

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 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017

The budget hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Kevin Holliday.

Treasurer/Bookkeeper Tina Witherby presented the FY18 budget. With no questions or comments, the meeting continued.

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:15 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Byington, Craig, Kempfer and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was called to order and upon the roll being called, Kevin Holliday and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Bert Byington, Angela Craig, Howard Gallois, Kenneth Kempfer and Alan Young. Absent: Corey Rheinecker. 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 and press (*County Journal*).

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

Rosette Clay asked that the Board not frivolously spend any cash reserve. She again asked if the district had the archives for the Vernon School. She felt Dr. Gabe was making a difference by connecting with the students. Mrs. Clay encouraged the Board to use Sparta High School graduates as part of the coaching staff.

Leslie Sauzek asked about the dress code. Cold-shoulder straps are permissible. Mrs. Sauzek felt that some of the things that the teachers wear were inappropriate.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017, regular meeting and the amended minutes of the August 31, 2017, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Kempfer had questions about the checks for Hope School, East Perry Lumber and Mark Twain Hotel. There is one student attending at Hope School. Mr. Stork has saved \$800 by using

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East Perry Lumber out of Missouri. Mark Twain Hotel is the hotel that four teachers will be staying at for the Illinois Reading Conference. The two back tires of the Kubota tractor had to be replaced. The cost was \$900. Businesses have been reimbursing the district if they sponsored a banner.

The next regular board meeting will be October 12, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Tilden Fire Department.

Principal Jayson Baker announced that Evansville Attendance Center athletics are doing well. The trash bag fundraiser had a profit of over \$1,000. There will soon be professional development on trauma training for teachers. The school also has new clocks that were purchased by the PTO. The students at Evansville Attendance Center will have band on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The NWEA assessment is almost complete. Officer Jones has also brought the K-9 unit to visit the students.

Mrs. Amy Price reported that Sparta Lincoln School is in the middle of testing. The teachers have been doing the second year of Engage New York Math and English/Language Arts, along with Evalu-wise.

Sparta High School Principal Beckley expects the students to finish testing this week. The homecoming football game will be September 22 with the dance on September 23 in the gymnasium. Teachers Larry Pierson and Kelly Schlueter started a fundraiser for the victims of the hurricane. They shipped 20 ½ pallets.

Mr. Gallois asked about the replacement of the Evansville Attendance Center gymnasium flooring. Dr. Schwemmer has been in contact with other architects. It will be discussed again after she has heard back from them.

Sixth day enrollment was discussed. The district is down two students this year from last year.

Human Service Center provided services for 69 district students last year.

SAT scores were discussed. 46% of the juniors met the benchmark goal in English. In Math, 17% met and 72% did not meet on the SAT. With the Title budget, she will look at math consulting and they will have more support at Sparta High School.

Sparta University had 35 people in attendance. This month the workshop is on NWEA reporting. They will have a graduation ceremony on May 11, 2018.

Alan Young moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Rena Cundiff as Supervisor at Sparta Lincoln School effective August 16, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Young, Gallois, Kempfer, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kenneth Kempfer seconded to accept the resignation of Monica Valleroy as Supervisor at Evansville Attendance Center effective August 11, 2017. Roll call

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vote. Yeas: Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kenneth Kempfer moved, Howard Gallois seconded to accept the resignation of Kelly Green as Dance Team Sponsor at Sparta High School effective August 10, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Kempfer, Gallois, Young, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to accept the resignation of Kyle Stansbury as Teacher at Sparta High School effective September 8, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Kempfer, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Steve Tripi of Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC, presented the FY17 audit.

Howard Gallois moved, Kenneth Kempfer seconded to approve the FY 2017 Audit as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kenneth Kempfer seconded to approve the fiscal year 2018 official budget as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits report for the 2017 school year as presented and to post the report to the website as required by law. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to approve individual school recognitions for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Kempfer, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Angela Craig moved, Kenneth Kempfer seconded to adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$3,650,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2017, of the District for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund and Paying Claims against the District, Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Principal and Interest on the Bonds, Authorizing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection with the Issuance of the Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of the Bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Gallois and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Retirement of Darius Jackson's jersey was tabled.

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Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to seek competitive bids for Sparta High School basketball scoreboards. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The scoreboards will be paid with TIF funds. Moving the scoreboards to Evansville Attendance Center was discussed, but it would not be feasible.

First readings were held for the following policies:

- General Personnel Policy #5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- School Board Policy #2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- Instruction Policy #6:50 School Wellness

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to enter into executive session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss items related to specific employee performance/hiring and other matters related to individual students. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Kempfer, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to come out of executive session at 9:40 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Kempfer, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the August 10, 2017, meeting. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Holliday, Kempfer, Young and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to employ Rhonda Dickey as a full-time Paraprofessional for the District for the 2017-2018 school year retroactive to August 29, 2017, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening along with proper certification. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to approve Scott Parker and Christopher Fullerton as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coaches at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2017-2018 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of criminal history background checks. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Kempfer, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to approve Izayah Miller as a Volunteer Assistant Track Coach and Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2017-2018 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal

history background check. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Kempfer, Byington, Craig, and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Tarik Swenson as the FBLA Advisor at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Kelsey Renner as a Junior Class Sponsor at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Hailey Ogilvie as the Flag Sponsor at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Kenneth Kempfer seconded to approve Tina Witherby as a Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Sheila Eaton as the Shooting Team Coach at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Alan Young seconded to approve Glenn Simpson as the Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Shooting Team at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Young, Kempfer, Byington, Craig and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Renee Baue as the Dance Team Coach at Sparta High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Katie Long as the Assistant Coach for Girls' Basketball at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Howard Gallois moved, Angela Craig seconded to approve Tim McDonald and Chris Smith as Volunteer Assistant Girls' Basketball Coaches at Sparta Lincoln High School for the 2017-2018 school year subject to and contingent upon successful completion of criminal history background checks. Roll call vote. Yeas: Gallois, Craig, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Angela Craig moved, Howard Gallois seconded to employ Sharon Hepp as a 1 hour 30 minute per day Supervisor at Sparta Lincoln School for the 2017-2018 school year retroactive to September 8, 2017, at a salary of \$9.91 per hour subject to and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, physical and drug screening. Roll call vote. Yeas: Craig, Gallois, Kempfer, Young, Byington and Holliday. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

OCTOBER 12, 2017

APPROVED

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