

**REGULAR MEETING:**

President Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Roll call was taken with five (5) members present. Mr. Schultz, Mr. Wisniewski, Mr. Gouwens, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Frey were all in attendance. Mrs. Setty and Mr. Munson were absent.

**Board Recognition and Introductions**

The Board then moved on to Elementary Students of the Month. Mr. Coates recognized the following students and congratulated them on a job well done: Kindergarten: Olivia Gladu; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Drake Chaidez; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Payton Kaufman; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Leah Lobaugh; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Joey Frey – Present; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jordan Kraay.

Mr. Jordan recognized the following Junior High and High School Students of the Month and congratulated them on a job well done: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Preston Harrington-DeWitt; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Josh Karamoshos; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Connor Stahlschmidt; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Chasitee Mitton; 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Claire Miller; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Andy Onnen; 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Spencer Norder.

**Board Packet Information**

The Board then moved to Board Packet Information. Item “A” was the approval of the Consent Agenda, which includes: Approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2020, Approve the minutes of the Negotiations Committee Meeting on February 10, 2020 and Approval of Accounts Payable. Mr. Gouwens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – All Yes (5) Mrs. Setty and Mr. Munson were absent. Item “B” was Review of Student Activity Accounts. Item “C” was FOIA Requests. FOIA requests were received from Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) and Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts (GESC).

**Visitors/ Written Correspondence/Public Participation**

There were four (4) visitors present this month: The Frey Family was present for student of the month. The Board received written correspondence from District Staff Members.

**Donovan Education Association Report**

There was no report this month from the DEA.

**Administrative Reports**

**Superintendent Report:** The Superintendent report was provided in the board packet. Mr. Coates began by discussing the door project and bids related to the project. He updated the Board on District finances, including the accounting software and investments. Mr. Coates shared he will be attending upcoming Job Fairs in anticipation of finding new employees for the District. He also gave an update regarding the Iroquois County Schools meeting in Watseka he attended. Next, he discussed the District’s registration fees and how we are aligned with most other schools regarding registration fees. Lastly, he gave a curriculum update, focusing on 6-12 Math and K-2 ELA.

**Principal’s Report:** The Principal report was provided in the board packet. Mr. Jordan informed the Board the Sophomores took the Accu Placer Test, which would allow them to take dual credit courses as Juniors and Seniors. He also shared the students who will be attending KCC as part of our Early College Program for 2020 – 2021 school year. Next, Mr. Jordan updated the Board about the new Bass Fishing Team. He recommends Mr. Justin Lareau as the coach of the team and also shared the team will be borrowing a boat, with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place. Lastly, he update that JH Track has 28 students signed up.

**Technology Report**

There Technology Report was provided in the packet. There were no questions.

**Athletic Director Report**

There was no AD report this month.

**Committee Reports**

Finance/Negotiations Committee will meet on March 16, 2020 at 3:30 PM in the High School Library.



### **Old Business**

Item "A" was Junior High and High School Graduation Dates. Graduation Dates were set as follows: Junior High Graduation – Thursday, May 21, 2020 and High School Graduation – Friday, May 22, 2020.

### **New Business**

Item "A" was Board discussion and action on Transitional Math Instruction. The board discussed transitional math. Principal Jordan discussed Donovan being an early implementer of transitional math. Some of the discussion included but was not limited to the small class sizes of Donovan which includes 19 seniors next school year and 15 seniors in the entire school district the following year. With our current schedule and our projected schedule for 2020-2021 school years we do not have a period where we can offer another math course nor do we have any other teacher who has time and is certified to teach another high school math course. This would cause the district to have to hire another math teacher in order to create more room in the schedule to offer a transitional math course. Looking at our historical data we believe that not offering transitional math will effect 10 students and of those students, they will still have the opportunity to take a college placement test to see if they need remedial math in college. We believe that by offering transitional math it will cause a financial burden on the district by having to hire another teacher at \$40,000 which will only impact 10 or more students. Being an early implementer we are on board for transitional math but not this year and we are waiting to hear other online transitional math options that we could provide to our seniors in the near future. The board unanimously approved opting out of transitional math. The motion was approved on a roll call vote– Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item "B" was Board action on High School Girls Basketball Team overnight stay at State Tournament February 28 – 29. Coach Lane Walters, Denise Lareau and Michele Gray will be the chaperones. The team received donations from the Booster Club and a private donation to pay for hotel rooms. Mr. Wisniewski made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Frey. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item "C" was Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of FY2020 School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG). Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item "D" was Approve 2020 – 2021 School Calendar. Mrs. Frey made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gouwens. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item "E" was Approve Preschool Intergovernmental Agreement with Milford for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Mr. Wisniewski made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Frey. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

### **Executive Session**

Item "A" was Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline and performance of specific employees of the District; individual student concerns, collective bargaining, litigation matters, and security procedures. Mr. Schultz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gouwens. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:38 PM. The Board re-entered Regular Session at 7:20 PM.

### **F. Personnel**

Item "1" was District #3 employment and resignation (as necessary). The Board received resignation letters from Ms. Knapper and Ms. Switzer. Mr. Schultz made a motion to accept resignations from Ms. Knapper and Ms. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Gouwens. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item "2" was Board action on non-tenured employees for the 2020 – 2021 school year as presented. Mrs. Frey made a motion to approve the renewal of Mr. Justin Benda, Ms. Holly Robinson, Mr. Gary Schumann, Ms. Megan Parks, Mrs. Toni Ponton, and Mrs. Madison Sauer-Meyer, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item "2" was Board action on non-tenured employees for the 2020 – 2021 school year as presented. I need a motion that the Board approve the resolution authorizing non-reemployment of PEL employee, DeAnna Kiefert for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Mrs. Frey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gouwens. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item “2” was Board action on non-tenured employees for the 2020 – 2021 school year as presented. I need a motion that the Board approve the resolution authorizing non-reemployment of PEL employee, Dan Hook for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Mr. Gouwens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item “4” was Approve the updated Extra-Curricular Assignment List. Mr. Gouwens made a motion to Approve the updated Extra-Curricular Assignment List, seconded by Mrs. Frey. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (4) Mr. Gouwens, Mr. Wisniewski, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Frey; Present (1) Mr. Schultz; Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

Item “5” was Approve a volunteer assistant Junior High Track Coach. There was no vote.

Item “6” was Other personnel matters. A brief discussion was had regarding recognition of District Athletes individually or as a team moving forward.

**B. Approve Executive Session Minutes**

Mr. Gouwens made a motion to approve Executive Session Minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved on a roll call vote – Yes (5); Mr. Munson and Mrs. Setty were absent.

**Other Business**

None.

President Schultz adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.