

SPARTA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #140

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The following is a brief summary of the Board of Education meeting held on October 12, 2017.

PERSONNEL

The Board employed Josh Lowe as a Social Studies Teacher at Sparta High School.

Freddy Miller was employed as a Supervisor at Sparta Lincoln School.

Hannah Parker was approved as an Assistant Basketball Coach at Evansville Attendance Center.

April Zimmermann was approved as the Head Coach for Softball at Sparta High School.

A leave-of-absence request was approved for Debra Farley.

FINANCE

The bid of \$48,580 from Daktronics was approved for the Sparta High School basketball scoreboards.

The purchase of a 14-passenger bus was approved in the amount of \$15,900 from Southern Bus & Mobility.

The transportation contract for the 2017-2018 school year was approved as presented.

The Board adopted the Resolution Adopting a Disclosure Compliance Policy of Community Unit School District Number 140, Randolph County, Illinois, as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board approved an overnight trip for Lifesavers to DuBois, Illinois, in December 2017.

The addition of an Anime Club at Sparta High School was approved. The Anime Club will be having a fundraiser "Powerful Pennies for Puerto Rico" to raise money for the schools in Puerto Rico.

The following policies were adopted:

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

First Readings were held for the following policies: School Board Policy #2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest; General Personnel Policy #5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; Operational Services Policy #4:60 AP4 and E1 Administrative Procedure--Federal Award Procurement Procedures; Instruction Policy #6:220 Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct; and Instruction Policy #6:235 AP1, E1 Exhibit - Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks.

Sparta High School is going to be 1:1 with chrome books. In November, the teachers will receive training on how to incorporate instruction with chrome books.

Project Hope will be a mentoring initiative for the district for students who would like to have a mentor.

The district has been chosen for a pilot program with the State of Illinois. The State Board and Deputy Superintendent of Schools will be visiting soon.

A committee will interview architects before the next regular board meeting.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at Sparta Lincoln School.

CONGRATULATIONS

The softball team at Evansville Attendance Center tied for second place in regionals. The girls' cross-country team placed first and the boys' cross-country team placed fourth.

Sparta Lincoln School received a donation from Peabody Coal for the third grade Language Arts books. Emma Hughes, Bella Restoff and Daira Sangurima auditioned and were selected to perform with the District 6 ILMEA Festival Choir.

Dr. Schwemmer recognized the following people for the Superintendent Shout Out: Grace Vallett, Aaron Bleem, Carly Carril, Amanda Braun, Jennifer Morgan and Shawn & Shawna Martin.