant Coach for Girls' Basketball at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve Mekalia Cooper as the Cheerleading Coach at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2016-2017 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Abstain: Cooper. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Corey Rheinecker seconded to approve Larry Ashley and Barry Dickerson as Volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coaches at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Safety issues were discussed for students walking on James Street. A discussion was held regarding the addition of speed bumps by the vocational building at Sparta High School.

Kevin Holliday moved, Howard Gallois seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Gallois, Holliday, Kempfer, North, Rheinecker and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

OCTOBER 13, 2016
APPROVED

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