

Open Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm.

Location: Media Center

Type of meeting: ☒ Regular ☐ Special ☐ Reconvened or rescheduled ☐ Emergency

Name of person taking the minutes: Kimberley Hassell

Name of person presiding: Board President Kurt Belcher

Members in attendance:

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

Members absent:

Others in attendance: Mr. Venhaus, Mr. March, Andrea Thompson, Theresa Landreth, Rick French, Doug Tucker, Tracy Burkett, Lucas Barnes and Courtney Phelps.

2. Approval of Agenda

List any items removed or added to the agenda:

Motion made by: Payne

Motion: ☒ To approve

☐ To amend items as follows:

(No action may be taken on new agenda items.)

Motion seconded by: Meier

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Roll Call: *(Needed when agenda contains an item involving the expenditure of money.)*

Roll Call

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

7 “Yeas” _____ “Nays”

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

3. Public Comment: None

Mr. Venhaus informed the board that he had been contacted by a representative from Illinois Century Network, a part of the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology and that starting FY 2025 school year that the district could have 100% free internet. With the new information he informed the board the he will be proposing signing just a one year contract with Frontier and shoot for the Illinois Century Network the following year.

Agenda item 7C: Evacuation Plan Update

Mr. Venhaus went over the current evacuation plan and informed the board that in the future there will be one site used for any school evacuations.

Agenda item 7D: Elementary Math Curriculum Update

Mr. Venhaus informed the board that the elementary teachers were concerned about the illustrative math curriculum. Mr. March explained that he is working with the teachers; looking at different curriculums. Mr. Venhaus said asked that even though the board had previously approved the purchase of the illustrative math curriculum that he be able to delay purchasing new curriculum until FY2025 to allow time for Mr. March to work with teachers on finding a curriculum that everyone was comfortable with.

Agenda item 7E: Graduation Dates

Mr. Venhaus asked the board about graduation dates. It was decided that graduation be on Sunday May 21st at 2pm.

Agenda item 7F: IASB Policy Customization Update

Mr. Venhaus asked for volunteers for the IASB Policy customization. Cassie Huffman volunteered.

8. Motion to Adjourn to Executive/Closed Session –

Motion to made by: Goldsboro

Motion seconded by: Huffman

Roll Call

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

7 “Yeas” _____ “Nays”

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Time of adjournment: 7:33 PM

Motion out of Executive/Closed Session –

Motion to made by: Goldsboro

Motion seconded by: Payne

Roll Call

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

7 “Yea” _____ “Nay”

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Time of adjournment: 8:24 PM

9. Items Requiring Action

Agenda item 9A: Consideration of Resignations

Summary of discussion: Motion to approve the resignations of Linda Felchlia and Mary Vosholler at the end of the FY2023 school year?

Motion made by: Adams

Motion: ☒ To approve

Motion seconded by: Goldsboro

Roll Call

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

7 “Yeas” _____ “Nays”

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Agenda item 9B: Consideration of Employment

Summary of discussion: Motion to hire Jolynn Garrett as the Art Club Sponsor?

Motion made by: Payne

Motion: ☒ To approve

Motion seconded by: Meier

Roll Call

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

7 “Yeas” _____ “Nays”

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Summary of discussion: Motion to approve the October 2022 PRESS Issue 110.

Motion: ☒ To approve

Roll Call

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

7 “Yeas” _____ “Nays”

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Summary of discussion: Mr. Venhaus said that there had been one nominee, however they did not graduate from the district and that is a prerequisite for the Patoka Hall of Fame he added that we are proud that Torrey Stoffel-Gray attended Patoka School. There are few higher callings in life than volunteering to serve your country. Torrey lost his life defending our country and we are forever in his debt.

Summary of discussion: Motion to approve a one year renewal with Hyde's Lawn Service for mowing/lawn service.

Motion: ☒ To approve

Roll Call

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

7 “Yeas” _____ “Nays”

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Summary of discussion: Motion to approve a one year renewal for the 2023-2024 school year with Frontier for a 500mbps connection.

Motion: ☒ To approve

Roll Call

1. Burks
2. Goldsboro
3. Payne
4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Summary of discussion: Motion to approve renovating the high school science lab with casework and materials being completed by Stevens Industries, Inc., up to \$45,000.

Motion: ☒ To approve

Roll Call

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5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Summary of discussion: Mr. Tucker asked the board to listen to a recording of the music class playing their recorders; he said that the kids were really enjoying them. Mr. Tucker apologized for not attending the December meeting. He also said he was wondering if the board decides to RIF the music/band position would that create a negative image for the school for future hiring's. He asked the board to consider carefully for the best interest of the school when making their decisions. Mr. Venhaus shared the salary for the position pertaining to the RIF. Mr. Goldsboro and Mr. Payne spoke in regards to their concern about the amount of time that had been allotted for a band and how many students were actually in band. Mr. Belcher asked if the recorders were part of the

music program or the band, Mr. Tucker said music and that 6th grade was working on bucket drums. Mrs. Huffman asked Mr. Tucker if the band had ever performed, he claims they did. Mr. Tucker asked the board to postpone tonight's vote to allow him time to put together a band. Mr. Venhaus informed him that there just isn't sufficient time for that. Mr. Venhaus went over a possible schedule for the upcoming year and asked the board for their expectations for the music program. The board agreed that music would be for elementary only, grades K-5th and that it would be ok for a three day program if needed.

A motion was made that the board adopt the Resolution for the honorable reduction in a professional educator licensed ("PEL") employee responsibilities, Doug Tucker, as presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the Notice to the employee as specified in the resolution. The position is being reduced to 50%.

Motion made by: Payne

Motion: ☒ To approve

Motion seconded by: Meier

Roll Call

1. Burks
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4. Adams
5. Belcher
6. Meier
7. Huffman

7 "Yeas" _____ "Nays"

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Motion to Adjourn:

Approval of Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by: Payne

Motion: ☒ To approve

Motion seconded by: Huffman

Action: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

Time of adjournment: 9:01 PM

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY