**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**November 22nd, 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 5:00 P.M.**

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

**Absent**: Mrs. Everhart

**Guests**: Seth Mingus, Melissa Strickler, Jason Deppert

**Audience Participation:** None

Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2021. Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. BLANCAHRD, MRS. CHAMBERS, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. WHITE. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**:

Mr. Mingus started by reporting on the 2021 tax levy. He reminded the Board that the district is tax capped, and it cannot increase its levy by more than 4.99%. Mr. Mingus told the Board that the levy he will be presenting has an overall increase of 4.9%. He told the Board that while the district will be asking for an increase of 4.9%, it will not receive 4.9, as the CPI was 1.4%. He also told the Board that he will be increasing the amount the district will be levying for the education fund, while decreasing the amount being levying in the IMRF/Social Security fund. This is due to a higher than needed fund balance in the IMRF/Social Security fund. He told the Board that this change will not impact the overall amount of the levy. Mr. Mingus then reminded the Board that it is his intent to use e-learning days rather than emergency days in the event of cold/snowy weather. Mr. Mingus then gave an update on the HVAC project. He told the Board that PIPCO was planning on doing site work in the near future. He also told the Board that he has amended both ESSER grants to reflect the cost of the project. While the cost of the project will be covered with grant money, any change orders will have to be covered out of the education fund. Mr. Mingus then gave the Board an update on the district’s staffing. He referenced the consent agenda, informing the Board of staffing changes. Mr. Mingus then updated the Board on the district’s recent IMRF audit. He told the Board that were a few minor findings, and they have been addressed. Mr. Mingus then told the Board about his experience at the School Board Convention, as well as updated the Board on the girls basketball team.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Levy Hearing for December 16th at 4:45
2. Approval of Tentative Levy
3. Approval of Chuck Grogan’s Resignation
4. Approval of Rachel Morgan as an Elementary Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2021-2022 School Year
5. Approval of Jason Deppert’s Amended 2021-2022 Contract
6. Approval of Becky Piro as Kitchen Worker for the Remainder of the 2021-2022 School Year
7. Approval of Cristen Mini as Substitute Bookkeeper
8. Approval of Christie Montgomery as Teacher’s Aide for the Remainder of the 2021-2022 School Year
9. Approval of Tonie Purcell as Kitchen Worker for the Remainder of the 2021-2022 School Year
10. Approval of Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under an IRS Code Section 125 as IMRF Earnings
11. Approval of Melissa Strickler’s Tuition Reimbursement
12. Approval of IMRF Review

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus told the Board that the girls basketball regional will start on Tuesday, and the team has earned the 2nd seed. Mr. Mingus also told the Board that the district’s new custodian will be training for the first couple days of her employment.

At 5:19 p.m. Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING NOVEMEBER 22ND, 2021. Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

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