

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, December 13, 2018, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Cook, Mr. Littlejohn, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross, administrators Mr. Ritchey, Mr. Pulliam, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Beaven, and Mrs. Morgan, along with Mr. Engerski were also present.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Crews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the open comment session, Rebecca Goldsberry offered a prayer.

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlejohn, to approve the minutes, bills, and the treasurer's report from the month of November. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved minutes, bills,
and treasurer's report

In his administrator report, Mr. Pulliam reported to the Board that there may be some changes in the future regarding the scheduling for football games. The IHSA is proposing to do away with the conferences and will then set up districts. This proposal is up for a vote, and if it passes, this change could possible take place for the 2020-2021 school year.

B. Pulliam talked a
possible change in
football scheduling

Mr. Cook congratulated the students for a great job in the recent engineering contest. Marshall finished first out of the 11 schools participating. The Board thanked Mr. Shonk for all his work and effort he puts in this contest.

The Board members also recognized South School for the Whoville display.

Mr. Engerski gave updates on maintenance and mentioned some work that would take place during the Christmas break.

The Board provides a Christmas luncheon to all employees. The luncheon will be on Friday, December 21. Food will be delivered to all schools and the Unit Office.

Board sponsored
Christmas luncheon 12-
21-18

A Community Study Committee has been formed. It consists of representatives from the three county schools and representatives from each of the three city councils. The committee is requesting that each school district, Marshall, Martinsville, and Casey, receive \$25,000 from Clark County. This money is to be used for school safety. Each school district will give the County Board a report of what they are using this money for. A County Safety Tax is already being collected (1%), and that is where the \$25,000 would come from.

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlejohn, to support the recommendations of the Community Study Committee for the potential use of a portion of the 1% county safety tax towards school safety measures. All present voted aye.

Voted to support the
Community Study
Committee
recommendations

Mr. Littlejohn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve a tax levy of 4.99%. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved tax levy

Tim King from King's Financial was at the meeting to discuss the refinancing the remainder of our Life Safety Bonds by selling them to local banks rather than purchasing them ourselves. Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adopt a resolution providing for the issue of \$1,099,500 General Obligation Refunding

Adopt resolution to
refinance bonds

School Bonds, Series 2019, of Community Unit School District Number C-2, Clark County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Ross discussed with the Board about purchasing new accounting and payroll software. He also discussed website updates. The approval of these will be at an upcoming meeting.

Discussed new accounting & payroll software, website update

Phyllis Parks of Daughhetee and Parks, was at the meeting to review the Annual Finance Report. No issues were found. Phyllis has been our longtime auditor for the Marshall Schools. She will be retiring at the end of this year. Mr. Ross has begun the search for a new auditing firm.

Accepted the annual financial report

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to accept the Annual Financial Report. All present voted aye.

Mr. Littlejohn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the district's property/casualty/liability insurance. Our premiums will go down \$4,099 as compared to a slight increase last year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approve property/casualty/liability insurance renewal

The date for the annual Board Retreat was set for Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Unit Office.

Mr. Ross explained the need to employ a part-time speech and language pathologist. It was brought to Mr. Ross' attention that due to increasing numbers for students needing this service has increased.

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to give Mr. Ross permission to post a job opening for a part-time speech language pathologist. All present voted aye.

Approved permission for K. Ross to post part-time SLP opening

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlejohn, to approve the following professional meeting requests: Jessie Engledow to the ISHA Convention in Rosemont on February 7 and 8; Megan Wilson and Heather Setzer to ILMEA (coincides with the already approved all-state choir and band field trip); and Beth Grooms and Tiffany Huisinga to the ESSA Conference for Title I in Chicago. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved professional meeting requests: J. Engledow; M. Wilson, H. Setzer, B. Grooms, T. Huisinga

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to approve a field trip for the Junior High and High School Choirs to the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre in Indianapolis.

Approved field trip to Beef & Boards for JH & HS choirs

On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlejohn, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(personnel). On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The Board went into closed session at 7:35 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The Board returned to open session at 8:28 p.m.

Open Session

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to approve an unpaid suspension and notice to remedy of a certified employee. All present voted aye.

Approved an unpaid suspension and notice to remedy for certified employee

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Adjourn

The Board of Education will meet in regular session on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the Unit Office beginning at 6:00 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education