

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Monday, September 17, 2018

- Call to Order** President Deb Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call** Roll call showed members present: Michelle Rich, Eve Postula, Gina Mudge, Heather Skoog and Deb Black. Sid Haas and Laurie Ernat were absent.
- Visitors** Rachel Savage, Kim Groleau and Adam King
- Approval of Board Agenda** Eve Postula made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** None.
- Correspondence**
- Mrs. Bazydlo and the Dimmick Student Council raised over \$1,100.00 for the Wednesday Jeans Day during the 2017-18 school year. The money was donated to 3 different local charitable causes. Board members were asked to share ideas for this year's collection.
 - Mr. Linnig shared a publication from Senator Rezin regarding increased funding from the Evidence Based Funding Model.
- Public Hearing FY'19 Budget** Mr. Linnig provided an overview of the FY'19 Budget. There were a few adjustments to the Education Fund revenues and disbursements from the tentative budget presented at the August 15 Board Meeting. Pending no significant surprises, the District should anticipate a conservative estimate of increasing total reserves by about \$163,570.00 by the close of FY'19. There were no questions or public comment. The FY'19 Budget awaits approval.
- Consent Agenda** Gina Mudge made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Seghi, Rich, Postula and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- S.T.E.M./Science Curriculum** The new STEM lab modules have arrived and are being unpacked and installed over the next week. The new modules were selected based upon student interest, plugging gaps in the science curriculum and alignment to the Next Generation Science Standards. Mrs. Rossman is changing up the Science Fair projects and giving the 8th grade the choice of completing a Science Fair project, working on an engineering design process or interviewing someone in a science related field and completing research on that career.
- 2018 PARCC and IL Science Assessment Results** A summary of the State PARCC and Science assessment results was shared with the Board. Despite ongoing changes to PARCC year to year, Dimmick students continue to perform well, achieving above the State average in both Reading and Math. The Science Assessment results indicated that 86% of 5th & 8th grade students scored as proficient. With the new ESSA School District performance

ratings being based 75% on PARCC results, the Board will be considering the District philosophy on high stakes, State testing.

Salary and Benefits Report FY'18

Mr. Linnig presented the Salary and Benefits Report to the Board. The report will be posted on the District website and awaits approval.

Facilities Report

The District received 3 proposals for a new PA/bell tone system. Board members were emailed the proposals in advance and Bennett Electric's proposal of \$9,978.00 was recommended for approval.

Flexible Seating

Mr. King applied for and received two grants; one from the Dimmick PTO (\$1,500) and one from Fairmount Minerals (\$1,000) for the purchase of flexible seating for the students in his classroom. He requested the board cover the remainder of the costs which totaled \$2,273.84. The decision awaits approval.

Other

- The FY'18 audit is complete and will be presented at the October Board meeting.
- The Low Cost/No Cost STEM presentation for the School Board Convention is being developed.
- Mr. Linnig will be developing a year end letter to the community.
- Mr. Linnig and Mr. King will be attending The Best in the World Education Seminar at the Carus Mansion on Friday, September 21, 2018

Action Items

Approval of FY'19 Budget

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the Dimmick Community Consolidated School District # 175 Budget FY'19. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Rich, Mudge, Postula and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2017-18 Salary and Benefits Report

Eve Postula made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Salary and Benefits Report. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Postula, Rich, Mudge, Seghi and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of the Proposal to Replace the Intercom/Bell tone System

Gina Mudge made a motion to approve the proposal to replace the Intercom/Bell Tone System with Bennett Electronic Service. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Seghi, Rich, Postula and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Flexible Seating

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the remaining balance of the flexible seating proposal for \$2,273.84. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Mudge, Rich, Postula and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Eve Postula made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss matters related to specific students and collective bargaining matters between the Board of Education and its employees at 7:22 p.m. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Eve Postula made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

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