

SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 22ND, 2022

MR. Mingus, Superintendent. called the Board of Education Meeting to Order at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Senecal, Mr. Holloway, Mrs. White, Mrs. Everhart, Mr. Gonzalez

ABSENT: Ms. Park

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Farquhar

Audience Participation: None

Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from JUNE 27TH, 2022. Mrs. White seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECA, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Mingus informed the board the schools enrollment is around 169 students. We will soon have the new pre-k students starting which will increase that number slightly to around 180. This will bring us to about 10 lower than we ended last year with. This is a result of having bigger families move from the district. This allows us to keep just the one section of each grade which is where we like to stay with about 20 students. We are not higher than that in any classes but we are smaller in a few which is a great class size. Mr. Mingus discussed an earlier email sent to the board on a possible coop with Good Shepherd. Mr. Mingus had a meeting with Joel Kilgus from Good Shepherd on an agreement that was presented in the email. A coop would be beneficial to both schools with them being a small private school. The agreement is allowing the students from Good Shepherd to participate in our sports. They would be responsible for getting the students here and we would not charge for them. Mr. Gonzalez inquired to where they are located and was informed in Pekin on Court St. This could be between 2-7 kids depending on the sport. This could essentially be the difference between having a team and not. The students may be a little late to practices and that is fine. South Pekin will pick the students up from Good Shepherd on game days, this is not an issue. This will be up for board approval tonight. This year the sports would be Boys Basketball, Volleyball and Track. Good Shepherd had to join the IESA for all of the sports and the Girls Basketball entry deadline has passed. At the end of the year we will add all of our activities. We will host all events as they do not have the facilities for them. They possibly have a boys basketball coach. We may get to the point of 5th grade do not go to away games to ensure room on the bus and playing time for all participants. Mr. Mingus informed the board that both of our new buses are in. The white activity bus can seat 15 people, so 14 students and a coach. It has been driven to every event so far that we have used. We do have a couple dates where we have 2 events away. A coach can drive the white bus. The yellow bus can be driven by a school bus driver. The school bus driver will be \$20 per hour which is what the City of Pekin pays. If a coach drives the white bus the pay would be \$50 per trip. We had a meeting with the City of Pekin and they are wanting to charge \$44 per hour for extracurricular buses. We should be able to transport all of our extracurriculars this year. Even if they drop that we are still saving ourselves money by doing our own transportation. Jason uses the yellow bus for ECE and he is liking it. Mrs. Senecal asked how many passengers can fit on

the yellow bus. Mr. Mingus informed the board that it is 19 and a wheelchair lift. We currently have one student that will need this in the future. The buses prepare us for if there is ever a time the City of Pekin decides it is just done. Mr. White asked how many students ride the bus. Mr. Mingus informed a ballpark of 60 being only one bus. If needed we may be able to transport our own students. In the event of an emergency it would not be ideal to use the white bus but we would if it was needed. The 2022-2023 staffing is not complete but is workable. We have teachers in every classroom and some are covering Math. The positions will remain open. We have Gabby Blanchard and Phoebe Olden substituting in PE every other day. These positions will remain open. Moving into the budget, it looks tighter than it will probably end up. Mr. Mingus budgets low in Revenue and High in the expense because you never know what you are going to get. We do have a surplus in each fund. They are the lowest so far in the time Mr. Mingus has been here. We always end up a little better than this and we are sitting well. This also includes the purchase of the buses.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Mr. Holloway made the MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Evelyn Fornoff as Teacher's Aide for the 2022-2023 School Year
- B. Approval of Lauren Romero as Teacher's Aide for the 2022-2023 School Year
- C. Approval of Billie Billen as Full Time Kitchen Worker for the 2022-2023 School Year
- D. Approval of Becky Piro as Part Time Kitchen Worker for the 2022-2023 School Year
- E.
- F. Approval of Phoebe Olden as Substitute Teacher/Teacher Aide
- G. Approval of Jeanette Studyvin as Full Time Permanent Substitute teacher
- H. Approval of Tatum Dowell's resignation as P.E. Teacher for 2022-2023 School Year
- I. Approval of Constance foster's Resignation as Teacher's Aide for 2022-2023 School Year
- J. Approval of Volunteer Student Coaches
- K. Approval of Supervisor Stipend for Paul Simms
- L. Approval of Tentative FY23 Budget
- M. Approval of FY23 Budget Hearing date of September 26th, 2022 at 5:00pm
- N. Approval of Official's pay for sporting events
- O. Approval of South Pekin Grade School Bus Driver Rates
- P. Approval of Coop agreement with Good Shepherd Lutheran School for Boys Basketball, Volleyball and Track & Field for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Years

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

Mrs. White made the MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS E:

- E. Approval of Gabrielle Blanchard as Substitute Teacher/Teacher Aide

Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried. MRS. BLANCHARD ABSTAINED.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION FOR THE Payment for 14 Passenger Activity Bus to Southern Bus and Mobility Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried.

B. Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION FOR THE Payment for 19 Passenger Activity Bus to Southern Bus and Mobility Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion

C. Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION FOR THE #6 to PIPCO Companies, Ltd. for Cafeteria HVAC project. Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried

D. Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION FOR THE #6 to PIPCO Companies, Ltd. for the Gymnasium HVAC project. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried

E. Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION FOR THE #7 to PIPCO Companies, Ltd. for Cafeteria HVAC project. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried

F. Mr. Holloway made the MOTION FOR THE #7 to PIPCO Companies, Ltd. for the Gymnasium HVAC project. Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried

G. Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION FOR THE TRS PLAN ADOPTION. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES: MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENEAL, MRS. WHITE, MRS. EVERHART, MR. GONZALEZ, MR. HOLLOWAY. Motion Carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Mingus informed the board that Softball is on a bit of a winning streak. Baseball has a game tomorrow and Cross-Country is in full swing! The Coop with Rankin is extremely important to Cross-Country. Mrs. Blanchard brought up the School Board Convention. If anyone wants to go they can. The school carnival will be September 30th.

At 6:05p.m. Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2022. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES