

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLON SPRINGS

Regular Monthly School Board Meeting

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, December 19, 2022

6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: IMC



- I. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL** – Keith Nordskog called the meeting to order. Also Present – Ryan Smith, Jason Clifton, and Ben Kidder. Brad Hunter arrived at 6:16 pm. Also Present – LeeAnn Garay, Holly Jones, Frank Helquist, Ashley Vande Voort, Angela MacLellan, Ida Sampson, and Brittany Hager.
- II. **REPORT ON HOW THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING** - 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, January 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm
- IV. **AGENDA** – Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. **BOARD MEMBER VACANCY** – Smith submitted his resignation from the Board effective December 20. Vacancy will be posted until January 10. Due to Smith leaving his position as Clerk, motion by Hunter and second by Smith to appoint Clifton as Clerk and Kidder as Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0.
- VI. **MINUTES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Smith to approve the November 28 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. **EXPENDITURES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the Expenditures Report. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer’s Report was presented and will be filed for the Auditors.
- IX. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION** – Helquist shared historical information on Revenue Limit and State Aid changes that showed large increase in State Aid since 2017.
- X. **SCHOOL FOREST BIDS** – 5 Bids were received and opened. Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to accept Bell Timber bid in the amount of \$59,089.40 contingent on meeting all other bidding requirements for the advertised School Forest Timber Stumpage. Motion carried 5-0.
- XI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- XII. **REPORTS (Discussion & Action)**
  - A. Board President – Nordskog thanked all staff for their hard work.
  - B. Student Council - None
  - C. Athletic Director – Written report included updates on winter sports and Conference name change status
  - D. Principal Report – Senior Kyra Latvala discussed plans for proposed Senior Trip in March. Jones updated Board on recent activities including HOPE Survey responses, musical performances and enrollments.
  - E. Superintendent Report:
    - 1) Charter School – Ida Sampson, Governance Board Chair, provided update on Dec. 12 Governance Board meeting. January 19 will be the Eagles’ Academy first Project Showcase night. Clifton will now be the School Board Advisor to the Governance Board, replacing Smith who is leaving the School Board.
    - 2) Facilities Committee – Via Zoom, Rob DeMeuse shared results of community and staff survey as coordinated by School Perceptions. Based upon survey results the Board will not move forward with an April referendum. The Facilities Committee will meet on January 5 to discuss survey results.
    - 3) Daycare – Angela MacLellan, Eagles’ Nest Director, provided an update on staffing and enrollments going very well. School Board consented to matters affecting day care center closings and staff pay.
    - 4) Policy Committee – A meeting needs to be scheduled.
    - 5) Spring Election – Two seats are up for election, including Ryan Smith’s and Ben Kidder’s(who was appointed to fill a vacant term that expires in April 2023
    - 6) Health Related Matters – Student and staff illnesses have been minimal.
    - 7) WASB – Brad Hunter is planning on attending. Helquist may also be attending.
    - 8) Others as Appropriate – Dave Zosel is working with CESA 12 on a technology expansion grant, with the District being responsible for 10% of expenditures, if the grant is awarded,
- XIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. Resilience Project – Motion by Kidder and second by Smith to approve \$3,000 contract with MuGrid to develop and submit OEI grants in January. Motion carried 5-0.
  - B. Policy – Motion by Smith and second by Kidder to approve the WASB reimbursement rate for meals and incidental travel expenses. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIV. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Erosion Project – Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to approve the Cost-Share Contract with the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program. Motion carried 5-0
- XV. **CLOSED SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Smith at 9:23 pm pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) and (f) for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters including update on employee request, discussing consulting contract and staffing updates. Motion carried 5-0,
- XVI. **REGULAR SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton at 10:20 pm 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 Kidder not to approve additional coaching compensation request. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to pursue a contract for Superintendent search services. Motion carried 5-0.
- XVII. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – Motion by Smith and second by Kidder at 10:21 pm to Adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.