

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, IL

A regular meeting of the Seneca Township High School Board of Education was held on March 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. President Frye called the meeting to order with roll call.

1. ROLL CALL: Present: Johnson, Hamilton, Frye, Olson, Eltrevoog, Yandell, Biros
Absent:

Others present: Superintendent Dan Stecken, Principal Mike Coughlin, Dean of Students Mark Giertz, Recording Secretary Nadine Maierhofer, student award winners and their guests, SHS student Addison Frye and community member Abby Savoree.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

The student award winners were recognized.

3. SUCCESS AT SHS

Mr. Coughlin praised our Yearbook Coordinator, Mr. Chris Decker, on all of the passion he has put into the school's yearbook this year. This is Mr. Decker's first year involved with the Yearbook. This new position fits him well being our High School Media and Art II Instructor.

4. INVESTMENT REPORT

Mr. Stecken reviewed the Investment Report. President Frye stated that the Investment Report would stand approved, as presented, subject to audit.

5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Mr. Stecken reviewed the Financial Dashboards.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Stecken presented the Treasurer's Report in Rob Maierhofer's absence. President Frye stated that the Treasurer's Report would stand approved subject to audit.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2022
- B. Policy Committee Minutes, March 2, 2022
- C. Curriculum Committee Minutes, March 2, 2022

D. Discipline Committee Minutes, March 2, 2022

Mr. Stecken stated he received no additions or corrections to the minutes.
President Frye stated minutes would stand approved as presented.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mr. Stecken reviewed the accounts payable.

President Frye asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable as presented.

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded by Rich Hamilton to approve the Accounts Payable as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Olson, Yandell, Biros, Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton
Nays:
Motion Carried

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

We had one community member, Abby Savoree, asking to speak for the 2nd time on behalf of the Newly Proposed Bill regarding Sex Education Standards by Grade Level- SB0818.

Abby spoke again on the detrimental disruption this bill has on our students in the world today. She read an article that she came across regarding a student that ended up with psychological mental/health issues that might not have occurred if they received the help and/or the school had decided to opt out of these new standards.

10. EDUCATIONAL ITEM

There was no Educational Item.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mark Giertz gave a brief report from the Discipline Committee Meeting.

Mike Coughlin gave a brief report from the Curriculum Committee Meeting.

Jason Eltrevoog gave a brief report from the Policy Committee Meeting.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Finance Report

1. MVK Transportation Agreement

Mr. Stecken informed the Board about some of the key changes in this agreement renewal: 1) a new wheelchair bus, and 2) splitting the cost of one shared bus as needed for backup purposes.

2. ATI Contract

Mr. Stecken informed the Board about his increased concern of their over pricing increases and entering a multi-year contract with them based upon such price hikes. He stated that we will continue moving forward and working on some "outside of the box" solutions.

B. Personnel Report

1. Employ Maintenance Director

Mr. Stecken presented the application of Mr. Jim Harsted. He continued that Jim comes highly recommended and interviewed well with our hiring panel. He continued stating we are excited about bringing him on and starting him in his mentorship with Barry throughout the Spring and Summer months.

2. Employ Agriculture Education Teachers

Mr. Stecken presented the applications of Ms. Cally Diss and Mr. Mitch Miller. He continued that they had a great day of interviews with the interview team and 5 top-notch candidates. He stated that Ms. Diss and Mr. Miller will both bring a diverse experience teaching and working in the Ag Ed Department, they both have their own specialties too. He is very hopeful that with a year of mentorship and experience with Mr. Maierhofer, they will excel and lead our well-established program into another stratosphere of excellence!

3. Accept Jeschke Foundation Support Ag Ed Teacher

Mr. Stecken reminded the Board that the Jeschke group has committed to paying 90% of the costs for one of the new Ag teachers. The total cost currently, as we are waiting to finalize health insurance premium costs, is \$75,890.38. The Jeschke Fund will pay 90% of that number, \$68,301.34. They will submit one ½ of the payment on August 1st and the balance on January 4, 2023.

4. Non-Tenure Teachers

Mr. Stecken informed the Board that if they agree with the Administration's recommendations Levi Derber, Allie Keinath, and Becca Peebles will all achieve tenure. All current non-tenured teachers are being recommended for renewal.

5. Summer Student Workers

Mr. Stecken quickly went over the list of student workers. He stated that due to the minimum wage law increase, we are paying all, even those under 18 at the state minimum wage level of \$12/hour. The students we have returning will be paid \$12.36/hour which is a 3% increase in their hourly rate as they are returning with experience.

6. Letter of Resignation Allie Keinath

Mr. Stecken informed the Board that we accepted the resignation of Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, Allie Keinath.

7. Hillmann Pediatric Therapy Contract

Mr. Stecken briefly went over the Hillmann Pediatric Agreement for PT and OT Services. He mentioned that the cost went up one \$1 to \$75/hour which included mileage.

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded Rich Hamilton to approve the Personnel Report presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Olson, Yandell, Biros, Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton
Nays:
Motion Carried

C. Building, Grounds & Transportation

1. Building Update

Mr. Stecken went over some key highlights from the Barry Report.

- 1) Repairs on the skylight leak will begin on 3/15/22.
- 2) The 3-year asbestos inspection was completed and we are requesting guidance on a couple issues.
- 3) Paddock Bleachers will be here on 5/2 and 5/3 to repair the gym bleachers.
- 4) We ordered a new door for the Kubota.
- 5) All cables in the ceiling and on the roof used for previous cameras are in the process of being removed.

- 6) Brandt Excavating repaired a broken tile at the WC and 2 potholes near storm drains around the baseball field.
- 7) Preparing training outline and preferred vendor list for our next Building Services Director.

2. Construction Management Contract with Shales McNutt, Inc.

Mr. Stecken mentioned that last month the Board approved the engagement of SMC as our Construction Manager of our project. This month they have included in their Board Packet the actual contract putting SMS "At Risk" which was previously discussed. He also stated that this contract matches their pre-interview bid.

A motion was made by Jason Eltrevoog and seconded Sara Olson to approve the Contract as presented with SMC for Construction Management services for the gymnasium addition project as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton, Johnson, Olson, Yandell, Biros
Nays:
Motion Carried

3. Gymnasium Project Update

Mr. Stecken briefed the Board on the most recent update regarding the Gym Project.

4. Annual Safety Plan Review

Mr. Stecken briefly went over the ROE Safety Plan meeting notes. He continued that this demonstrates that our committee meets with our local emergency personnel. They review safety plans, administrative procedures, emergency exits and evacuation procedures, as well as building specific emergency items, such as our security system, our efforts to prevent emergencies and plan appropriately. This is a House Bill and Regional Office of Education requirement.

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded Cory Yandell to approve the Annual Safety Plan Review as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Olson, Yandell, Biros, Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton
Nays:
Motion Carried

D. Policy

1. Press Policy 6:60 - First Reading

Mr. Stecken briefed the Board on Policy 6:60, specifically the section on adoption of the National Sex Ed Standards. After discussing this openly during the meeting, it was discussed that the Board will continue further discussions on SB0818, Press Policy 6:60 to determine the best course of action for SHS Curriculum.

2. Student Handbook Addition - First Reading

Mr. Stecken mentioned that we have had several instances where students have come to events after missing the entire day of school. We have always used Administrative Procedure to tell these students to go home. However, we have recently discovered that in our handbooks we don't have that explicitly written. Therefore after going through the IPA model handbook and other district's handbooks we will have an addition to Section 2.20 and 9.10 saying: *"A student who is absent from school for over half the day (after 12:00pm) may not attend any extracurricular activities as a spectator or athlete on that corresponding date unless given administrative permission."*

E. Executive Session

Mr. Stecken indicated he did not need an Executive Session.

13. PRINCIPAL/DEAN OF STUDENTS REPORT

A. John Ourth Recognition Breakfast

Mr. Coughlin mentioned that this year's Seneca High School award winner is Miranda Araujo. The students that are honored with this award possess the same traits that made John Ourth an outstanding leader and role model for others. Students are recommended by their school based on character, citizenship, leadership skills and scholarship, as well as possessing the potential to make a difference in the world.

B. February SIP Work

Mr. Coughlin stated that he would like to give the faculty a pat on the back. They have been working on the "Seneca Way" and the three C's one specifically being "Communication."

C.. Career/Job Fair

Mr. Coughlin mentioned to the Board that we will be hosting a Career/Job Fair on April 28th in the Gym. Guidance Counselor, Chris Jackson, has been working on setting up various different businesses looking for potential workers. This gives our students a chance to explore different possibilities.

D. Dean of Student Reports

Mr. Giertz briefed the Board on different attendance and/or discipline issues that we have had since the last Board Meeting.

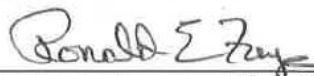
14. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATION AND FOIA REPORT

Mr. Stecken mentioned there were several State Superintendent Weekly Messages that were included as supplemental readings.

15. ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



President, Board of Education

April 20, 2022

Date



Secretary, Board of Education

April 20, 2022

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