

1st Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2017
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Nick Aguinaga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Leroy Duncan, Rebecca Leggett, Jennifer Murray, Mike Redman, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Mark St. Peters. Present were administrators/directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. Also present was Missy Bell-Yates.

Seating of New Board Member:

The Board seated its newest member, Mrs. Missy Bell-Yates. She was recently appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Amy Harding. Mrs. Bell-Yates resides in Wood River and is an alumnus.

The oath of office was administered whereupon she was subsequently seated to complete the term that expires in May.

Public Comments:

None.

Discussion of Asst. Wrestling Position:

As was the case in January 2016, the Board considered whether to designate the Asst. Wrestling Coach as a paid position, due to concerns over student participation. Dr. Pearson presented the arguments both for restoring that position to a paid position and against it. The Board discussed these positions.

After some discussion regarding the pros and cons of such a designation, the superintendent recommended that the Board adjourn to closed session, to discuss the employment and compensation of specific employees of the District.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Redman, to adjourn to executive session to: a) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, b) Discuss collective bargaining matters, c) Discuss individual student matters, d) Discuss pending or current litigation, and e) Discuss emergency security procedures. Aye: Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Redman, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 6:15 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mrs. Murray, to come out of executive session. Aye: Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Redman, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 6:31 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Ms. Leggett, to designate the Asst. Wrestling Coach as a paid position for the 2016-17 season and to compensate the current Asst. Wrestling Coach, Eric Huebner. Aye: Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Redman, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None.

Motion by Mrs. Murray; second by Ms. Leggett, to accept - with regrets - the retirement of Richard Allshouse as Custodian/Bus Driver, effective January 17, 2017. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

County School Facilities Sales Tax Resolution:

The Board reviewed its December discussion of whether to adopt a resolution to place the County School Facilities Sales Tax referendum on the April 2017 ballot. The CSFT, if ultimately approved by the Madison County voters, would authorize the addition of a 1% school facilities sales tax for school construction and renovation, as discussed in the December Board meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Duncan, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Madison, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2017.

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WHEREAS, Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*County School Facility Occupation Tax Law*"), authorizes the

imposition of a tax upon all persons engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property, other than personal property titled or registered with an agency of the government of the State of Illinois, at retail in The County of Madison, Illinois (the “*County*”), on the gross receipts of the sales made in the course of business and a service occupation tax upon all persons engaged in the County in the business of making sales of service, who, as an incident to making those sales of service, transfer tangible personal property within the County as an incident to a sale of service, at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes (the “*County School Facility Occupation Taxes*”) if a proposition for the County School Facility Occupation Taxes (the “*Proposition*”) is submitted to the electors of the County at a regular election and approved by a majority of the electors voting on the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, “*school facility purposes*” means (i) the acquisition, development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, financing, architectural planning, and installation of capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures, and durable equipment and the acquisition and improvement of real property and interest in real property required, or expected to be required, in connection with the capital facilities and (ii) the payment of bonds or other obligations heretofore or hereafter issued, including bonds or other obligations heretofore or hereafter issued to refund or to continue to refund bonds or other obligations issued, for school facility purposes provided that the taxes levied to pay such bonds are abated by the amount of the taxes

imposed under the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law that are used to pay such bonds; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, “*school facility purposes*” also includes fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes set forth under Section 17-2.11 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law provides that upon receipt of a resolution or resolutions of school district boards that represent more than 50% of the student enrollment within the County, the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County (the “*Regional Superintendent*”) must certify the Proposition to the proper election authority in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “*Election Code*”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “*Board*”) of [Name of School District] (the “*District*”), deems it necessary, advisable and in the best interest of the District that the Regional Superintendent certify the Proposition to the County Clerk of the County (the “*County Clerk*”) for submission to the electors of the County at the consolidated election to be held on the 4th day of April, 2017 (the “*Election*”):

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of [Name of School District], as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Direction to Regional Superintendent. The Regional Superintendent is hereby directed to certify the Proposition to the County Clerk in the form set forth in the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law and in accordance with the Election Code, for submission to the electors of the County at the Election.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Repeal. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted January 3, 2017.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Redman, Ms. Leggett, and Mr. Aguinaga

The following members voted NAY: None.

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Hear Preview of January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting:

Hear 1st Reading of Board Policy Revision, 4.175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender):

Dr. Pearson observed that this policy revision had been discussed at the November Board meeting, as one of the many to be adopted in December, but was inadvertently omitted from the December 13, 2016 Agenda. This revision was to align current policy and procedures with changes in state law.

He also noted that, since this policy revision had already been discussed in detail back in November, it was his recommendation that the Board go ahead and adopt it at the January 10th Regular Meeting, rather than wait until February to adopt. After some discussion, there was a consensus to place this policy revision on the January 10th Agenda for adoption.

Hear 2nd Reading of Policy Revisions: The Board would hear the second reading and would be recommended to adopt this list of policy revisions, as discussed in December 2016: 6.160 (English Learners); 6.340 (Student Testing & Assessment Program); 7.15 (Student & Family Privacy Rights); 7.50 (School Admissions); 7.60 (Residence); 7.60-AP1 (Challenging a Student's Residency Status); 7.60-AP2 (Establishing Student Residency); 7.70 (Attendance & Truancy); 7.250 (Student Support Services); 7.260 (Exemption from Physical Education); 7.270 (Administering Medicines to Students); 7.270-AP1 (Dispensing Medication); 7.305 (Student-Athlete Concussions & Head Injuries); 7.305-AP (Student-Athlete Concussions & Head Injuries); 7.315 (Restrictions on Student Publications); 7.340-AP1 (School Student records); 8.70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities); 8.95-AP (Parental Involvement)

Approve 2017-18 School Calendar: Dr. Pearson noted that he had received a favorable response from Supt. Anderson at Wood River - Hartford #15 as to his draft 2017-18 unified district calendar. Therefore, he recommended that the Board adopt that 2017-18 unified calendar, as discussed on the December 13, 2016 Board Meeting.

Set Date for Strategic Planning Session: The Board discussed some calendar dates, settling on Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. as its annual goal-setting and strategic planning meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mr. Duncan, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 6:52 p.m.