**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**March 29th, 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. Blanchard, Board Vice-President, called the Board of Education Meeting to Order at 5:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Mrs. Chambers.

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Lamberson, Mrs. Everhart

**ABSENT:**  Miss. Rotherham, Mr. Holloway, Mrs. Senecal.

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland, Mrs. Zaayenga, Mrs. Richard, Miss. Nelson, Mrs. Bursott, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Schwartz.

Audience Participation: None

Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from FEBRUARY 22nd, 2021 and SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES from MARCH 8th, 2021. Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS. EVERHART. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**:

Mr. Mingus started the meeting by informing the board about the ESSER III grant. He told the board that official numbers will be in on Wednesday and it should be about $400,000 dollars. He said 20% of this grant will have to be spent on materials for bridging the learning gap. Some ideas the area administrators had was hiring more teachers with the grant money, assuming the district can keep the position open without the grant in the future and possibly having summer school. Another idea being discussed is possibly expanding the cafeteria and creating more room for kids to eat. Mrs. Chambers asked if there was a way to survey the staff to get their opinions and also more ideas for what they think the school may need or benefit from having. Mr. Mingus is waiting to get more information on what expenses will qualify under the ESSER III grant. He told the board the school has until 2024 to spend this grant money. Mr. Mingus went on to discuss that the engineer is scheduled to come Friday for the scheduled site visit for the HVAC for the new gym. This will ensure the electrical grid can handle the new HVAC before it is installed. He went on to inform the board that IAR testing will begin in April after break. The results will not count towards anything, but it will be beneficial to see where the kids stand. He discussed the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year and no major changes have been made. Mr. Mingus moved on to explain the annual building inspection report. He said there were only a few minor things the inspector noted and said Mr. Grogan has completed these improvements.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

A. Approval of tenure teacher contracts for the 2021-2022 school year

1. Rachel Bursott, Special Education Teacher
2. Approval to renew non-tenured teacher contracts for the 2021-2022 school year
3. Devin Richard, Elementary Teacher
4. Marissa Nelson, Elementary Teacher
5. Amanda Schwartz, School Social Worker
6. Approval of Tara Zaayenga’s 2021-2022 Contract
7. Approval of Tracey Canete’s 2021-2022 Special Education Coordinator Contract
8. Approval of Joann Blair’s 2021-2022 Contract
9. Approval of Melissa Strickler as Assistant Track Coach for 2020-2021 School Year
10. Approval of Ed McFarlin as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2020-2021 School Year
11. Approval of Brock McFarlin as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for 2020-2021 School Year
12. Approval of Lori Martin’s Intent to Retire at the Completion of the 2024-2025 School Year
13. Approval of 2021-2022 School Calendar
14. Approval of Seth Mingus’s Superintendent Evaluation
15. Approval to Seek Milk Bids for 2021-2022

M. Approval to Seek Bread Bids for 2021-2022

Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion . ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS. EVERHART. Motion Carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus wanted to make sure the board is aware of the struggle the school has scheduling track meets. Mrs. Everhart asked what is happening with graduation this May. Mr. Mingus said that he will send out a survey to parents giving the option to have a parade like last year, or a traditional ceremony where 4 family members can attend per student.

At 5:16p.m. Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING APRIL 26TH, 2021. Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

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