

Regular Board Meeting
June 11, 2019
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Jennifer Murray called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Melissa Bartels, Missy Bell-Yates, Leroy Duncan, Mark St. Peters, Jamey Westbrook and Jennifer Murray answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Mike Redman. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel and Gerry Mattix-Wand. Approximately 18 union members were in attendance to address the Board.

Board Communications:

John Marshall, President of Local #3401 of the IFT (the employee union representing staff at EAWR) presented a list of concerns regarding student discipline and school safety concerns and then offered recommendations to the Board that, from the union's perspective, might address those concerns.

Specifically, the highlights of what the union proposed are as follows:

- Filling the previously posted Daytime Supervisor position
- Adding additional cameras to the network, in an attempt to cover some additional areas of the campus
- Re-instatement of the Dean/Athletic Director position, which has been vacated for several years due to budget cuts
- A policy that would ban all student use of cell phones during any class hours
- A creation of a Safety Committee composed of union and management staff
- A notification system to teachers as to certain students who should not be in campus
- Study of the purchase of an "e-pass" system that would track students who were issued passes from teachers.

Several other suggestions were made.

After asking some clarifying questions of Mr. Marshall, the Board thanked the union members for their input and that they would take their suggestions into consideration.

Public Comments:

None.

Board Discussion of Union's Suggestions:

The Board discussed at length the proposals from the union regarding their concerns over discipline and safety. After some discussion, there was a consensus of the Board to take the following steps: 1) Adopt a cell phone ban during class time, pending Mrs. Robinson's recommendation for Handbook language. 2) Direct the superintendent to advertise the position of Dean / Athletic Director, with the focus of the discussion being to ease time burdens on the building administrators. 3) Direct Mr. Mattix-Wand to come back with a proposal for some additional cameras and their locations.

Other recommendations from the union would be studied at a future time.

Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Westbrook, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of May 7, 2019 and May 14, 2019 and the Special Meeting of May 23, 2019. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$38,619.29 be authorized; that salaries for the month of May in the amount of \$509,002.21 and bills quickly paid for the month of May in the amount of \$80,404.13 be approved and that June salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Adopt Amended District Budget for FY 2019:

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. Westbrook, to adopt the amended District Budget for FY 2019, as presented at the Budget Hearing, immediately preceding the Regular Meeting. Aye: Mrs. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Handbook Approval Tabled:

The approval of the Student-Parent Handbook was tabled until the July 9th Regular Meeting, so that Mrs. Robinson can further research some potential language regarding the banning of cell phones during all class hours, campus-wide.

Authorize Superintendent to Negotiate Lease-Purchase Agreement for Chromebooks and Accessories:

The superintendent recommended that the Board authorize him to negotiate a lease-purchase agreement with The Bank of Edwardsville / Busey Bank, for the acquisition of

200 Chromebooks and bags. These would be ordered for the incoming freshmen class to use for the next four years. The lease-purchase mechanism is used to allow the District to access Tech Lease Levy tax proceeds for this purchase.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Westbrook, to authorize the superintendent to negotiate with The Bank of Edwardsville / Busey Bank for a lease-purchase agreement for the 2019 acquisition of Chromebooks. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Renewal of MISSVIC and the District's Approval of Its By-Laws:

The Board discussed the superintendent's recommendation for approving the proposed by-laws for the MISSVIC Property-Casualty Pool. They also heard the recommendation to renew the District's membership in MISSVIC.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mrs. Bell-Yates, to the adoption of the by-laws, as presented, and the resolution renewing the continued membership in MISSVIC for three more years. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adopt School Calendar for 2019-20:

The Board reviewed the proposed school calendar, as agreed to by the three districts. President Murray noted that she had attended a recent Tri-District meeting of school board presidents and superintendents and noted the cooperation of the calendar effort.

The 2019-20 school calendar features a very early start to the school year, with August 12-13, 2019 being used as the opening Institute Days, with the District using those two days for the Flippen "Capturing Kids Hearts" training. The calendar also features a standard Christmas break, two other Institute Days, a five-day spring break, and a potential for a school dismissal of May 19, 2020, assuming no snow days are used.

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Duncan, to adopt the 2019-20 school calendar as presented. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Principal's Report:

Upcoming dates to remember ...

July 2 End of Summer School

Committees

Letters for community service will be sent home this summer.

Miscellaneous

Summer school—May 30-July 2

Approximately 200 students enrolled in classes for credit recovery. Some of those 200 are duplicates with some students enrolled in two classes.

Superintendent's Report:

Chromebook Purchase Options. Mr. Mattix-Wand presented his recommendation for the HP G6 11A Chromebook as the new iteration of the school's Chromebook inventory. These 200 new Chromebooks and bags would be ordered and distributed to the Class of 2023, as per usual with each new incoming freshman class. The unit cost of the new Chromebook was \$191, but Mr. Mattix-Wand observed that the price may not hold for long. The proposal came from the same firm (*Technology Resource Advisors*) with which the District purchases its "ChromeCare" plan for repairing and replacing parts of its inventory of machines.

Mr. Mattix-Wand was asked if he could ask for an extension of the price offer, since the tech lease with the bank would not likely be ready for a few weeks.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. Westbrook, 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 building security matters. Aye: Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried at 7:52 p.m.

[Mrs. Bell-Yates left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.]

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. Westbrook, to come out of executive session. Aye: Mrs. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried at 8:22 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mrs. Bartels, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session of December 2017. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. Westbrook, to approve the executive session minutes of May 7, 2019, May 14, 2019, and May 23, 2019. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. Westbrook, to approve the salary and wage increases for the non-union and administrative personnel, as presented. Mrs. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. St. Peters, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 8:25 p.m.