**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**AUGUST 24th, 2020**

**Mrs. Chambers, Board President, called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Senecal, Mrs. Lamberson, Mrs. Everhart, Miss. Rotherham, Mr. Holloway and Mrs. Chambers.

**ABSENT:**  None

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland

Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from JULY 27TH, 2020. Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS.EVERHART, MISS. ROTHERHAM, MR. HOLLOWAY AND MRS.CHAMBERS. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**:

Mr. Mingus started the meeting going over enrollment numbers. He said the school is has about 185 students enrolled. He informed the board the enrollment is down due to people moving out of the district and a few parents have decided to home school their students. However the enrollment for Early Childhood(ECE) is continuing to rise. Mr. Mingus went over the FY21 budget , showing the board where there is deficit currently budgeted for the transportation fund and assured them it will not stay this way as we continue to receive funds for transportation. Mr. Mingus then discussed MAP testing and informed the board testing will start Wednesday and Thursday this coming week. This way parents can have an idea where their kids stand academically now and then they will tested again in the spring. Mr. Mingus went on to discuss updates within COVID-19. The school is in day 4 of face to face instruction and so far the processes we have put into place have been working as well as the mitigation efforts. He said teachers have begun recording their lessons for all of the students who are on remote learning. Mr. Mingus went on to applaud the parents this year. He said parents have been quick to get their kids in to see the doctor and they have been great getting these things taken care of. He continued to say the students have been doing a great job wearing the masks and keeping them on all day. Mr. Mingus informed the board that the teachers have been using Screencastify to record their lessons. With this system, the teachers can record and if there is any background noise, they can edit it the noise out. So far it has been a success and over time things will continue to improve with remote learning. Mr. Mingus informed the board of the two hand washing stations that are being rented for the school year. These will be used when the students are coming in from outside. Mr. Mingus went over the transition to remote learning for all students. He said the district will remain in face to face instruction until the governor reverts back to phase 3 or requires a shut down. The district will remain in face to face instruction until the school reaches 50% of students in remote learning. Once the 50% mark is hit, the entire school will be remote learning. The concern is with the staff contracting COVID-19. Mr. Mingus stated there is a sub shortage and if the school has more than a few teachers out, or if the wrong person is diagnosed with COVID-19, the entire school will have to shut down for a period of time. Mrs. Chambers asked Mr. Mingus how long this plan will stay in place. Mr. Mingus replied saying; it will stay until the Governor announces the state is in Phase 5. This will mean everything can go back to normal. Mr. Mingus also said he will be sending weekly updates on the districts remote learning percentages. If the percentages get close to 50%, he will send out daily updates until 50% is reached and the school is fully remote. Mrs. Senecal brought up a compliment she had received from a parent this past week. She said they commend the school and Mr. Mingus in how this school year has been approached and handled. This year has had many challenges and the school has done an excellent job in implementing and communicating these changes to parent and students. Mr. Mingus went on to discuss baseball recommendations when it comes to wearing masks. He told the board he had signs made recommending face coverings be worn but will not be required outside. He said social distancing will be strongly recommended during games, especially if face coverings are not being used. Mr. Mingus went on to discuss increasing the sub rate until the end of the school year to $110.00 per day. This is because of the sub shortage and he is in hopes it will encourage more subs to come to our school.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

1. Approval of Cole Bikai as assistant baseball coach for 2020 season
2. Approval of Amanda Washburn’s Tuition Reimbursement
3. Approval of Tentative FY21 Budget
4. Approval of FY21 Budget Hearing date of September 28, 2020 at 5:00
5. Approval to Increase Substitute Teacher Rates to $110.00 per day.
6. Approval of District’s Amended Transition Plan

Mrs. Rotherham seconded the motion ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS.EVERHART, MISS. ROTHERHAM, MR. HOLLOWAY AND MRS.CHAMBERS. Motion Carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus informed the board Baseball is currently going good and Softball is still in session but the team is not competitive enough to play so they will continue to practice. Mrs. Blanchard found someone who would be interested in offering softball pitching lessons to our team in hopes this will continue to build up our team. Once Cross Country is finished there will nothing until next year. Volleyball will start in January 2021 and Basketball will start in March.

At 6:02p.m. Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2020. Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

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