

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

Monday, April 24, 2017
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, Mohr, McDermott
Absent:
Also Present: Brian Brooks, Superintendent and Gary Page, Principal
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the March regular minutes as well as the April 3, 2017 special and closed session meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION: McCormick
SECOND: Mohr

TO: approve the March regular minutes and the April 3, 2017 special and closed session meeting minutes as presented

VOTING YES: 7
VOTING NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED
5. OATH OF OFFICE TO MEMBERS ELECTED AT APRIL 4, 2017 ELECTION
Mr. Rein administered the oath of office to new board member April Vogelsang elected on April 4, 2017. Mr. Rein and Mr. Schluter were re-elected and Ms. Vogelsang was newly elected to four year terms.
6. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE
Mr. Rein announced that there was no further business to come before this board and requested a motion for adjournment *sine die*.

MOTION: Rein
SECOND: Reese

TO: adjourn sine die at 7:04 p.m.

VOTING YES: 7
VOTING NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Brooks thanked Ms. Mohr for her eight years of service on the board and presented her with a clock.

7. SELECTION OF PRESIDENT pro tem and SECRETARY pro tem
Mr. Rein appointed principal Brian Brooks to serve as president pro tem and recording secretary Suzanne Jean to serve as secretary pro tem for the purpose of board reorganization pursuant to past practice.
8. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT *PRO TEM*
Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by president pro tem Brooks.
9. ROLL CALL
Present: McCormick, McDermott, Taylor, Vogelsang, Rein, Schluter, Reese
Absent:
Also Present: Brian Brooks, Superintendent; Gary Page, Principal
10. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

Mr. Brooks asked for nominations for the office of president.

Mr. Schluter nominated Mr. Rein.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations for the office were closed and Mr. Brooks declared Mr. Rein elected as president by acclamation and directed the recording secretary to so record the election of Mr. Rein to serve as president for a two year term.

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Rein asked for nominations for the office of vice president.

Mr. McDermott nominated Mr. Schluter; Mr. Schluter declined.

Mr. Rein nominated Ms. McCormick.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations for the office were closed and Mr. Rein declared Ms. McCormick elected as vice president by acclamation and directed the recording secretary to so record the election of Ms. McCormick to serve as vice president for a two year term.

SECRETARY

Mr. Rein asked for nominations for the office of secretary.

Ms. McCormick nominated Ms. Reese.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations for the office were closed and Mr. Rein declared Ms. Reese elected as secretary by acclamation and directed the recording secretary to so record the election of Ms. Reese to serve as secretary for a two year term.

11. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER and RECORDING SECRETARY

Mr. Brooks recommended that Sandra Barcus be reappointed as district treasurer and Suzanne Jean be reappointed as recording secretary.

MOTION: Rein
SECOND: McCormick

TO: reappoint Sandra Barcus as district treasurer and Suzanne Jean as recording secretary

VOTING YES: 7
VOTING NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED

12. MANDATED REPORTER OBLIGATION

Mr. Brooks reminded the board that they are mandated reporters and referred to the information given to them in the current board packet. Members signed the mandated reporter acknowledgement form.

13. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: McDermott

Second: Reese

To: approve the agenda as presented

Voting Yes: 7

Voting No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

14. 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 APPROVAL ON 4/24/2017 list given to the board members at this meeting.

Motion: McCormick

Second: Taylor

To: approve the consent agenda as presented and amended to add payments to vendors Allerton Test Lane, Okaw Valley Conference, PrestoX, Rantoul High School, SiteOne Landscape Supply, and Daniel Thompson as presented

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

Voting No:

MOTION CARRIED

* Approval of Bills – April bills approved for payment as presented and amended

* Personnel – changes approved as presented

Resignation effective at conclusion of 2016-17 school year:

Leslie Ellis – English Teacher and SAP Team Member

Summer Employment Approvals:

Nick Wolf – Summer Custodian

Kim Ward – Summer Custodian

Sean Barber – Summer Technology Worker(part-time)

Nolan Peacock – Summer Technology Worker (part-time)

Mason Edwards – Summer Technology Worker

Mr. Brooks stated that an additional summer custodial worker may be recommended for hire next month.

15. COMMUNICATION FROM STA

None

16. COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS
None

17. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DATES

- April 26th – NHS Induction Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
- April 29th – Prom at 7:00 p.m.
- May 4th – Music Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- May 17th – Honors Night at 7:30 p.m.
- May 21st – Graduation at 3:00 p.m.
- May 22nd – Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m.; budget hearing at 6:55 p.m.
- May 22nd, 23rd, 24th – Semester Exams
- May 23rd – ½ Day Inservice – Student Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.
- May 24th – Last Day of School Year – Student Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.
- May 24th – Employee Recognition Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

18. REGULAR BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

1. Science Classrooms/Labs Project – bid results

Justin Placek from BLDD and Andy Frick from Olympic Construction were present. Mr. Frick and his brother Ben are SJO graduates. Mr. Brooks recommended that the board accept the low base bid of \$387,150 for the science labs project from Olympic Construction along with alternate bid one for cabinets in the English and math classrooms in the amount of \$9,774 and alternate bid two for the additional cost to do resinous flooring in the science area in the amount of \$5,850. Mr. Brooks reported that all of the cabinetry won't be available until late August. Mr. Frick estimated that it will probably take about four days to install. Mr. Placek and Mr. Frick will try to expedite things as much as possible.

Motion: Rein
Second: McCormick

To: accept the base bid from Olympic Construction in the amount of \$387,150 along with alternate bid one for cabinets in the English and math classrooms in the amount of \$9,774 and alternate bid two for the additional cost to do resinous flooring in the amount of \$5,850

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

Voting No:

MOTION CARRIED

2. 2017-2018 Fee Increases

Mr. Brooks presented information on possible fee changes for 2017-2018 in the areas of Textbook Registration fee, Dual Credit/AP Course Fee, Driver Education, and Chemistry II Workbooks. He presented comparison information from Monticello and Mahomet-Seymour school districts. He also worked up a student fees comparison using 2016-2017 fee amounts compared to what they would be using the proposed amounts. A short discussion was held on the pros and cons of outsourcing driver education as a few schools do. All board members agreed that fees should be reviewed every year going forward.

Motion: Rein
Second: Reese

To: approve changing fees for 2017-2018 as follows:
Textbook Registration Fee \$70
Dual Credit/AP Course Fee \$25 per year
Driver Education Fee \$150
Chemistry II Workbooks fee will be eliminated

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

3. Math Curriculum Addition
Mr. Brooks recommended that the board approve adding a dual credit course (Math 107 at Parkland) and a college preparatory course to the math curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year as discussed at the March meeting.

Motion: McDermott
Second: Schluter

To: approve adding a dual credit course (Math 107 at Parkland) and a college preparatory course to the math curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year as presented

Voting Yes: 7
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. English Teacher Hire
Mr. Page gave the board a short description of the qualifications of the English teacher being recommended for employment. Mr. Brooks recommended that the board hire Heather Lindenmeyer as an English teacher beginning with the 2017-2018 school year with compensation pursuant to the negotiated teacher contract.

Motion: Schluter
Second: McCormick

To: hire Heather Lindenmeyer as an English teacher beginning with the 2017-2018 school year with compensation pursuant to the negotiated teacher contract

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

2. 3rd Quarter Financial Report
Mr. Brooks discussed 3rd quarter financial figures and recommended that the board approve the 3rd quarter financial report as presented. Rough projections for the end of FY 2017 is a deficit of \$216,510 in the Education fund, a surplus of \$65,000 in the O&M fund, a \$10,000 deficit in the Transportation fund, and a surplus of \$94,000 in the Working Cash fund for an overall deficit of \$67,510. We have not received any state special education or transportation money for FY 2017. The county sales tax revenue has been extremely beneficial for the Capital Projects fund.

Mr. Brooks stated that the budget hearing is set for 6:55 p.m. on May 22nd for the amended budget. The budget is being amended so that we can get the expense codes corrected that currently show up as Pre-K numbers as well as a few various other items that need to be tweaked.

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Pence will be going to the Village of St. Joseph board meeting tomorrow night for TIF district information. There has been significant progress on that topic and the schools have been left out of the process for the last month or two. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Pence feel that what the school is currently in line to get is far too low, especially since it will be putting more students in the schools while not providing adequate funding to offset the cost to the school to educate those students. Mr. Brooks hopes that they just don't understand what the current proposed numbers are doing to the school and that if he and Mr. Pence can explain it to them that the plan will change. The two school districts combined are only in line to receive 18%; they plan to ask for 75%. He distributed two handouts explaining their concerns and showing the effect on various taxing districts if the current plan is implemented. The Village of St. Joseph, the TIF Administrator and the Developer are "winners" while Champaign County Government, Forest Preserve District, Parkland College, St. Joseph-Stanton Fire Protection, St. Joseph Township, St. Joseph Road & Bridge, and St. Joseph Permanent Road are all "losers".

2018 Graduation Date

Mr. Brooks recommended that graduation for next year be set for May 20, 2018.

Motion: Rein
Second: McCormick

To: set graduation for the 2017-2018 school year on May 20, 2018

Voting Yes: 7

Voting No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Board Policy Updates – 1st Reading

Mr. Brooks reviewed the proposed changes to board policies 2:100, 3:70, 4:15, 4:130-E, 5:120, 5:230, 5:285, 5:300, 6:70, and 7:100. These policies will be up for a second reading and action at the May meeting.

4. Principal Report

Mr. Page presented enrollment data and staffing recommendations. The current enrollment is 461 and the pre-registered number for 2017-2018 is 474. The total proposed number of overloads is 3.5 which is 1.5 less than last year. Art is down 1, math is down 0.5, English is up 1, and Spanish is down 1. Overloads proposed are 1.5 in math, 1 in English, and 1 in Spanish.

19. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Rein
Second: Taylor

To: go into closed session at 9:20 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*

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

Open session resumed at 9:55 p.m.

20. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION
None

21. GOOD OF THE CAUSE
None

22. ADJOURNMENT
Motion: McCormick
Second: Reese

To: adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Voting Yes: 7
Voting No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education