

**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**August 10th, 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. Chambers, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Senecal, Mr. Holloway, Mrs. White  
**ABSENT:** Mrs. Lamberson, Mrs. Everhart

Mrs. Everhart arrived at 5:05pm over phone conference  
Mrs. Chambers attended through video

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland, Mrs. Strickler  
Audience Participation: None

Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from JUNE 28TH, 2021. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECA, MRS. WHITE, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Mingus informed the board the schools enrollment continues to grow. He thinks the schools enrollment will be close to where it was last year but he will have more numbers at the next board meeting. Mr. Mingus brought up that schools in Illinois have been struggling with enrollment due to people moving out of state and choosing to home school. Mrs. Chambers asked where the enrollment is currently, Mr. Mingus responded saying there are about 170 students currently enrolled and more will come in as the school year nears. He went on to discuss the Return to Learn plan. Mr. Mingus informed the board it has been changed in order to reflect the governor's new order. Masks will now be a requirement. Because of the mitigations that are in place, students will be at least three feet apart along with a reduced lunch time of 30 minutes. He said the new lunch seating and tables are to be delivered this week! He wanted to point out, with the new order; there will no quarantine for people whom are three feet or more away from each other when they wear a mask. Mr. Mingus went on to discuss the staffing situation. At the start of the month, the school was fully staffed and now, with Heathers passing and a new hire backing out, the school had to come up with a different plan. Mr. Mingus said he has been working with the Teachers Union to establish an option for teachers to receive overload pay, in hopes this will help fill the gap until the school hires more staff. He is hoping to have this position filled by January. He went on to inform the board of the new radios the school bought. This will make communication easier between teachers and the office along with the maintenance staff. Mr. Mingus went on to discuss the tentative budget with the board. He stressed how tentative this budget is because of the staffing issues and also because of the new grants that are coming in. He will continue to revise the budget as more information comes in.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

Mr. Mingus discussed the ESSER III grant that is going live for \$503,000. He presented the grant to board with the items he has allocated. These items include but are not limited to; tutoring, summer school, benefits associated with pay, technology fee, materials for summer school, new laminator, HVAC system, Installation , school busses, new yard sign, new garage, cafeteria tables, and new curriculum for teachers.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Holloway made the MOTION TO PULL ITEM D FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. EVERHART. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Chambers called for a MOTION TO APPROVE ELISE SULLENGER AS TEACHER’S AIDE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR. No motion was made. Motion died.

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

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Annual of Angie Hoffman’s resignation
- B. Approval of Jewel Billen’s 2021-2022 Contract
- C. Approval of Shawana Hardwick as Part-Time Secretary/Part-Time Paraprofessional for 2021-2022 School Year
- D. Approval of Elise Sullenger as Teacher’s Aid for the 2021-2022 School Year
- E. Approval of Holly Harmon as Part-Time Teacher’s Aid for the 2021-2022 School Year
- F. Approval of Ryan Maas as Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 School Year
- G. Approval of Tentative FY22 Budget
- H. Approval of FY22 Budget Hearing date of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:00pm
- I. Approval of 2021-2022 Substitute Teacher Rates
- J. Approval of District’s Amended Fall 2021 Return to Learn Plan

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

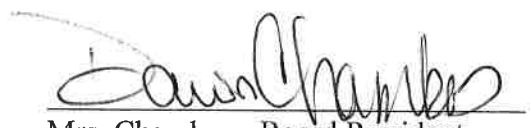
**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

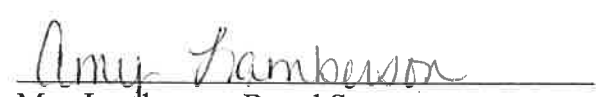
Mrs. Blanchard made a MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS, PAYMENT OF BILLS. Mrs. White seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MR. HOLLOWAY, MRS. EVERHART. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus informed the board that Softball is on their second game tonight. Baseball has a game tomorrow and Cross-Country is in full swing! Cheers to a great season! Mrs. Chambers went on to thank Mr. Mingus and Mrs. Vohland for being quick to help Heather’s family with this unexpected tragedy. She will be greatly missed by everyone!

At 5:28p.m. Mr. Holloway made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2021. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

  
Mrs. Chambers, Board President

  
Mrs. Lamberson, Board Secretary