**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**October 25th, 2021**

**\*\*Please Note:\*\***

***Everyone in attendance is fever-free and are required to wear a mask.***

***South Pekin School District 137 will continue to practice social distancing during meetings as advised through the guidelines set by the IDPH.***

**Mrs. Chambers, Board President, called the Board of Education Meeting to Order at 5:04 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Senecal, Mr. Holloway, Mrs. White, Mrs. Lamberson.

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Everhart

Guests: Mrs. Strickler

Audience Participation: None

Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2021. Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. WHITE, MRS. LAMBERSON. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**:

Mr. Mingus touched base on the events of last week with parent teacher conferences. He said the conferences were a success and there was a great turn out of parents in attendance. Mr. Mingus then discussed the procedure for cold weather/e-learning days. He wanted to remind the board that the wind-chill needed to be at least -20 to consider calling a cold day. He said when it comes to snow, we will do our best to be consistent with Rankin and the City of Pekin because of transportation. Mr. Mingus then gave a report on the progress of the HVAC system. He said the contractors and engineers have been in and he has signed the agreement for $439,000. The contractors will be starting on this project soon with the completion date of March 1, 2022. Mr. Mingus went on to praise the “Test to Stay” incentive. He explained the “Test to Stay” is the option parents now have to get their kids covid tested at school in order to remain in school. Mr. Mingus said that despite his initial worry with this testing; it has been a very great success and a great tool to use to keep our kids in school. Mrs. Chambers then commended Mr. Mingus for the hard work he has done with covid testing and contact tracing. She also said the health department commends him too. Mrs. Chambers then made the comment that the school needs to work on a better e-learning plan for those who have to remote learn during quarantine. Mr. Mingus ensured her that they are working on getting these students the help they need. He moved on to inform the board he has begun to test the staff members for their weekly testing if they are not vaccinated. Currently the school has seven employees who are subjected to this testing every week. Mrs. Lamberson asked how many positive tests the school has had. Mr. Mingus replied with a rough estimate of only four people. The next item Mr. Mingus spoke about is the staffing update. He said they had an interview that went very well for the open teacher position. He thinks the candidate will be a great fit and they seem to really want to come to our school. Also, he said he is still looking for a Teacher’s Aid/Para position, especially since we are in need of a 1:1 Aid/Para. He said the part-time secretary position and the full time maintenance positions are both still open.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Holloway made the MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield
2. Approval of Life, Dental, and Vision Insurance Rates (Principal)
3. Approval of 2021-2022 Superintendent Goals
4. Approval of FY21 Audit
5. Approval of Salary and Compensation Report
6. Approval of Shawana Hardwick’s Resignation (Verbal)
7. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 5:90
8. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 6:110
9. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 6:280
10. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:190
11. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:200
12. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:210
13. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:220
14. Approval of 2nd Reading of Board Policy 7:290
15. Approval of 2nd Reading of Board Policy 7:345

Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. WHITE, MRS. LAMBERSON. Motion Carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Mrs. Lamberson made a MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS, PAYMENT OF BILLS. Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. WHITE, MRS. LAMBERSON. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus updated the Board on sports. We have two students who have qualifies for State in Cross Country!! Basketball is in full swing and we will be picking up with volleyball soon!

At 5:23p.m. Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING NOVEMEBER 22ND, 2021. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

Mrs. Chambers, Board President Mrs. Lamberson, Board Secretary