

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 13th DAY OF OCTOBER 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Kevin Holliday and Kenneth Kempfer. Absent: Howard Gallois, Mark North and Corey Rheinecker. Others present were Superintendent Larry Beattie, Ed.D.; 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.

Allen Wilson stated that because the district cannot control revenue, expenses must be cut in order to balance the budget. As a tax-capped district, the Board could put a referendum on the ballot to increase taxes.

Rosette Clay was impressed with the new assistant principal at Sparta Lincoln School. She did not like the drug abuse coalition presentation at Sparta High School. With regard to the budget, Mrs. Clay felt that the School Resource Office and Nurse should be cut. She suggested the Board develop a budget panel with community members.

With no other public comment requests, the meeting continued.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016, regular meeting and the minutes of the September 15, 2016, special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting will be November 10, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Sparta Lincoln School.

Dr. Beattie reported that the Randolph County Teen Drinking Coalition will have a presentation to stop teenage drinking on October 18, 2016, at 6 p.m. in the Sparta High School Cafeteria.

Principals Amy Price and Ryan McClellan discussed STAR testing. Students will take the testing on computers. There are three tests per year. Truancy was also discussed. Principals have been reaching out to parents to determine why students are missing school.

Principal Scott Beckley would like to start planning for the students to see the total eclipse on August 22, 2017. The Regional Office of Education will purchase glasses for students.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the FBLA overnight trips on November 4 & 5 to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the National Fall Leadership Conference; March 24 & 25 to Springfield, Illinois, for the State Leadership conference; and June 26-July 2 to Anaheim, California, for the National Leadership Conference. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the Lifesavers Retreat to DuBois, Illinois, on November 3-6, 2016. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Kenneth Kempfer seconded to approve the Skills USA trip on November 10-12, 2016, to Tinley Park, Illinois, for the Fall Leadership Conference. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to enter into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss items related to specific employee performance/hiring. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to come out of executive session at 7:47 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve the executive session minutes as presented for the September 8, 2016 meeting. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Ryan McClellan as Athletic Director at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kenneth Kempfer moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve Bob Huether and Ben Lake as Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coaches at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Rich Williams as an Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Holliday moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to approve Eric Bayless as a Volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach at Sparta High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Mekalia Cooper moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to approve Tarina Salger and Jennifer Rheinecker as Yearbook Sponsors at Evansville Attendance Center for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Kenneth Kempfer moved, Kevin Holliday seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Holliday, Kempfer and Waldron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 10, 2016
APPROVED

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