

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLON SPRINGS

Regular Monthly School Board Meeting

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, October 24, 2022

6:00 p.m. Budget Hearing

6:15 pm Annual Meeting

6:30 pm Regular Meeting

LOCATION: IMC



Location and Public Access Special Note:

Because of the COVID pandemic, the following changes will be in effect for School Board meetings until further notice:

- *Remote School Board Member Participation – Some, or all Board Members, may be connecting electronically.*
- *Remote Public Access – Members of the public who wish to connect remotely with the meeting will need to contact Frank Helquist, Superintendent: Email – fhelquist@solonk12.net or WK: 715-378-2263 or go to: <https://isn.zoom.us/j/4329226862>*
- *Meeting Audio Recording – The recording of this, and most other School Board meetings, is available to the public by contacting Frank Helquist, Superintendent.*

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL** – Nordskog called the meeting to order. Members present – Keith Nordskog, Brad Hunter, Ryan Smith, Jason Clifton, and Angela Botner (via Zoom). Also present – LeeAnn Gary, Holly Jones, Nathan Ahlberg, Jerry Namaste, Angela MacLellan, Brittany Hager, and Frank Helquist
- II. REPORT ON HOW THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING** – Agenda was published in the Superior Telegram, posted it on High School Door, Bennett Town Hall, & Solon Springs Post Office.
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting is on the third Monday, November 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm
- IV. AGENDA** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. MINUTES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the September 19 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
- VI. EXPENDITURES** – Motion by Botner and second by Hunter to approve the Expenditures. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. TREASURER’S REPORT** – Clifton presented the monthly report that will be filed with the Auditor.
- VIII. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION** – Superintendent shared updated history of monthly cash and investment amounts.
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Jerry Namaste spoke fund-raising, AODA services and staff certifications
- X. REPORTS (Discussion & Action)**
 - A. Board President - None
 - B. Student Council - None
 - C. Athletic Director – Nathan Ahlberg highlighted football and volleyball teams making playoffs. Boys Cross County won third straight conference title and is also going to State. Conference is also considering change of its name.
 - D. Principal Report – Jones provided update on Student Testing, Hope Survey process, and other happenings. Daycare Director Angela MacLellan updated Board on enrollments and possible need for a third room.
 - E. Superintendent Report:
 - 1) Charter School – Brittany Hager provided an update on October 12 Governance Board Annual Meeting. As part of meeting the Governance Board approved revised budgets reflecting use of carryover grant funds.
 - 2) Facilities Committee – Board provided feedback on public survey that is being developed. Committee meets on October 27.
 - 3) Immune Compromised Students – Reviewed WASB article on Food Allergies and need for 504 plans to meet needs.
 - 4) COVID – Low incidence levels this year, possibly due to less information being available. Future meetings will have a Health Update to discuss any other health related topics.
 - 5) ESSER & COVID Funds – Discussed projected use of funds and need to identify other sources of funds for some projects pending DPI approval of ESSER and Covid funds.
 - 6) Policy Committee – There is a need to reschedule meeting
 - 7) WASB – Smith, Hunter and the Superintendent thought meeting was worthwhile including pre-meeting workshop and discussions on State Budget items.
 - 8) WASB Business Partners – Solon Springs’ nomination was accepted by WASB.
 - 9) Resilience Project – District continues to work with consultant on future energy projects and pursuit of grants to develop a more resilient power system.
 - 10) Others as Appropriate – Special Board meeting set for Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 pm.
- XI. OLD BUSINESS:** None
- XII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Budget – Motion by Hunter and second by Smith to approve the 2022-23 Budget. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Levies – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve total levy of \$2,265,721 for all funds, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Policies – Motion by Hunter and second by Botner to approve revised set of nondiscrimination policies. Motion carried 5-0.
 - D. Personnel – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the hiring of Amber Besonen as a para-professional and Colton Nelson to perform paraprofessional, van driver and janitorial roles. Motion carried 5-0.
 - E. Start College Now – Motion by Hunter and second by Botner to approve a student’s Start College Now application. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIII. CLOSED SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton at 9:10 pm pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) and (f) for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters including update on employee request, leave request compensation requests and staffing assignments. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIV. REGULAR SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Botner at 10:07 to return to Regular Session for the purpose of taking action on Closed Session discussions and/or for Adjournment. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Botner to approve compensation, personal leave, personnel requests as discussed. Motion carried 5-0.
- XV. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – Motion by Botner and second by Clifton at 10:07 to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.