

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD  
 SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
 RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA  
 FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held February 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. EST, in Room #142 at East Central High School with the following individuals in attendance: Brandon Burress, Joe Graf, Joyce Huffman, John McKay, Jeff Lyness, Michael Norman, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Hendrix, Director of Support Services Tom Harris, Director of Financial Operations Charles Blake, Director of Human Resources Mary Ann Baines and Recording Secretary Cheri Huff. Board Member Glenn Scholl and School Attorney Frank Kramer were not present.

Mr. Lyness called the open meeting to order at 7:02 PM EST, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Lyness read the items on consent agenda.

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on January 9, 2014
- 3.2 Approval of claims for payment (119935, 119945 -120216)
- 3.3 Approval of personnel report

Request for Medical Leave

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	EC/Staff member	12/17/13 – 4/2/2014
	BE/Food & Nutr. Assoc. (Intermittent leave)	1/6/14 - End of school yr.

Recommendation for Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>
Cristy Nuhring	Corp/Supplemental State Testing Supervisor
Justin Rowland	MS/Long Term Substitute Teacher

Accept Letters of Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jonathan Hudnall	Director of Technology	1/30/2014

Accept Letters of Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ellen Schneider	EC/Guidance Counselor	End of 2013-14 sch. yr.
James Stock	EC/Guidance Counselor	End of 2013-14 sch. yr.
Elise Smith	IS/PE Teacher	End of 2013-14 sch. yr.
Patricia Schneckner	EC/Language Arts Teacher	End of 2013-14 sch. yr.
Deborah Kirk	MS/Administrative Assistant	6/30/2014
Joan Monahan	IS/Library Supervisor	End of 2013-14 sch. yr.

Recommendation for Cancellation of Teacher Contract

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Angela Hall	EC/Teacher	2/13/2014

- 3.4 Approval of overnight field trips
  - Darren Strub, Paul Snipes and 2-8 Varsity Wrestlers going to the IHSAA Semi-State Tournament in New Castle, IN; leaving on February 14, 2014 and returning on February 15, 2014.
  - Joleen Knotts and 12 S-DMS FCCLA Students going to the FCCLA State Conference in Indianapolis; leaving on March 6, 2014 and returning on March 8, 2014.
  - Landon Wilhelm and 10 S-DMS Wrestlers going to the Indiana State Wrestling Association State Finals at Warren Central High School; leaving on March 14, 2014 and returning on March 16, 2014.
- 3.5 Approval of wage report

Mr. Lyness asked if the Board would like any items broken out individually.

Mr. McKay asked for individual approval on the Supplemental State Testing Supervisor position.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve with one motion and one vote, consent agenda items 3.1 through and including 3.5 as presented, with the exception Cristy Nuhring as the Corporation Supplemental State Testing Supervisor.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve consent agenda items 3.1 through 3.5, with the exception of Cristy Nuhring, as recommended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve Cristy Nuhring as the Corporation Supplemental State Testing Supervisor.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to approve Cristy Nuhring.

Mr. McKay asked if this was a new position. Mrs. Baines explained that we are required by the Federal Government to do LAS testing on ESL students and therefore need an employee to perform this requirement. The position was posted for 10 hours per semester but will ultimately be around 25 hours per semester. Mr. McKay stated that he feels more comfortable about the position with that explanation.

Mr. Lyness called for the vote. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness moved to Action Items.

Mr. McKay stated that he was recently appointed to serve on the Endowment Board, the Negotiation Team, and as the ISBA Rep. He said due to his eye problems, he does not feel comfortable driving to Indianapolis to serve as the ISBA Rep and would like to resign from that appointment.

Mrs. Huffman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to approve the resignation as ISBA Rep from Mr. McKay. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked for nominations and seconds for a new Board Member to serve as the ISBA Representative.

Mrs. Huffman made a motion to nominate Mr. Graf. Mr. Graf asked how often the ISBA Rep has to go to Indianapolis. Dr. Hendrix answered just once in September at the annual conference. Mr. Graf accepted the nomination. Mr. Burress seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Harris recommended that the Board approve the summer building projects as submitted in their board packet with the exception of the English wing roof at East Central. This project will be discussed at the Board Work Session scheduled for later in the month. Mr. Harris read the projects on the list for the public.

Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the summer building projects. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix read the Science Survey proposed by Mrs. Baudendistel in regards to K-6 Science that will help with textbook adoption. He recommended that the Board approve the Science Survey.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to approve the Science Survey. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris reported that we just received our two new buses; a special needs bus and an 84-passenger. He added that we traded in two buses. Also, yearly inspections are coming up the week of February 28. He reported

that there have been no major issues with buses due to the weather. He commended his maintenance and custodial staff for their excellent work with clearing the snow and keeping the buildings comfortable. He also commended his bus drivers for keeping everyone safe during the bad weather. He stated that the custodial summer schedule is set and ready to go. He mentioned the snow days we have had so far and confirmed that two of them have been waived by the State and will not need to be made up. School will be in session on Feb. 17, Mar. 17 – 21, Apr. 18, and May 29. One more day can be missed before it affects graduation. Finally, he stated that other corporations around the State are adding time to their day or having school on Saturday to make up their days, but this will not need to be considered for our corporation at this time.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mr. Blake.

Mr. Blake reviewed the Financial Report for January 2014 stating that the balance was lower than expected due to a ROD bill that came in. He added that we lost another 17.5 students and that our special needs count was down.

Mr. Lyness stated that this will be a discussion item at the Board Work Session on February 25.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mrs. Baines.

Mrs. Baines did the second presentation of the December 2012 Board Policy updates. She recommended that the Board approve the December 2012 Board Policy updates.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Huffman, to approve the December 2012 Board Policy updates. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked for public comments. There were no comments.

Mr. Lyness asked for comments from the S-DEA. There were no comments.

Mr. Lyness recognized the building Principals.

Mr. Bond reported on North Dearborn's monthly recognition for the character quality of compassion. He also stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> graders had guest speaker, Union Soldier Kevin Stonerock visited with them. He also reported that the First Annual North Dearborn talent show will be May 9, and lastly, he mentioned the wonderful art projects completed by Mr. Craddock's art classes that are on display in the art hallway.

Mrs. Herbert reported on Pennies for Patients, ISTEP preparation, and new cameras and door security. She gave kudos to the technology department for their work on the ISTEP readiness test.

Mr. Goessling reported that 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Allegra Stuhan qualified for the WCPO spelling bee, Bright Theatrical Group from North Carolina performed Aesop's Fables at Bright Elementary on January 24, Kindergarten registration is February 25, and the Ned Show is coming February 26. Lastly, he stated that a group photo was taken at Bright Elementary for good luck to Olympian Nick Goepper. He added that Channel 5 had been in the building most of the day interviewing teachers that had Nick in class. He mentioned that Nick visited Bright Elementary last spring and hopes to have him back for another visit soon.

Mrs. Morton complimented her teachers and students for getting back into the swing of things for this very important 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks of school. She stated that Union Soldier Kevin Stonerock is also coming to Sunman Elementary. She added that the PTO will be sponsoring the Kid Escape program next Friday and a Science Fair on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She thanked Mrs. Walters for helping with the Science Fair.

Mrs. Vennemeier congratulated Spelling Bee winner Patrick Mitchell. She reported that they had 312 students on the honor roll and that the Intermediate School is celebrating Heart Health Awareness Week with the Jump Rope for Heart. Lastly, she mentioned that Nick Goepper was also a student at the Intermediate School and she wishes him the best and congratulates him.

Mrs. Herbert added that Mrs. Luhman's students have been tracking Nick Goepper and they want to know why it's 60 degrees at the Winter Olympics and in the negatives here!

Mr. Lyness asked the Board members to comment on any items of interest.

Mr. McKay stated that a few board meetings ago they discussed the evaluation of the Superintendent and he mentioned that he did not like the form that was used that came from the ISBA so he did not answer the questions. He stated that he received information from the ISBA with an agenda for their next meeting that included an item titled Superintendent's Evaluation. He said the presenters for that item were 2 Superintendents. He clarified that was not the reason he decided not to remain the ISBA Representative.

Mr. Lyness announced that there will be a Board Work Session on the evening of February 25.

Mr. Lyness recognized Dr. Hendrix.

Dr. Hendrix thanked the custodial and maintenance staff and Mr. Harris for their work with all the winter weather. He discussed how the best decision is made for closings and delays. He stated it is based on the best interest of the students, we take the decision very seriously, and we err on the side of safety. He mentioned that we are going to try and stay away from using the snow make-up week as a testing week and that he met with Glenda Ritz who said she might extend the May testing window also.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lyness asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm EST. The motion carried by voice vote.