

ST. LIBORY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30
RDEGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, JANUARY 24, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

The regular Board of Education meeting of St. Libory Consolidated School District No. 30 was held at the school on January 24, 2017. Board President Martin Kehoe called to order at 7:00 P.M. Jennifer Dressler, Rob Stroder, Ron Musenbrock, Sarah Brandt, Thomas Kessler, and Franklin Stroder were all present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitor Communications: none

The minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Franklin Stroder made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron Musenbrock seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion passed.

The bills and financial statements were reviewed. Rob Stroder made a motion to accept the financial statement and to pay all of the bills. Franklin Stroder seconded the motion. Jennifer Dressler, Rob Stroder, Ron Musenbrock, Sarah Brandt, and Franklin Stroder voted yes. Thomas Kessler voted no. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: The Negotiations Committee shared their process during closed session. The Transportation Committee continues to collect pricing on used vehicles, and their goal to have something in place by summer.

Superintendent Report:

Curriculum- 4th grade students have been randomly selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress test on March 7th. Despite being selected it is felt that with no individual results shared back, that it is not in the best interest of the students' time. Parents may opt out of having their child take the voluntary test.

Extra-Curricular- The 8th grade field trip is planned for April 21, 2017. Students will participate in Physics Day at Six Flags. Decisions need to be made regarding funding. The PTC has tentatively scheduled Glo Bingo on April 1, 2017 at the Legion Hall; and are in need of volunteers.

Committees- Teach contract negotiations will start soon.

Finance- Transportation costs (regular, special education, and activity/extra curricular) continue to be a concern and challenge. If scheduled State payments continue, other areas of the budget are good. With regards to the sales tax initiative, one or two community members are still being sought to help with the endeavor, and a joint informational community-wide meeting co-hosted by St. Libory, Freeburg and Smithton schools is being planned.

General- 8th grade students will tour FCHS and meet with the freshman guidance counselor January 31, 2017. 5th and 6th grade students completed their DARE program and held a program graduation on January 5, 2017. Updates to Board Expenses and Reimbursements policies will need to be updated. Discussion of a consolidation study continues in Smithton and Freeburg; no action has been taken by any schools as of this date.

Superintendent Report continued:

Personnel- No application have been received regarding the part-time teacher aide; it will be re-posted online for a couple of weeks.

Technology- Computers continue to be replaced as necessary. Interest in the 1-to-1 program continues to be high; with the hope of the sale tax initiative passing.

Rob Stroder made a motion at 7:26 P.M. To go into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. Sarah Brandt seconded the motion.

At 8:20 P.M. Open session resumed.

Old Business:

Transportation- see Committee Reports.

New Business:

Superintendent contract- the Negotiations Committee will meet and iron out details.

1st reading of Board Expense Reimbursement policy.

School Calendar- based on emergency days used (1), the amended last day of school for the 2016/2017 school year will be May 26, 2017. A new version of the 2017/2018 school calendar will be available for the Board to consider that does not include a week-long Thanksgiving break.

One Call- Dr. Rude will look into the annual cost, group size, and number of messages permitted with the system; and if it can be expanded for community-wide notifications.

Fund raising- Euchre and Trivia Night, as well as having a community available electronics recycling trailer were discussed. Concerns were noted regarding non-school affiliated fundraisers being confusing to the public; the differentiation between sanctioned and non-sanctioned.

Miscellaneous:

Concessions stand- a year-to-date profit of \$3800 was acknowledged along with gratitude to Lindsey Kessler for her time, organization and recruitment, and overseeing of the stand for all sports. Franklin Stroder made a motion to reimburse Mrs. Kessler for her gas expenses per IRS mileage rate. Rob Stroder seconded the motion. Jennifer Dressler, Rob Stroder, Ron Musenbrock, Sarah Brandt, and Franklin Stroder all voted yes; Thomas Kessler abstained. Motion passed.

BOE workshops- Dr. Rude will share the dates of up-coming member training and workshops.

There being no further business brought before the meeting, Ron Musenbrock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Franklin Stroder seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Martin Kehoe, President

Sarah Brandt, Secretary