

SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Springville, Iowa

BOARD MINUTES – January 17, 2018

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

BOARD WORK SESSION

Vice President Todd Nulle called the board work session of the Springville Community School District Board of Directors to order on January 17, 2018 at 6:02 pm. The following board members were present: Tony Dlouhy, Kate O'Brien-May, and Laura Riley were present. Board President Lee Ann Grimely was absent. Superintendent Pat Hocking, Secondary Principal Nick Merritt, Elementary Principal Shannon Robertson, Board Secretary Stacey Matus and guests were present. The Board members viewed a training module video provided by ISFIS entitled "Board Meeting Nuts and Bolts." Following the video the Board went through a group activity highlighting the following: Definition of a board meeting in the public and not of the public; Agenda development and posting requirements; Consent agenda items; Reviewing board policies on meeting procedure regulations. The Board expressed their appreciation for the time of learning and for the resources made available to Boards for professional development. The board work session ended at 6:48 pm. The Board members took a break before the regular meeting began. No action was taken.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Vice President Todd Nulle called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on January 17, 2018. Roll call taken with the following members present: Todd Nulle; Tony Dlouhy; Kate O'Brien-May; and Laura Riley. Also present were Superintendent Pat Hocking, Secondary Principal Nick Merritt, Elementary Principal Shannon Robertson, Board Secretary Stacey Matus and guests were present. Board President Lee Ann Grimely was absent.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Positive feedback given about the communication sent out from Mr. Hocking addressing the reasons for his decision to not delay school due to cold weather.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Tony Dlouhy inquired about installing railings on the bleachers in Machovec gymnasium to ensure safety for those going up and down the bleachers. Mr. Hocking will look into this.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE BOARD POLICY 500 SERIES

Tony Dlouhy made a motion to table action item Approve Board Policy 500 Series until the February board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVE EARLY RETIREMENT PLAN

Laura Riley made a motion to approve the recommendation to approve the early retirement assistance plan with the notification date being amended to March 1, 2018. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVE OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUESTS

Kate O'Brien-May made a motion to accept the recommendation to approve the open enrollment in requests for Isaac Stephens and Eli Stephens from the Anamosa Community School District due to a move. All ayes, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

GOOD NEWS SHARING

Superintendent Hocking shared the following good news from staff: New Springville Oriole mascot being used by the basketball cheerleaders; TRC HS Band Festival hosted at Springville; Currently no school days to make up due to weather; 5th and 6th grade letter writing; Thank you notes written to the Board by the 5th graders expressing appreciation for their new elementary school.

OLD ELEMENTARY BUILDING

Superintendent Hocking began a discussion with the Board on what their thoughts and plans are for the old elementary building. Topics of discussion: Possibility, due to growth in enrollment, to move the preschool program back to the old elementary; Community use of the building space; Utility costs; Plans for needed updates would have to be considered for the PK wing if classrooms are moved; Before and after school programs. Mr. Hocking told the Board that this would be an item of discussion on the board agenda for several months until the Board has agreed on an action plan; to be thinking about thoughts and ideas to share in coming months during discussion time.

IOWA REPORT CARDS

Superintendent Hocking shared that the Iowa Report Cards have been released to the public. Springville elementary received a high achieving score and Springville secondary received a needs improvement score. He expressed that there is much debate on the validity of these scores, but despite that we are always working to improve our scores. Iowa Assessment test scores are the main factor of these results and are just one measurement on how schools are doing. Mr. Merritt and Mrs. Robertson highlighted the following: How to read and interpret the scores; Areas of strengths and weaknesses; Work that is being done by teachers and administration to study and identify learning gaps; Small schools' test scores tend to fluctuate; Test taking strategies to help students be successful and comfortable when taking tests; Celebrating that the elementary went from a SINA school, according to this measurement, to now a high achieving school. The Iowa School Report Card is accessible at <http://reports.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent Hocking shared a rough draft of the 2018-19 academic school calendar with a brief overview and asked for feedback and input from the Board. Topics of discussion: Start date August 23, 2018; 1080 student hours required by law; 190 teaching days according to the master contract; Winter break; Spring break; Final day on May 29, 2019. Mr. Hocking tentatively intends to have the public hearing for the school calendar at the February board meeting and approve the calendar at the March board meeting.

COURSE OFFERING BOOK

Mr. Merritt shared and discussed the course offering book for the 2018-19 school year with minimal changes from the current course offerings.

JOINT CITY MEETING

Superintendent Hocking informed the Board that the joint meeting date with the Springville City Council is still to be determined.

PLAQUE FOR PLAYGROUND DONATIONS

Superintendent Hocking asked for the Board's input on a plaque to recognize donors for the financial gifts given toward our elementary playground. Kate O'Brien-May will ask CAST members to create a design/template for the Board to consider.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent evaluation typically done in January. The science hood systems scheduled to be installed in the science rooms over spring break. Punch list on the new elementary project is getting minimal, but still some issues to get resolved before complete. Need to purchase a gator, or like machine, to alleviate the need for the dumpsters to be brought back and forth daily and also to help with the additional snow removal due to the new building. Appreciate everyone's support over the past two weeks regarding the decision to not delay/cancel school due to the cold weather. ISFLC has invited Mr. Hocking to teach in February on bond elections. Window covering options are being explored for the secondary cafeteria. There were no questions from the board members on the written administrative reports submitted by Mr. Merritt or Mrs. Robertson.

BOARD REPORTS

None

NEXT MEETING DATES

Regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm with a work session at 6:00 pm; Regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm with a work session at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Tony Dlouhy made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

- Minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting.
- Financial reports and activity account reports as presented.
- List of bills as presented.
- Resignation of Christina Zaruba as Asst./JV Softball Coach.

All ayes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Vice President Todd Nulle declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Stacey Matus, Board Secretary

Todd Nulle, Board Vice President

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