

St. Joseph-Ogden CHSD 305 Board of Education Regular Meeting	Monday, August 27, 2018 6:00 PM Board Room, Superintendent's Office St. Joseph-Ogden High School
Minutes Recording Secretary: Suzanne Jean	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President James Rein.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Rein, McCormick, Taylor, Schluter, McDermott, Vogelsang

Absent: Reese

Also Present: Brian Brooks, Superintendent; Gary Page, Principal

Mr. Rein read a letter from Carla Reese resigning from the Board of Education effective immediately. She is working in the school cafeteria this year and since board members are prohibited from earning more than \$1,000 working for the school district, she had to choose between working and remaining on the board.

Ms. Vogelsang was appointed as acting secretary for this meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: McCormick

Second: Schluter

To: approve the agenda as presented

Voting Yes: 6

Voting No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brooks discussed the consent agenda items and recommended approval as presented.

Motion: Rein

Second: McDermott

To: approve the consent agenda as presented

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

Voting No:

Abstain: Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

- * Approval of Minutes – July 30, 2018 regular meeting as presented - signed
- * Approval of August Bills – approved as presented
- * Application for Recognition of Schools 2018-2019 – approved as presented
- * Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursement – approved as presented – signed
- * Administrative/Teacher Salary Compensation Report – approved as presented
- * Extracurricular Overnight Trips – approved as presented
 - Cross Country – September 14 Peoria and November 2 Peoria

- Volleyball – October 19 Mt. Pulaski
- Wrestling – December 28 Springfield
- Baseball – March 15 Edwardsville
- FFA – October 24-27 National Convention, November 9-10 360 Conference, February 8-9 212 Conference, June 11-13 State FFA Convention, Officer Retreat in June TBD

* Personnel – approved as presented

- Resignation of Ashley Langley as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- Employment of Bob Glazier as Extracurricular Supervisor – ½ of one position
- Approval of Rachel Hurliman as volunteer for girls basketball
- Approval of Dylan Koss as volunteer for football
- Acceptance of irrevocable letter of retirement from William Billman effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year pursuant to article 3.12 of the negotiated contract

6. COMMUNICATION FROM STA

Ryan Searby was present.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS

None

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DATES

- September 3 – No School ~ Labor Day
- September 14 – ½ Day Teacher In-Service ~ School Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.
- September 24 – Budget Hearing at **5:50** p.m./Regular Board of Education Meeting at **6:00** p.m.
- September 28 - Academic awards assembly at 10:15 a.m.

9. BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Village Steering Committee Update

Mr. Brooks said that there is nothing to report.

2. Greenhouse Update

Mr. Brooks reported that they are still doing some electrical and plumbing work so we haven't taken control yet. Training scheduled for September 14th. There is still some landscaping work to be done too. There was some electrical work not in the plans that will cost \$13,416. Mr. Brooks has not signed off on it due to a dispute in responsibility and price. Another item was completed at the cost for time and material. The installation crew was outstanding. BLDD and Ed DeAtley have also been great.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tentative FY 2019 Budget

Mr. Brooks discussed the tentative FY 2019 budget. He stated that the numbers will likely change a little prior to final adoption at the September meeting and went on to explain what and why that might be. The projection for the main four funds is a surplus of \$109,624 that is comprised of a \$63,401 Education fund deficit, a \$26,820 surplus in O&M, a \$46,169 surplus in Transportation, and a \$100,036 surplus in Working Cash.

Motion: Schluter
Second: McDermott

To: approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2019 as presented

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

Voting No:

MOTION CARRIED

2. Health Insurance Update
Mr. Brooks reported that Health Alliance is recommending that the IERMP board not set rates until early October. He thinks that we will be looking at an increase between 9 and 12 percent. There are 24 school districts in the cooperative now. There have been some high claims recently and the cooperative does not have a heavy fund balance due to the timing of claims versus the revenues that have been received. There is a new plan available that Mr. Brooks is going to talk with Mr. Loman more in depth about that is cheaper in cost but that would probably result in our making adjustments to our HRA plan. After Mr. Brooks talks further with Mr. Loman he will likely set up an insurance committee to discuss our district going to that plan. It would probably mean some adjustments to our HRA plan.
3. Working Cash Fund Loan to Capital Projects Fund
In order to pay all of the bills for the greenhouse project we need to loan \$150,000 from Working Cash to Capital Projects. The loan must be repaid once we accumulate \$150,000 back into the Capital Projects fund. That repayment is anticipated to be this fiscal year when considering the money being brought in from the sales tax money each month. Mr. Brooks recommended approval.

Motion: Vogelsang
Second: McDermott

To: approve a loan from the Working Cash fund to the Capital Projects fund in the amount of \$150,000

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

4. Bus with a Wheelchair Lift
Mr. Brooks reported that the bus with the wheelchair lift is not doing well lift wise. If we buy a new bus we would have to bid it out. Midwest Transit provided information showing a new 18 passenger bus with an outright purchase price of \$58,008 or 3 and 5 year lease payments of \$10,913 and \$9,418 respectively. We could buy used and Midwest has one that is 18 passengers at a cost of \$40,559 or a 3 year lease payment of \$9,523. Mr. Brooks has budgeted money for a 3-year lease but we have money to buy if the board so chooses. Mr. Schluter would like to know if there is an option to buy at the end of the lease and what amount that would be. Mr. Brooks will get more information and this matter is being tabled until September.
5. Consolidation Study
Mr. Brooks and Mr. Pence met with Bill Phillips last Wednesday to talk about a potential consolidation study. Scott Day and Len Bogle work with him on these studies. Mr. Phillips was fairly certain that without PVO participating we would be tax capped. If that is the case, it will not be financially advantageous. However, no one has been able to answer that question definitively yet. There is no state money available to help with the study unless PVO participates because all schools must be involved to qualify for state assistance – that might have paid for up to half of the cost of the study. If the study is conducted and the results show that consolidation is feasible, even without PVO participation, the next step would require each district to take it to the voters, including PVO. That would mean that PVO constituents could run for the board of education of the consolidated district since they

have students that attend the high school. That would mean that they would have a say in matters involving St Joseph Grade School even though PVO would maintain their own grade school district. Mr. Rein would like to do the study so that he can answer the question as to why we aren't a unit district. Mr. Schluter thinks that St Joseph Grade School board needs to determine if they would be willing to go through with it before we can decide if the study is worth pursuing from SJO High School viewpoint. Ms. Vogelsang would like to know why PVO is not willing to participate and suggested that our board members meet with their board members to have that discussion. Mr. Rein volunteered to reach out to the two other board presidents to see if a meeting would be possible. This matter is being tabled until an answer is received about whether tax caps apply if PVO is not involved.

6. Potential Lighting Project

Mr. Brooks presented two potential lighting projects. Mr. Brooks recommended that the board accept the \$1 per bulb option from Midwest Light Source

Motion: McCormick
Second: Schluter

To: accept the proposal from Midwest Light Source to purchase bulbs at \$1 per bulb

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

Voting No:

MOTION CARRIED

7. 2019 Track Surface Renovation Project

The track needs to be resurfaced and some cleanup work done around it in order to make it safe. New lighting and turf work have been mentioned as possible projects that would nice to do along with the track work, but those projects are very costly and the Facility Committee believes that there are more pressing needs.

Mr. Brooks reported that there have been some scheduling conflicts for soccer field use with the Village of St Joseph. We would like to get a written agreement with them to avoid future problems. He stated that even if football field turf were installed here, there would still be scheduling conflicts with football and cooperation with the village would still be needed. Turf could be paid for with sales tax money but it would require borrowing from working cash and tying money up for a good deal of time. It might also require locking up the area and restricting access to the track area.

Ms. Vogelsang stated that she believes that if we offer a sport then we should have a dedicated space to play that sport. Mr. Brooks and other board members agreed but stated that space is the problem. When soccer was first started, the district had an agreement with the Village of St Joseph regarding field use. Unfortunately, it doesn't appear that there was any written agreement and we are now in the position of trying to reach an agreement with them again. Mr. Brooks stated that Mr. Franzen is working to help find a solution.

8. Principal's Report

Mr. Page reported on beginning of the year enrollment figures that sit at 460. We are down 9 students from last year. Two of those students go to off-site facilities.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Rein
Second: McCormick

To: go into closed session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss 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: McCormick, Vogelsang, Taylor, McDermott, Rein, Schluter
Voting No:
MOTION CARRIED

Open session resumed at 8:29 p.m.

Motion: Rein
Second: McCormick

To: go into closed session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5:ILCS 120/2(c)(3).

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

Open session resumed at 8:44 p.m.

11. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

12. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Ms. McCormick and Mr. Schluter will be gone for the October board meeting. The board will need to consider if that meeting will need to be rescheduled until October 29.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: McCormick
Second: Vogelsang

To: adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Voting Yes: 6
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

President

Secretary