**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**September 30th, 2021**

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**Mrs. Chambers, Board President, called the Board of Education Budget Hearing to Order at 5:00P.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Senecal**,** Mrs. Everhart

Mrs. Everhart arrived at 5:02pm

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland, Mrs. Martin

Mr. Mingus started the hearing by going over the operating fund. He said that as of now, all the operating funds have some surplus except for the transportation fund. He informed the board, if money needs to be moved later on, it will be done. Mr. Mingus informed the board of some bigger things that will affect the budget this year. The main one is the HVAC system. The bids came in and the costs from our original estimates have gone up about $100,000, totaling around $439,000. He is moving some things around in our ESSER grants to accommodate this change.

At 5:03p.m. Mr. Holloway made the MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FY22 BUDGET HEARING. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

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

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

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

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Senecal

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland, Mrs. Martin

Audience Participation: None

Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from AUGUST 9TH, 2021. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. WHITE, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS. EVERHART. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**:

Mr. Mingus wanted to start his report by discussing the HVAC system in detail. He showed the board all four bids that came in. The lowest bid came in at $439,000 from the Pipco Companies. The Standard Heating and Cooling’s bid came in at $505,960, O’Brian was $453,000 and Mechanical Service of Galesburg was $509,000. The biggest reason this is higher than expected, is because some additional electrical work that has to be done. This work will add about $100,000 to the original estimates. He was also advised to prepare for at least 10% of unexpected costs for the project. This means on top of the $439,000, we need to plan for at least $40,000 more in unexpected costs. Mr. Mingus explained that because of this, our ESSER grant will need to be adjusted and cuts will have to be made. He also spoke with our auditor about using the funds in the schools Working Cash to help pay for this project. The schools auditor confirmed that we can use the districts Working Cash fund to help pay for the HVAC project, if need be. Mrs. Chambers then brought up canceling the Board Convention to save the district money. Mrs. Vohland and Mr. Mingus will look into canceling reservations, but they may not be refundable at this point. Mr. Mingus continued to discuss the ESSER III Grant. Since, 20% of our ESSER III grant has to be used on Learning Loss, we will still be budgeting for some new curriculum, tutoring, and summers school costs. Mr. Mingus pointed out that he still has the two busses budgeted into our ESSER III grant. One will be a short yellow bus for our ECE route and the other will be a short white bus for coaches to drive for games. Mr. Mingus moved on to discuss the fire. He said the fire was not a large fire, it was contained in a closet with concrete walls but there was a lot of damage from the smoke. The insurance claim on this will be between $200,000 and $300,000. He said the three-way radios that school purchased was a tremendous help for communication. Mrs. Lamberson asked what the protocol would be in case of a tornado. She wanted to know if there is a master list of the students that are present that Mrs. Kennedy keeps. Mr. Mingus explained that every teacher has a master list of all the students they are responsible for along with a master class list in Mrs. Kennedy’s possession and a sign-in/out sheet outside of the office. He commended all of the staff members, parents, Rankin and the City for making things run smoothly during the fire three weeks ago. He went on to discuss Boys Basketball. He is saddened to say there may not be a season this year due to the amount ineligibility and lack of interest. Mrs. Chambers and Mr. Holloway agreed that not having a basketball season would be better than having one that keeps canceling games. Mrs. Chambers then brought up combining the boys and girls teams in the future. Mr. Mingus said it is something we can continue to look into for the following years. He said it may be worth discussing finding someone to co-op with in the future.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the FY22 Budget
2. Approval of Matthew Koster’s Overload Contract
3. Approval of Melissa Strickler’s Overload Contract
4. Approval of Meghan Walker’s Overload Contract
5. Approval of Rebekah Tanner as Teacher’s Aide for the remainder of the 2021-2022 School Year
6. Approval of Sasha Riggs as Teacher’s Aide for the remainder of the 2021-2022 School Year
7. Approval of Health Aide Stipend for Sara Weyant
8. Approval of Special’s Stipend for Sondra Huff
9. Approval of 1st Reading of Amended Board Policy 5:90
10. Approval of 1st Reading of Amended Board Policy 6:110
11. Approval of 1st Reading of Amended Board Policy 6:280
12. Approval of 1st Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:190
13. Approval of 1st Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:200
14. Approval of 1st Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:210
15. Approval of 1st Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:220
16. Approval of 1st Reading of Board Policy 7:290
17. Approval of 1st Reading of Board Policy 7:345

Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. WHITE, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS. EVERHART. Motion Carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Mr. Lamberson made THE MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FY22 BUDGET. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. WHITE, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS. EVERHART. Motion Carried.

Mr. Holloway made THE MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE LOWEST BID FOR THE HVAC PROJECT. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. WHITE, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS. EVERHART. Motion Carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus informed the board of the upcoming parent teacher conferences taking place October 21st. Also, baseball, softball and cross country seasons are still going along with girl’s basketball being 2-0 so far! He commended our coaches in all their hard work! Also, the PTO festival is tomorrow!

At 5:59p.m. Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OCTOBER 25TH, 2021. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

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