

**Dimmick Consolidated School District #175**  
**297 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Road, LaSalle, IL 61301**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, January 21, 2019**

- Call to Order** President Deb Black called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call** Roll call showed members present: Deb Black, Eve Postula, Sid Haas, Gina Mudge, and Laurie Ernat. Not Present: Heather Seghi and Michelle Rich.
- Visitors** Jennifer Ring, Katie Derber and Josh Turigliatti.
- Approval of Board Agenda** Sid Haas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Eve Postula seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** None.
- Consent Agenda** Gina Mudge made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Ernat, Postula, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- FY'19 Budget Review** Mr. Linnig provided a report detailing District revenues and expenditures for the first half of FY 19. At this point revenues appear on track in most funds with the exception of Peru TIF reimbursements lagging and the fluctuating payments of Corporate Personal Replacement Funds; both of which impact the Operation and Maintenance Fund and State reimbursement for the transportation claim impacting the Transportation Fund.
- A few areas of concern were addressed on the expense side. The District has experienced an increase in special education and homeless costs this year. The expenses impact both the Education and Transportation funds. Out of District costs for special education tuition are expected to reach nearly \$70,000 this year in the Education Fund and nearly \$40,000 in the Transportation Fund. In addition, service/administrative fees for the 2011 bonds and debt certificates increased this year impacting the budgeted expenses. Mr. Linnig along with Mr. Vezzetti from Bernardi Securities will be following up and seeking a reduction in the fees.
- Assessment Complaints in Excess of \$100,000** The District has intervened in 5 assessment complaints. (Peru Mall-3, Sears-1, Double D Warehouse – 1). The District attorney has reached out to each of the tax payers to discuss a possible settlement. Nothing had been resolved to date. The District will await the decision of the LaSalle County Board of Review and then decide how to proceed. It appears that Dimmick was the only taxing body to intervene in these assessment complaints. The Peru Mall and Sears are of particular concern given the proposed TIF the City of Peru is seeking to create.

**ROE Annual Health & Life Safety Inspection**

Dimmick Received a letter indicating the District was in “Full Compliance” following the Regional Office of Education Health and Life Safety Inspection. Mr. Linnig commended Mr. Seghi for his commitment to maintaining District facilities.

**Short-Term Substitute Teacher Training Program**

The Regional Office of Education has been issuing short term substitute licenses. The substitute that is currently subbing for Art falls in this category. Mr. Linnig has made sure that all required paperwork and documentation has been created and signed and has gone over the requirements with teachers and staff members.

**Career Exploration Program (Strategic Plan Goal A1.G3)**

Mr. Linnig presented the Career Exploration Program to the Board. The program will focus on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and will focus on the 16 Career Pathways. Students will explore and experience potential career interests in a variety of ways including opportunities to job shadow. The concept is based on the Illinois PACE Model. The next step in the process is determining staff responsibilities for the program implementation. In addition, the District will look to include student projects at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony.

**Other**

- Mr. Linnig congratulated Coach Arteaga, Coach Lamps and the Boys’ Basketball A Team for their first place finish in the Prairie Conference tournament. The B team finished 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Students will now be in attendance on May 31<sup>st</sup> due to emergency day on November 26.
- The regional bridge busting competition hosted at Dimmick School will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm. This year we anticipate up to 13 schools participating up from the 7 we had last year. Mr. Rick Fast (parent/local business owner) has offered to donate again this year to help support program.
- 3 former Dimmick Alumni students were recognized as Illinois State Scholars: Makayla Reese and Emma Ebener (LaSalle-Peru Township High School) and Payton Linnig (St. Bede Academy).

**Action Items**

**Approval of the District Career Exploration Program**

Sid Haas made a motion to approve the District Career Exploration Program. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Mudge, Postula, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Executive Session**

Eve Postula made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Employees or District Counsel and Discussion of the Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts at 7:11pm. Sid Haas seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

**Action Items  
Following  
Executive  
Session**

**Approval of  
Request for  
Retirement**

Eve Postula made a motion to approve the request for retirement. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Postula, Mudge, Ernat, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of  
Authorization to  
Transfer Funds  
into the District  
Investment  
Portfolio**

Sid Haas made a motion to approve authorization to transfer funds into the district investment portfolio. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Mudge, Ernat, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Sid Haas made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Eve Postula seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Krolak

\_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary