

STANTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting

April 18, 2016

E.B. Holman School

- I. President Jill Efraimson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Also present were Brad Pennala, Tina Hatman, and Paul Marttila. Members of the staff in attendance included James Rautiola, Peter Larson, Susan DeKeyser, and Janine Wales.
- II. On a motion by Brad, seconded by Jill, with all in favor, the agenda was approved as amended.
- III. Superintendent/Principal James Rautiola led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting and closed session were approved on a motion by Brad, seconded by Jill, with Tina, Brad, and Jill in favor. Paul abstained.
- V. Public to address the Board – Susan DeKeyser announced her plans for retirement and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve Stanton Township Public Schools.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - Finance – Did not meet.
 - Building – Met 4/12 for the building project bid opening.
 - Strategic Planning – Did not meet
 - Technology & Grant – Met 4/14, reviewed tower equipment request from private business, reviewed USF bids, discussed REMC/Support-Net options for tech support.
 - Athletics – Did not meet
 - Policy & Personnel – Did not meet. Have policy updates to review soon.
 - Marketing – Did not meet
 - CCASB – Met recently; Tina, Jill, and Sarah attended the school tour and program; learned about Career Tech & Robotics.
- VII. Athletic Director's Report
 - a. Middle School Track – First practice was today but only 3 students showed up. Recently received AED partially funded by a grant and partially from special activities fund.
- VIII. Principal/Superintendent Report
 - a. Camp Nesbit/Boaters Safety – The 6th grade students are scheduled to attend Camp Nesbit May 23rd to 25th with Chassell & South Range. Boater Safety 4/18 & 4/19 for 6th grade.
 - b. 8th Grade Trip/Graduation/Houghton-Jeffers Orientation – The 8th grade class trip is planned for 5/18 to 5/20. Graduation – PTO looking into the Brownstone. 9th grade orientation 5/16.
 - c. Kindergarten Registration/Grandparents Day – Registration took place last week for next year's kindergarten; tentatively have 18-20 signed up. Grandparents Day to be 5/12.
 - d. CCASB Awards – 4/20; Tina, Brad, and Jill to represent the Board.
 - e. Lunch Audit – 4/28; pre-work ongoing for an all-day audit.
 - f. Technology – 470/471 Applications being worked on; tower upgrades considered.
 - g. Building Addition – 5 bids received for the addition/renovation project.
 - h. Bus Options – The staff and administration has started looking at options.

- IX. Items for Discussion/Action – Old Business:
- a. Tech committee recommendation – The tower request from a private company was reviewed. At this time, the committee recommends to not enter into a contract to put private equipment on the school's internet tower.
- X. Items for Discussion/Action – New Business:
- a. Retirement Letter: President Jill Efraimson read a letter dated 4/11/16 from teacher Susan Dekeyser announcing her retirement and requesting health insurance through August. A motion was made by Paul, seconded by Tina, with all in favor to accept the retirement with regret and to postpone any decision on health insurance.
 - b. Post 2nd Grade Teacher Position – The open position will be posted internally immediately, then posted externally after 10 days.
- XI. Financial Update – A finance update was discussed. Working on next year's budget. Accounts have been set up for the Building Project.
- XII. The bills in the amount of \$108,627.81 were approved for payment on a motion by Brad, seconded by Jill, with all in favor.
- XIII. The Board went into closed session at 6:40 p.m. on a motion by Jill to discuss Negotiations with Superintendent/Principal James Rautiola. The regular meeting resumed at 7:26 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. on a motion by Jill

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Marttila, Board Secretary