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| St. Joseph-Ogden CHSD 305 Board of Education Regular Meeting | Monday, November 27, 2017 7:00 PM Board Room, Superintendent's Office St. Joseph-Ogden High School |
| Minutes Secretary: Carla Reese | |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President James Rein

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Rein, McCormick, Reese, 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: 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: McDermott
 Second: Vogelsang

To: approve the consent agenda as presented

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

- Approved October regular minutes
- Approved payment of November bills
- Approved JR Meeker as Volunteer Wrestling Assistant and Dalton Walsh as Volunteer Boys Basketball Assistant

6. COMMUNICATION FROM STA

Bob Glazier was present for the STA.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS

None

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DATES

- December 8 – Winter Music Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- December 15 through 20 – Leader Classic Basketball Tournament
- December 19 through 21 – Semester Exams
- December 18 – Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:50 p.m.
 and Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

- December 18 through 20 – Semester Exams

9. BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Greenhouse Presentation

Chris Kirschner from Conley's Greenhouse Manufacturing & Sales was present. He distributed information with a quote for a Gable 7500 Series Greenhouse. The estimated cost will likely range from \$145,000 - \$210,000 depending on the options that are chosen and the cost of the site preparation needed. If the board chooses to pursue this project immediately, the timeline of the project is anticipated to be for the board to provide the list of "wants" in December to use in preparing the project specifications. Once the specs are drawn up, the project can then be put out to bid in January in anticipation of work being performed and completed in time for the start of school next year.

2. Science Classrooms/Labs Project

Mr. Brooks gave an update on the science classrooms/labs project. They came to refinish the floor in Mrs. Kietzman's science classroom over the Thanksgiving break but the yellow spots are still there. We will not be paying for the work until it is fixed to our satisfaction. Mr. Brooks has a meeting with Olympic on December 8th.

3. Discus Area Relocation

Mr. Brooks recommended approval to relocate the discus area to the football practice field for safety reasons at a cost of \$6,057.17. This will be paid for from the Tort Fund. A loan from the Working Cash Fund might be needed if there are not sufficient funds prior to when the spring tax levy money is received.

Motion: McCormick
Second: Schluter

To: approve relocating the discus area to the football practice field at a cost of \$6,057.17 as outlined in the board packet; \$5057.17 to BSN and \$1,000 to Sport Redi Mix

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

4. Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Brooks reviewed the proposed tax levy information after considering a potential property tax freeze and an increase in the Homestead Exemptions that have been discussed recently in Springfield. He recommended approval of the tentative tax levy as presented and to set a Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:50 p.m. on December 18, 2017.

Motion: Schluter
Second: Rein

To: approve the tentative tax levy as presented and to set a Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:50 p.m. on December 18, 2017

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

5. Risk Management Plan

Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the updated Risk Management Plan as presented and discussed at the October meeting. No changes were made since that meeting.

Motion: McCormick
Second: Reese

To: approve the updated Risk Management Plan as presented and discussed at the October meeting

Voting Yes: 6
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Science Department Curriculum Review

Mr. Glazier, Mrs. Kietzman, Mrs. Kerner, Mr. Gilbert, and Mrs. Duitsman were present to give a curriculum presentation for the Science department. Teacher credentials, course offerings/descriptions, strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum, and proposals for the future were discussed. It is proposed that all freshmen be required to take Biology I and then take either Chemistry I or Physical Science which lead to various other course options as outlined in the board packet. It is also proposed that AP Chemistry and Advanced Biology be opened up to juniors and seniors. Proposed changes to the curriculum will be up for a vote at the December meeting.

2. Facility Committee Report

The facility committee met on November 1st. They discussed the 10 year Health-Life-Safety Plan and Mr. Brooks stated that he hopes for all of the items listed in the Plan to be completed no later than the end of the 2018-2019 school year. They also went through the Facility Analysis and discussed what still needs to be done in each area. In looking at extracurricular facility items, the committee agreed that the district needs to play a role in all of those decisions and that any athletic facility "wants" need to wait until the facility analysis is completed. The committee decided to recommend that work on storm sewer backup, construction of a greenhouse, track reconstruction, and demolition of the visitor side concession building be addressed first. It is estimated that it would cost approximately 1.5 million for updating lighting, installing football field turf and track reconstruction.

3. District Financial Projections

Mr. Brooks reviewed with the board the revenue, expenditure, and five year financial projections information that he prepared. A property tax freeze was not factored into those numbers and action that may be taken by state government in January will be important in how accurate those projections turn out to be. January legislative action can also affect what we might be able to do facility wise. Sales tax money continues to be of great help.

4. Insurance Reimbursement

The bus that the FFA group took on a trip was broken into and some student items were stolen. The school insurance does not provide coverage for that and even if it did there would be a \$1000 deductible. Some parents have inquired about the school picking up some of the cost for replacement items because if they turn it into their personal insurance they also have a deductible of some kind. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of the school paying something and if it does, how much and how to divide it. The consensus was to pay reimbursement of up to a grand total of \$1,000 and to let Mr. Brooks decide how it should be divided. Mr. Brooks will work on a recommendation to bring back to the board in December as to how to allocate requests for reimbursement.

5. Early Transfer Academy at Parkland College

Mr. Page presented information on the Early Transfer Academy at Parkland College. The program will begin Fall Semester 2018 and students would participate in either an AM (8-9:15 a.m.) or PM (4-5:15 p.m.) track. It allows students to take classes at Parkland that fulfill State of Illinois General Education Core Curriculum that can then be transferred to colleges and universities across Illinois that count toward college lower-division, general education requirements. It also might enable some students to graduate early. There is no financial cost required from the district to participate. Mr. Brooks thinks that transportation could be provided by the district as long as the transportation budget stays healthy. The AM track is what would be recommended if students want transportation. Formal approval will be needed next month for participation.

6. School Report Card

Mr. Page discussed test scores and the 2017 School Report Card. SJO students did very well and results showed an overall college readiness and mastery of Illinois standards. Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the 2017 SJO School Report Card as presented.

Motion: Rein
Second: McCormick

To: approve the 2017 School Report Card as presented

Voting Yes: 6
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

10. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Everyone had a good weekend at the school board conference in Chicago.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Rein
Second: Schluter

To: adjourn at 10:48 p.m.

Voting Yes: 6
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

President

Secretary