

St. Joseph-Ogden CHSD 305 Board of Education Regular Meeting	Monday, November 26, 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 5:59 p.m. by President James Rein

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Taylor

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

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: McCormick

Second: McDermott

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: McCormick

Second: Vogelsang

To: approve the consent agenda items as presented

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

Voting No:

MOTION CARRIED

- October regular minutes
- Payment of November bills
- Education reimbursement request from Kiel Duval for course EDL 5700 through Eastern Illinois University
- Employment of Barbara Gibbs as 1 on 1 Student Aide

**6. COMMUNICATION FROM STA**

Richard Vetter was present.

**7. COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS**

Nora Maberry was present.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DATES**

- November 28 – Greenhouse Open House from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- December 11 – Winter Music Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- December 13 through 21 – Toyota of Danville Basketball Classic
- December 17 – Regular Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- December 19 through 21 – Semester Exams
- December 24 through January 4 – Winter Vacation

## 9. BUSINESS

### A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. Final 2018 Tax Levy

With a tax levy hearing having been held immediately prior to this regular meeting, Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the 2018 tax levy as presented. A property tax relief grant is being offered by the state. This will have no effect on the levy approval tonight. Mr. Brooks explained the mechanics of the process and stated that he thinks that our chances of receiving any money are slim. The maximum SJO could receive would be \$473,000 with half to be distributed this fiscal year and half next fiscal year. Mr. Brooks is skeptical of receiving the maximum amount and thinks it is more likely that we would receive nothing. The risk in applying is if something happens such that we don't get the money we are promised, the taxes will have already been abated and we will lose money. Mr. Schluter would like to look into this further and ask about the chances of not receiving the money if promised and if there are financial compensations if the money doesn't come through as promised. Mr. Brooks will obtain further information.

Motion: McDermott  
Second: McLain

To: approve the 2018 tax levy as presented

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

Voting No:

MOTION CARRIED

*Certificate of Tax Levy* signed by President and Secretary

*Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance* signed by President

#### 2. Track Project

Mr. Brooks introduced Joe Schuit from Byrne & Jones Construction. He distributed a proposal for track work. The current track is latex and the system that is being proposed is polyurethane. He explained the components of the proposals as well as the differences/benefits of doing polyurethane as compared to the current latex surface. He then showed artificial turf samples and explained the difference between each. Safety and maintenance information was discussed. If we do track related work only it would take approximately three weeks and could be done this summer if approval is given soon enough to get on the schedule. If turf were to be added at some later time, the time frame for that is 8-10 weeks.

Mr. Schuit discussed using a purchasing cooperative that they are a part of. Schools must follow a bid process for large projects and the cooperative claims to meet the bid laws that schools need to follow. The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) is the cooperative that he recommended. He provided information showing a legal basis for using the cooperative and stated it has been around for 16 years and is endorsed by IASB and IASA. Even if TIPS is used, Mr. Schuit stated that we can still bid out certain parts of the project like fencing and concrete. Mr. Brooks discussed costs and how long it would take to pay off various scenarios as contained in the board packet. It all comes down to how much the board is comfortable spending now. If we use TIPS the board could probably take a vote in December to go ahead with the work. If not, we would need to get the bidding process started so that bids can be received and approved in time for work to be scheduled for this summer. Our school attorney is of the opinion that using cooperatives like this is a gray area when it comes to bidding laws and doesn't recommend using the cooperative in lieu of the "traditional" bid process. Drainage is a big concern too so it was the consensus of the board that using our architect and bidding the project out the "traditional" way might be better for that reason and because of the attorney's opinion. Track, curbing, fencing, and lighting are

the scope of the project that the board would like to proceed with at this time. Byrne & Jones have volunteered to help with specs.

3. Village Steering Committee Update

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Pence are scheduled to present a proposal tomorrow night to the Village Board regarding a proposed TIF District. Mr. Brooks distributed three pages of information regarding the proposal. Unless this Board of Education is opposed, they will proceed with the presentation. The position is essentially that in order for either school district to support the proposed TIF District, the items outlined in the proposal must be agreed to in an intergovernmental agreement. No objections were made to Mr. Brooks and Mr. Pence proceeding with the presentation to the village board.

4. Greenhouse Update

There will be an open house on November 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

5. Consolidation Study

There is nothing new to report. After the holidays, Mr. Brooks plans to inquire with the state if there is any timeline on when a decision will be made.

6. ACTFL Assessment of Performances Towards Proficiency and Languages in Spanish (AAPPL)

Mr. Brooks recommended that the District approve the Spanish department's request to offer the ACTFL AAPPL for just the Advanced Spanish IV students this year at a cost of \$700. If all goes well, the department can then request full implementation for juniors and seniors for 2019-2020 at a cost of roughly \$2400.

Motion: Schluter  
Second: Vogelsang

To: approve paying for the Advanced Spanish IV students to take the ACTFL AAPPL this school year at a cost of \$700

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

Voting No:

MOTION CARRIED

5. Risk Management Plan

Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the Risk Management Plan as presented and discussed at the October meeting. Since that meeting one change was made in the superintendent area to make numbers consistent.

Motion: McCormick  
Second: McDermott

To: approve the Risk Management Plan as presented

Voting Yes: 6

Voting No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Physical Education/Health, Driver Education Curriculum Review

Mr. Vetter, Mr. Retz, and Mr. Haley were present to give a curriculum presentation for the department. Mr. Billman and Mrs. Downs were not able to be present. Teacher credentials, course offerings/descriptions, strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum, and proposals for the future were discussed. The department has gone to a less skills based and more fitness based curriculum. They would like to get to the point where classes do not have to share heart rate monitor equipment and it can be used on a daily basis. They are working with Mr. Franzen and coaches to develop a

needs/wants list to improve the weight room. They are also reaching out to other schools and looking at the kinds of things that they do in order to get ideas and information for adding some variety to the curriculum here. Attendance at the state convention also provides new ideas.

2. School Report Card

Mr. Page discussed the 2018 School Report Card. Overall, SJO students did very well and results showed placement above the state average in English and Math proficiency. Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the 2018 SJO School Report Card as presented.

Motion: McCormick  
Second: Rein

To: approve the 2018 School Report Card as presented

Voting Yes: 6  
Voting No: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion: Rein  
Second: McCormick

To: go into closed session at 9:05 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: Rein, McCormick, McLain, Schluter, Vogelsang, McDermott  
Voting No:  
MOTION CARRIED

Open session resumed at 9:26 p.m.

**11. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

None

**12. GOOD OF THE CAUSE**

- Mr. Brooks congratulated soccer coach Dan Vogelsang on being selected as sectional coach of the year.
- The Board/Staff Dinner will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> with the time and place to be announced.
- The December meeting will be moved from December 17<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: McCormick  
Second: Rein

To: adjourn at 9:29 p.m.

Voting Yes: 6  
Voting No: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

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President

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Secretary