

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD
SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA
MAY 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held May 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. EST, in the Study Hall Room at East Central High School with the following individuals in attendance: Board Members Joe Graf, John McKay, Brandon Burress, Michael Norman, Dawn Burke, School Attorney Frank Kramer, Interim Superintendent Dr. John Williams, Director of Support Services Tom Harris, Director of Financial Operations Mary Ann Baines and Recording Secretary Cheri Huff. Board Members Glenn Scholl and John Maxwell were not present.

An Executive session was held at 6:30 pm EST in the Administration Office of Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools. During the executive session the Board received information about and interviewed prospective employees as provided by I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). The Board of Education will not discuss subject matter in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the notice for the meeting.

Mr. Norman called the open meeting to order at 7:01 PM EST, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Dr. Williams reviewed the items on the consent agenda which included the minutes for Executive Sessions on March 31 and April 1, 2015, minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on April 9, 2015, minutes for the Special Meetings on April 27 and May 4, 2015, claims for payment, the personnel report, a wage report and overnight field trips. Dr. Williams noted that the personnel report included the hiring of Mr. Matt Maple on a 2 year contract as Middle School Principal.

Mrs. Burke asked if the hiring of Wilbur Disbro could be broken out individually. Dr. Williams recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Wilbur Disbro.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to hire Wilbur Disbro for summer mowing. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Burke abstaining.

Dr. Williams recommended that the rest of the consent agenda items 3.1 through and including 3.5 be approved.

Mrs. Burke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the rest of the consent agenda items 3.1 through and including 3.5. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Williams introduced Mr. Maple and welcomed him.

Mrs. Baines explained the need for requesting for additional appropriations and recommended that the Board approve the resolution for additional appropriations. Dr. Williams added that we are required also to take public comment prior to approval. Mr. Norman asked for public comments on the additional appropriations. There were no public comments.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to approve the resolution for additional appropriations. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Williams thanked Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Baines for working together on the Food and Nutrition Services handbook and recommended that the Board approve the handbook.

Mrs. Burke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the Food and Nutrition Services handbook. Mr. Norman wanted to confirm that it conforms to the new laws about personnel. Mrs. Stone responded that it does. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Williams recommended that the Board approve the Elementary School book bills for 2015-16 noting the \$30 discount from the Endowment Corporation.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burke to approve the Elementary Book bills for 2015-16. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Williams recommended that the Board approve the Elementary handbook for 2015-16 as presented in the board packet.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burke, to approve the 2015-16 Elementary handbook. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Williams explained our current technology agreement and discussed a proposal for working with 5-star Technology instead. He recommended that the Board approve a one-year contract with 5-star Technology beginning July 1, 2015 which includes three (3) on-site technicians, unlimited engineering and design backup, as well as in-service programs available to the staff.

Discussion took place in regards to assessment, reporting, and other districts using 5-star.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burke, to approve a one-year contract with 5-Star Technology. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Williams graciously recommended that the Board accept a donation of land located near the football field at East Central from Joseph and Martha Schuman.

Mr. McKay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to accept the donation from Mr. and Mrs. Schuman. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Williams reminded the Board that the original agreement with Administrator Assistance for his role as interim Superintendent was for 145 days. As of April 30, 133 days have been used. He recommended that the Board approve an extension of the contract with Administrator Assistance for additional days, not to exceed 15.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve an extension of the contract with Administrator Assistance. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Williams recommended that the Board approve to cancel the vending machine contract based upon the information in the board packet.

Mrs. Burke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the cancellation of the vending machine contract. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Harris reviewed the summer projects scheduled for each building and recommended that the Board approve the summer projects.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the summer projects as presented. Mr. Norman asked if the doors between the middle school and the high school were a requirement. Mr. Harris said they are not required, however, it was agreed that they are necessary for a sense of separation. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Baines reviewed the September 2014 Board Policy updates noting that the second review and recommendation for approval will be at the June meeting. She asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Mrs. Baines reviewed the financial report for April 2015.

Mr. Harris thanked the Principals for their help with organizing the move which is scheduled for the week of June 29. Mr. Burress stated that everyone needs to be patient; there is a lot to do but we will get through it.

Mr. Harris opened discussion with the Board to find out if we are interested in allowing the Dearborn County Highway Department use North Dearborn Elementary as a hub for their salt trucks. Discussion included location of the trucks, maintaining the lot, and whether a salt dome would hurt anything. Dr. Williams added that the discussion is just to find out if this concept interests the Board. Mr. Norman thinks it is a good idea and instructed Mr. Harris to move forward with obtaining more information.

Mr. Norman asked for public comments.

Peggy Norman, no address stated, thanked the Schuman's for their donation.

Mr. Norman asked for S-DEA comments. Brenda Osman congratulated all of the retirees. She stated that the teachers are stressed but ready for the move. She wished everyone a restful summer.

Dr. Williams thanked Brenda Osman for her leadership as S-DEA President this year.

Mr. Norman recognized the Principals. Mrs. Morton reported on IREAD-3 preliminary results for all three elementary schools. Mr. Norman mentioned that the Sunman Elementary spring concert went very well and the field trip was nice. Mr. Bond thanked the Bright Elementary PTO, the North Dearborn PTO, and the Sunman Tiger Paws for their efforts with end of the year activities for students and staff. He also thanked all of the retirees.

Mr. Norman recognized Dr. Williams.

Dr. Williams recognized each of the retirees for the 2014-15 school year and asked them to stand if present. He thanked all of them for their service to our school corporation. Dr. Williams invited everyone to stay for the reception after the Board meeting to honor our retirees.

Mr. Norman asked the Board members for comments on any items of interest. Mr. Norman thanked all teachers as we close another school year. He stated that he realizes change is hard but he believes we are making the right move, especially for the kids.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Norman asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm EST. The motion carried by voice vote.