

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 September 21, 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, Dean of Students Mark Giertz, Recording Secretary Nadine Maierhofer, Treasurer Rob Maierhofer, Kim Bird from Hopkins & Associates, and John Vezzetti from Bernardi Securities.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors.

3. SUCCESS AT SHS

Mr. Stecken recognized Stacey Gould. With Stacey being here just a little over a year and coming from the private sector, she has jumped right into 4 huge projects; Constellation Negotiations, Gymnasium Addition Project, annual Budget & Levy, and our Financial Strategic Planning. She is a huge asset in the District Office.

Mr. Giertz recognized Ken Sangston. He stated that Ken is an extremely hard worker and his community communication is a key factor. He is "over" prepared in case something were to happen at SHS. He has trained our new staff on protocols, such as the Alice Training. He has created a great relationship with students and staff.

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

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

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Board Minutes, dated August 17, 2022
- B. Curriculum Committee Minutes, dated September 14, 2022
- C. Discipline Committee Minutes, dated September 14, 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
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Motion Carried

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

10. EDUCATIONAL ITEM

Kirn Bird, Auditor, from Hopkins & Associates reviewed the audit report.
John Vezzetti, from Bernardi Securities, spoke on our General Obligation Debt Certificates to help fund our gymnasium addition.

11. APPROVAL OF LASALLE POWER STATION REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Stecken informed the Board of a tentative 5-year agreement on the LaSalle Nuclear Station's EAV and property tax agreement. This agreement will lock in the tax rate for 5 levy years.

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded by Rich Hamilton to approve the 5-year agreement with Constellation Energy as presented.

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

12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF PURCHASING REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, OR BOTH AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.000 GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) DEBT CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2022, OF SAID DISTRICT EVIDENCING THE RIGHTS TO PAYMENT UNDER SUCH AGREEMENT, PRESCRIBING THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND MEANS OF PAYMENT UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF THE CERTIFICATES.

Mr. Stecken informed the Board that these debt certificates will not impact the property tax rate for Seneca Township High School District 160 tax payers. These certificates will be paid from the O&M Fund.

A motion was made by Jason Eltrevoog and seconded by Cory Yandell to approve the General Obligation Debt Certificate Resolution with Bernardi Securities as presented.

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

13. COMMITEEREPORTS

Curriculum Committee report was given by Rich Hamilton in Mike Coughlin's absence. Several items that were discussed were a Summer School Update, trying to get the Bridge Program back, seems to be an issue because of lack of transportation; Freshman Orientation; Final Exam Exemptions; RISE; SST Development; Parent Involvement; Teacher PD; and Title I/Academic Supports.

Discipline Committee report was given by Mr. Giertz. Several items that were discussed were School Safety, SRO Updates; Athletic Updates; Unexcused/Excused Absences COVID Related; New Student Incentive Plan; and the Bully/Tip-Line Update.

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Finance Report

1. 2022-2023 Amended Budget Resolution

Having reviewed the budget during the Budget Hearing, Mr. Stecken recommended the board adopt the budget as presented.

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded by Sara Olson to approve the 2022-2023 Amended Budget Resolution as presented.

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

2. 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Stecken stated that Kirn Bird from Hopkins & Associates had already presented the 2021-22 financial audit. This was the district's first year with Hopkins and all went well.

A motion was made by Rich Hamilton and seconded by Tiffany Biros to approve the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

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

B. Personnel Report

1. Co-Curricular List Update - Volunteers

Mr. Stecken informed the Board of two volunteers added to the Wrestling Coaching staff: Mr. Bill Hamby and Mr. Gavin Kurtz.

2. Teacher Evaluation Instrument Amendment

Mr. Stecken mentioned that this is strictly an administrative name change with the retirement of the principal last year, but needed to amend the plan with such a change.

3. FMLA Request

Mr. Stecken informed the Board of Allie Keinath putting in for FMLA leave (maternity leave) from November 8, 2022 through January 27, 2023, returning to work on January 30, 2023, dates subject to change for medical reasons.

A motion was made by Jason Eltrevoog and seconded by Cory Yandell to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

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

C. Building, Grounds & Transportation

1. Building Update

Mr. Stecken reviewed the Building, Grounds & Transportation Report from Jim Harsted. He touched on a few items we are still working on: boiler/chiller repairs, an elevator that is still out of commission, and our kitchen disposal. Things that are completed: fencing is complete, ran 4 circuits and 2 computer lines to new scorer's table, changed outside light fixture over looked on light fixture project; repaired gym door closures; inventoried storage items for sale; prepped for football games (painting field, hanging banners, and misc.; had a mole and other critter problems on the baseball field; replaced stove in Home Economics room; removed and replaced hot water pump at West Campus, and changed all air filters in HVAC units.

Board Member Cory Yandell stepped out of the meeting at 6:45pm.

2. Gymnasium Addition Construction Documents Update

Mr. Stecken updated the Board on the progress made and the steps to be taken next. We recently completed 90% of the Construction Document Phase and plan to go out to bid on September 27, 2022.

D. Update on Football Conference

Mr. Stecken mentioned that for over a year now there have been discussions of options with the football conference. While the district has been waiting for St. Bede to "officially" join the Tri-County Conference. When they join the Tri-County this will cause them to be looking for a home for football as well. In this scenario, the four Tri-County Conference Schools like Seneca would join Marquette, Dwight, and St. Bede in football, with additional schools in this football only conference including: Westmont, Elmwood Park, Walther Christian, and Norridge. Last year as a Board of Education, you adopted to join the NEAC for football, contingent upon St. Bede joining. We are still in a holding pattern for this.

E. PRESS Policy Update 7:180

Mr. Stecken informed the Board that due to ISBE requirement changes, the district must review and, if necessary, update its PRESS Policy 7:180 yearly now, and not every other year as in the past. We last reviewed this in February 2022 to reflect changes to Mr. Giertz as one of the Complaint

Managers. The Board of Education will need to review and approved the unchanged policy.

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded by Tiffany Biros to approve the policy update to PRESS Policy 7:180 as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Olson, Biros, Eltrevoog, Frye, Hamilton

Nays:

Motion Carried

F. Executive Session

Mr. Stecken indicated he would call for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

15. PRINCIPAL/DEAN OF STUDENTS

A. Overnight Trips

Mr. Giertz gave the Principal report as Mr. Coughlin was not in attendance this evening. He continued that the overnight trips reviewed in the chart outlined the planned trips that were over 200 miles, overnight, or both. He also stated that the majority of the overnight trips were FFA trips.

B. Fundraisers

Mr. Giertz reviewed the Fundraisers for the 2022-23 school year. Most of the clubs and sports teams earn money by working the concession stands or service-oriented fundraisers.

C. Freshman Orientation

Mr. Giertz mentioned that our incoming Freshman really enjoyed orientation. They did mention that they liked the 2nd day better, enjoyed having Ted Wiese speak, they enjoyed seeing all their teachers that day, and having a chance to "get lost" in the school and find their way around.

D. Dean of Students Report

Mr. Giertz went over grades, discipline update with unexcused absences, an vaping.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stecken mentioned that there were no Freedom of Information Act requests this month; however, there are a few Messages from the Superintendent to read.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded by Rich Hamilton, to adjourn to Executive Session, to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, student discipline, and pending litigation.

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

17. ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no action items.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



President, Board of Education

10-19-2022
Date



Secretary, Board of Education

10-19-2022
Date