

**SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Springville, Iowa**

**BOARD MINUTES – February 20, 2019**

NOTE: These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board at the next regular meeting.

**BOARD WORK SESSION – CLOSED SESSION**

President Todd Nulle called the board work session of the Springville Community School District Board of Directors to order on February 20, 2019 at 6:01 pm. Roll call: Laura Riley, Kate O'Brien-May, Todd Nulle, Albert Martin, and Tony Dlouhy present. Superintendent Pat Hocking, Secondary Principal Nick Merritt, Elementary Principal Shannon Robertson, and Board Secretary Stacey Matus were also present. Kate O'Brien-May made a motion at 6:02 pm to go into closed session for Superintendent evaluation as provided in Section (1)(i) of the Open Meetings Law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Roll call vote as follows: O'Brien-May, aye; Nulle, aye; Martin, aye; Dlouhy, aye; Riley, aye. Motion carried. The Board entered open session at 7:13pm.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The regular board meeting began at 7:16 pm with board members Todd Nulle, Laura Riley, Kate O'Brien-May, Albert Martin, and Tony Dlouhy present. Superintendent Pat Hocking, Secondary Principal Nick Merritt, Elementary Principal Shannon Robertson, Board Secretary Stacey Matus, and guests present.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tony Dlouhy made a motion to accept the recommendation to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2019-20 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

President Nulle opened the public hearing for the 2019-20 academic calendar at 7:17 pm; motion made by Albert Martin. All ayes, motion carried. Discussion: Total student hours is 1105.5, an extra 25.5 hours above the 1080 minimum; Graduation on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the week before Memorial Day; First student day August 23, 2019; Last student day May 22, 2020; Regularly scheduled early dismissals on Wednesdays provide valuable professional development time for teachers; Question of removing Good Friday as a day of no school. President Nulle closed the public hearing at 7:28 pm; motion made by Kate O'Brien May. All ayes, motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVE EARLY RETIREMENT REQUEST**

Tony Dlouhy made a motion to approve the recommendation to approve the early retirement request from Steve Pershing, effective May 31, 2019, per the terms of the Certified Employee Voluntary Assistance Plan approved by the Board of Directors on December 19, 2018. Superintendent Hocking informed the board that Mr. Pershing plans to continue his role of cross country and girls track coach in the 2019-2020 school year. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Pershing for his service to the Springville Community School District. All ayes, motion carried.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR GUARANTEED BUDGET**

Superintendent Hocking explained that the district does not qualify for the guaranteed budget for FY20; however it is good practice to approve the resolution on an annual basis. Laura Riley made a motion to accept the recommendation to approve the resolution for the guaranteed budget as follows: "Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Springville Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2019-20 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa." All ayes, motion carried.

**SEDC MEMBERSHIP**

Laura Riley made a motion to accept the recommendation to approve the \$250 Springville Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) membership fee. Superintendent Hocking will share notes from future SEDC meetings during his monthly board reports. All ayes motion carried.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUEST**

Tony Dlouhy made a motion to accept the recommendation to approve one open enrollment request, due to a move, from the Anamosa Community School District to the Springville Community School District. All ayes, motion carried.

**MARCH BOARD MEETING DATE**

Discussion on whether to move the March 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting date as scheduled due to spring break. There was no change to the date. No action taken.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**GOOD NEWS SHARING**

Superintendent Hocking gave the board members the opportunity to review and comment on the topics submitted by staff for "Good News Sharing". He encouraged the board members to email staff members to provide feedback or ask questions about the "Good News" they have shared. Comments: Success in boys and girls basketball programs; Appreciative of our community and support they extend to our students; Cedar Valley Christian School extends their sincere appreciation to the Board for allowing them to rent our facility during basketball season.

**WEATHER MAKE UP DAYS**

Superintendent Hocking informed the Board that the district currently has a total of 10 make up days. Due to the likelihood that there could be additional days missed this winter the Board will hope to make its final decision at the March board meeting. This discussion is for informational purposes only. Options discussed: Good Friday; April 22<sup>nd</sup> professional development day; Spring Break; Wednesday early dismissals; Adding hours to the school day; Calendar hours above 1080 hours; Days at the end of the school year. The Board asked Mr. Hocking to communicate tentative plans discussed at tonight's meeting; stating it is subject to change.

**INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY RENEWAL (ISL)**

Superintendent Hocking informed the Board that the instructional support levy will expire in fiscal year 2020. The Board will need to adopt a resolution to consider continued participation in the instructional support program at the March board meeting. The resolution will call for a public hearing on the proposal.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Superintendent Pat Hocking reported on the following: Vacation days; IASB services to update our board policies; AEA/Superintendent Legislative Day; 2.06% State Supplemental Aid passed; SAVE deadline looks to be extended; Future work sessions.

Elementary Principal Shannon Robertson reported on the following: Data from the FAST assessments showing 100% growth in all grade levels, much to celebrate; Data reviewed by teachers to determine intervention and progress monitoring for literacy and math instruction; Utilization of Bridges curriculum; ISASP (formally Iowa Assessments) preparation for students and teachers.

Secondary Principal Nick Merritt reported on the following: Training staff on the new ISASP assessment program; Expressed appreciation to Mr. Martin and Ms. Stocki for providing CPR and Epipen training to all staff members; Expiration dates on batteries and pads in AEDs; Secondary peer learning labs; Financial literacy graduation requirements.

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

Regular board meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm; Regular board meeting Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Laura Riley made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. All ayes, motion carried

- Minutes from the January 16, 2019 and January 23, 2019 board meetings.
- Financial reports and activity report as presented.
- List of bills as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business President Todd Nulle declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Stacey Matus, Board Secretary

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Todd Nulle, President

\*\* Upon adjournment, the board will enter exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss strategy regarding collective bargaining.