

**St. Joseph-Ogden CHSD 305
Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

**Monday, April 23, 2018
7:00 PM
St. Joseph-Ogden High School**

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Suzanne Jean

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president Jim Rein
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
Present: Rein, Reese, McCormick, Schluter, Taylor, McDermott
Absent: Vogelsang
Also Present: Brian Brooks, Superintendent and Gary Page, Principal
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the March 26, 2018 regular and closed session minutes as well as the March 29, 2018 special meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION: McCormick
SECOND: Reese

TO: approve the March 26, 2018 regular and closed session minutes and the March 29, 2018 special meeting minutes as presented

VOTING YES: 6
VOTING NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED
5. MANDATED REPORTER OBLIGATION
Mr. Brooks reminded the board that they are mandated reporters.
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: Taylor
Second: Schluter

To: approve the agenda as presented

Voting Yes: 6
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED
7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Brooks reviewed the consent agenda items. He recommended approval of the consent agenda as presented and amended to add payments to vendors as listed on the ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR APRIL 2018 list given to the board members at this meeting.

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Motion: McCormick
Second: Rein

To: approve the consent agenda as presented and amended to add payments to vendors Alpha Controls & Services, BLDD Architects, Instrumentalist Awards, J W Pepper & Son, Jostens, Menards, St Joseph-Ogden HS Hellenite, and The Music Shoppe as presented

Voting Yes: Rein, McCormick, Reese, Taylor, Schluter, McDermott

Voting No:

MOTION CARRIED

- * Bills – April bills approved for payment as presented and amended
- * Teacher Course Reimbursement Request – Veronica Harbaugh approved for coursework CTE 4913 and CTE 4923 to be taken during the summer of 2018 at Eastern Illinois University
- * Personnel – changes approved as presented

Resignation:

Kyle Gilbert – Science Teacher – effective April 17, 2018
Connie Jamison – Assistant Cook – effective June 1, 2018
Brian Brooks – Head Boys Basketball Coach
Shelby Simmons – Assistant Volleyball Coach

Summer Employment:

Nick Wolf – Summer Custodian
Kim Ward – Summer Custodian
Sean Barber – Summer Technology Worker (20 hours)
Mason Edwards – Summer Technology Worker
Jordan Brooks – Summer Technology Worker
Dyllan Price – Champaign County Grant Program
Isaac Walden – Champaign County Grant Program

Certified Employment:

Kevin Simonsen – Science Teacher

Extracurricular Employment:

Kiel Duval – Head Boys Basketball Coach
Kyle Ayers – Music Color Guard

Volunteer:

Merissa Jones – Cheerleading
Dalton Walsh – Boys Basketball

8. COMMUNICATION FROM STA

Kiel Duval was present.

9. COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS

Nora from The Leader, Shane Cook from Champaign County Sheriff's Office, and Kevin Simonsen were present.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DATES

- April 28th – Prom at 7:00 p.m.
- May 3rd – Music Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- May 16th – Honors Night at 7:30 p.m.
- May 20th – Graduation at 3:00 p.m.
- May 23rd, 24th, 25th – Semester Exams
- May 24th – ½ Day Inservice – Student Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.
- May 25th – ½ Day Inservice – Last Day of School Year – Student Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.
- May 25th – Employee Recognition Lunch at 1:00 p.m.
- May 29th – Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday due to holiday on Monday)

11. BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

1. School Resource Officer

Mr. Brooks recently met with Mr. Pence, Mr. White, Sheriff Walsh, Chief Deputy Allen Jones, Captain Shane Cook, and Lieutenant Curt Apperson regarding school resource officer (SRO) arrangements for next year. Although there is support on the board for having an officer dedicated to just SJO, there are factors that might make that difficult such as availability and affordability. Mr. Brooks believes that there are advantages to all parties for SJO to continue sharing a school resource officer with our feeder schools in that the grade schools would still be able to have some SRO time and that the officer will already have established a relationship with students coming into the high school from the grade schools. He believes that we could continue to make a shared situation work if the officer could be at the high school from 7:40 to 8:10 in the morning and also for the first 5 or 10 minutes after school. Captain Cook was present and agreed with Mr. Brooks that a shared SRO is advantageous with regard to facilitating continuity and positive relationships among all three schools. He stated that SRO positions are 9/12 time so if the feeder schools aren't able to afford to pay for 9/12 of another officer's compensation, they may not be able to have an officer at all. He added that manpower is tight and that even if they could afford it, it may not be possible from a supply standpoint. He stated that normal patrol could handle traffic issues in the morning which would free the SRO to be at the high school for that half hour before school. Mr. Brooks stated that the grade schools are willing to give up a little bit of their current time to the high school and have no objections to the officer being at the high school in the before and after school time frames. After discussing the pros and cons of the situation, the consensus of the board was that we don't want to leave our neighboring schools out in the cold so if another officer is not available or is not affordable, and if scheduling can be arranged to have the officer at the high school during the times requested, continuing to share an officer would be acceptable.

2. Early College and Career Academy

Mr. Brooks recommended that the district budget \$10,000 annually to be split up among the students who sign up and complete ECCA coursework. He plans to pay for it with Title IV funds if they are available for FY 2019. He would like to have it approved even if Title IV funds aren't available. The consensus of the board was to approve it on a year by year basis. That would allow for more flexibility of how much is paid and from where it will be paid each year.

Motion: Schluter
Second: McDermott

To: budget \$10,000 in fiscal year 2019 to pay toward student ECCA attendance and split it evenly among the students who sign up and complete the ECCA coursework

Voting Yes: McCormick, Schluter, McDermott, Taylor, Reese, Rein
Voting No:
MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Brooks discussed 3rd quarter financial figures. Rough projections for the end of FY 2018 in the four main funds is a deficit of \$108,843 in the Education fund, a surplus of \$55,641 in the O&M fund, a \$55,066 surplus in the Transportation fund, and a surplus of

\$97,684 in the Working Cash fund for an overall surplus of \$99,548. Next month Mr. Brooks plans to go through the new funding formula with the board. This year we are getting \$34,231.02 more than last year in state aid. This is deceiving though because that figure now includes special education money too. Mr. Brooks reported that EAV only went up 2% this year whereas in the past it has usually gone up more than projected. He is hopeful that the Education Fund will end up with less than a \$100,000 deficit this year. In looking at the tax rate history, our tax rate has remained very stable over the last several years.

Mr. Brooks plans to amend the FY 2018 budget to clean up fund 90, title grants, and other miscellaneous items. He recommended that a budget hearing be held on May 29, 2018 at 6:55 p.m. for the amended budget.

2. TIF Update

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Pence have agreed to be members of a TIF committee so that the schools have representation. No meeting has been held yet. The bottom line is that there is nothing good about a residential TIF district for schools. Our goal will be to get as much as we can if they go through with this or ideally to get the Village of St. Joseph to abandon the TIF idea and look at alternatives.

3. Board Policy Updates

Mr. Brooks reviewed the proposed changes to board policies 2:260, 4:40, 5:20, 5:60, 5:80, 5:150, 5:200, 5:210, 5:250, 5:20-E

Motion: Reese
Second: McCormick

To: approve board policies 2:260 and declining the optional language, 4:40 adding "Superintendent" as the title for the first paragraph but declining the optional language, 5:20, 5:60, 5:80, 5:150, 5:200, 5:210, 5:250 as presented, and 5:20-E to approve resolution and to include it in the Board Policy Manual

Voting Yes: 6
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

4. Graduation Date 2019

Mr. Brooks recommended that graduation for next year be set for May 19, 2019. Mr. Page stated that he had received a request from a family to set the date on Saturday rather than Sunday due to a scheduling conflict for them. It was determined that Sunday remains the preferable date because of potential spring sport state tournament conflicts that could affect numerous students.

Motion: Rein
Second: Schluter

To: set graduation for the 2018-2019 school year at 3:00 p.m. on May 19, 2019

Voting Yes: 6
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

5. Principal Report

Mr. Page stated that the handbook committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 26th. They will be looking at changing the Exemption From Physical Education Requirement section to change the part limiting it to 11th and 12th grade students. Also, major changes to the Extramural Classes/Guidelines section will be discussed. A handout was distributed showing some of the proposed changes that the handbook committee will be discussing. Also included was new language on a student's right to inspect and copy the student's education records. Handbook changes as proposed by the handbook committee will be presented for board approval at the May meeting.

Mr. Page presented enrollment data. The numbers show that enrollment in the next 4 years is projected to stay between 460 and 470.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Rein
Second: McCormick

To: go into closed session at 8:58 p.m. for the purpose of discussing *the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.* 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Voting Yes: Taylor, McDermott, Reese, Schluter, McCormick, Rein
Voting No:
MOTION CARRIED

Open session resumed at 9:17 p.m.

13. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

None

14. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Mr. Rein gave kudos to Mrs. Duitsman for the grant that she secured for the greenhouse project. Mr. Brooks reported that the first project meeting is on Friday.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: McCormick
Second: Reese

To: adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Voting Yes: 6
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education