**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**OCTOBER 26th, 2020**

**\*\*Please Note: Everyone in attendance is required to wear a mask\*\***

**Mrs. Chambers, Board President, called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Senecal, Miss. Rotherham

**ABSENT:**  Mrs. Everhart, Mr. Holloway

Mrs. Lamberson arrived at 5:03pm

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

Audience Participation: None

Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF BUDGET HEARING-MINUTES AND REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2020. Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MISS. ROTHERHAM. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**:

Mr. Mingus went over how parent-teacher conference had gone on Monday. He said the turnout of parents that came were great. Also, the feedback from staff and parents were positive as to how conferences were handled this year. Mrs. Chambers made the comment of how the conferences felt more private versus last year. Mr. Mingus said it is possible that conferences will be ran this way in the future. He went on to discuss cold days and e-learning days. He reminded the board how any district can use e-learning days since there is a 5-year waiver. This means instead of taking snow days, we can take an e-learning day instead. Mrs. Senecal asked if snow days would be taken in the event a storm prevents the internet from working. Mr. Mingus reply by saying the school can definitely use a emergency day since we still have 5 days to use. Mr. Mingus went on to discuss how Mrs. Schwartz will be taking the 6th and 8th grade students for a period while Mary Kate is on maternity leave. This will help the district because it means we do not need to find a substitute for that time. During this time Mrs. Schwartz will be talking to the students about social skills and health. She has also started visiting the elementary once a week to discuss social skills. He went on to inform the board of the COVID-19 updates. He said last week was the best week we have had with only two students being isolated due to being a close contact. He thinks these numbers will be going up because of the amount of parents testing positive. He added that this is no surprise since the numbers are rising in Illinois. Mr. Mingus said he thinks we have been doing a good job social distancing. He said the procedures the school has implemented are not desirable, but they work. Mrs. Chambers mentioned how it would be nice to keep the hand washing stations for the future, especially during the flu season. Mrs. Chambers brought up how she feels the Governor may shut the schools and State down before Thanksgiving break. Mr. Mingus didn't feel like we would be but he said we will deal with that situation when it gets here. He then said he would like to practice a remote learning day for the students and teachers. The kids already know how to submit work online but they need to get familiar with Google Meets and the routine of going to a remote class.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

1. Approval of Renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield
2. Approval of Life, Dental, and Vision Insurance Rates (Principal)
3. Approval of Contract with American Institute for Research
4. Approval of Mary Kate Black’s FMLA Leave
5. Approval of Jody VanOrder’s Resignation
6. Approval of Permanent Substitute Teaching Position for 2nd Semester of  2020-2021 School Year
7. Approval of Jody VanOrder as Permanent Substitute Teacher for 2ND Semester of 2020-2021 School Year
8. Approval of Sara Weyant as Part-Time Teacher’s Aide/Short Term Substitute Teacher
9. Approval of 2020-2021 Superintendent Goals
10. Approval of FY20 Audit
11. Approval of Salary and Compensation Report

Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MISS. ROTHERHAM. Motion Carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus said the IHSA had a meeting on Wednesday discussing winter sports. IHSA will be going off of IDPH's guidance. November 1st will start contact days for students in winter sports. According to the Governors rules, we can have inter-team scrimmages just not opposing team games. Mr. Mingus informed the board there will be additional cleaning in the gym when contact days start.

At 5:43p.m. Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OCTOBER 26TH, 2020. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

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