

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, IL

A regular meeting of the Seneca Township High School Board of Education was held on November 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. President Frye called the meeting to order with roll call.

1. ROLL CALL: Present: Johnson, Frye, Olson, Victor, Eltrevoog
Absent: Hamilton, Yandell
Yandell arrived at 6:55pm

Others present: Superintendent Jim Carlson, Principal Marty Voiles, Assistant Principal Michael Coughlin, Recording Secretary Nadine Maierhofer, CBSO Dan Stecken, Faculty Member Kent Weber, Student of the Month winners and guests, and the Ottawa Radio.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

The student award winners were recognized.

3. INVESTMENT REPORT

Dr. Carlson reviewed the Investment Report. President Frye stated that the Investment Report would stand approved as presented, subject to audit.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Dr. Carlson reviewed the Financial Dashboards.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Carlson gave the Treasurer's Report. President Frye stated that the Treasurer's Report would stand approved subject to audit.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Minutes

Dr. Carlson stated he received no additions or corrections to the minutes. President Frye stated minutes would stand approved as presented.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Dr. Carlson briefly reviewed the accounts payable. President Frye asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable as presented.

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded Mark Victor to approve the Accounts Payable expenses as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Olson, Victor, Eltrevoog, Frye
Nays:
Motion Carried

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

9. EDUCATIONAL ITEM

No educational items were received.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Finance Report

1. 2020-21 Budget

Dr. Carlson stated this budget corresponds to our anticipated levy after abatement. This budget will be tweaked over time until it is transferred to the state budget form in September. The budget hearing will be held at 8:20 am on December 18, 2019, prior to the regular board meeting. Dr. Carlson stated this budget is balanced, leaning slightly to the surplus side.

2. 2019 Levy

Dr. Carlson stated the 2019 Levy will represent approximately a 12% increase over last year's extension. The levy will be abated to comply with the terms of the agreement with Exelon therefore the tax rate will remain at \$1.79838; however, the district will still be required to conduct a Truth in Taxation hearing before our regular board meeting and after the budget hearing in December. This meeting will take place on December 18, 2019, at 8:25am.

B. Personnel Report

Will be discussed in Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

C. Building, Grounds & Transportation

1. Building Update

Dr. Carlson stated that we had to replace a blower in a 3-year old boiler, of which we were 3 months out of the warranty. Ruyle did not charge us labor for this.

2. BTC Report Update

Dr. Carlson updated the Board on our attorney feedback in regards to any type of lawsuit. A lawsuit is not possible. Our next option is to file a claim with our insurance cooperative or pursue a dollar for dollar grant totaling up to \$50,000.

D. Policies

1. PRESS Policies - 1st Reading

Dr. Carlson stated the Policy Committee met prior to this month's Board Meeting. There are many policy revisions for PRESS.

E. Summer School

Dr. Carlson informed the Board of the summer school courses we will offer: Algebra I - two semesters, Drivers Education, Economics, Government, Dual Credit Speech, World History, and the Summer Bridge Program. The dates for each semester will be Semester 1 - June 1st - June 19th and Semester 2 - June 22nd - July 10th providing we do not use any emergency days. Enrollment and teacher availability will determine final schedule.

F. New Course Approvals

Dr. Carlson stated the following classes will be offered next school year: World History (1 semester), Geography (1 semester), AP Human Geography a course for Freshman, Percussion Methods (possibly remove one guitar class), and Computer Programming II which is an AP Computer Science A (Java) class. A Nutrition course will be offered to coincide with our Nursing Program; however, we need the approval of IVCC to teach the online course by our Nurse, Sara Durdan. Dual Credit STATS will not be offered.

A motion was made by Sara Olson and seconded Mark Victor to approve the new classes for the 2020-21 school year as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Olson, Victor, Eltrevoog, Frye, Johnson
Nays:
Motion Carried

G. Executive Session

Dr. Carlson stated he would ask for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

12. PRINCIPAL/ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

A. First 9 Weeks Information

Assistant Principal Mike Coughlin reviewed the information from the first nine weeks. The attendance rate was 95.9%. 93.1% of all grades given were C's or above. 14.6% of total students received a discipline referral. Most referrals were issued for being unexcused or tardy for school.

B. School Report Card

Principal Marty Voiles reviewed the information for the 2018-19 School Year Report Card.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATION AND FOIA REPORT

Dr. Carlson stated there were a couple thank-you notes from the Scott Blair and Katelyn Ortiz Families. A thank you letter from Our Savior's Lutheran Church and a letter from CF Industries on their mini grant program and who the winners were. He also made mention there were State Superintendent Weekly Messages included as supplemental readings.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded by Mark Victor to adjourn to Executive Session, to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and pending litigation. Executive Session was entered into at 6:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Olson, Victor, Eltrevoog, Frye
Nays:
Motion Carried

15. ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no action items.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



President, Board of Education

12-18-19
Date



Secretary, Board of Education