

DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.  
CAFETERIA

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members answering roll were:

Monika Ryan	Present	Sarah Schaefer	Present
Beth Webster	Present	Natalie Lionberger	Present
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Present
Bob Castillo	Present		

Also present were: Dr. Lee, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Ryner, Mrs. Finch, Jeff Lionberger, Josh and Josiah Lionberger, and Mark Cox of the Hancock County Journal-Pilot.

A moment of silence was observed

Dr. Lee announced that the governor had signed the \$15 an hour minimum wage bill and discussed implications for our school.

Questions were asked relating to the expenses caused by all the snow. Questions were also asked about the cost to buy a copy machine versus the expense of leasing. It was explained that the biggest part of that expense was toner. The board was also questioning whether the bill from QNS last month was correct and credited and it was.

The consent agenda was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Lionberger to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented (Roll Call).

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

Motion carried. 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

The Bills were presented to the Board for payment. A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Webster, to pay the bills as presented (Roll Call).

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

Motion carried. 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

The School District Policy updates were discussed at the previous meeting and clarification was obtained by the school attorney. The attorney has recommended we adopt this policy 7:270. A motion was made by Lionberger, seconded by Ryan to approve IASB Press Policy 7:270 update as presented (Roll Call).

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

Motion carried. 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Webster, seconded by Schaefer to approve the current school year updates. Updates were recommended as a result of recent updates to the School Code of Illinois (Roll Call).

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

Motion carried. 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

There was discussion about solar panels to move forward possibly adding these to be more energy efficient in the future. Dr. Lee said she talked to 2 area districts that have either installed or are currently working towards getting solar panels: Nauvoo-Colusa and VIT. N-C is working with TriState Renewable Energy, a company that does all the required paperwork and grant applications for the customer. VIT is using IA-Eagle Point and saving about \$30,000 from the get go due to a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Power would cost 5 cents per kilowatt hour vs. Ameren's 9 cents a kilowatt hour. There were many questions, and Dr. Lee recommended that we invite representatives from both companies to address the board.

Jeff Lionberger, a district resident, was present to answer solar power questions, as he and Natalie have used them for years on their farm. He said that most companies have a buyout option on the panels at the end of the contract because of technology advances. He cautioned that companies often overestimate your power bill to make it seem like more savings from using solar panels. He estimated that we would need about 720 panels; we should consider the use of optimizers to help with output; and recommended fencing around the panels. Bob asked Jeff to come back and help us as we get closer to deciding.

Dr. Lee did some checking into purchasing a new or used school van. There are two dealers around Jacksonville who deal with state contracts and sell vehicles at a discounted rate. She said LaHarpe bought a used van locally and that was working out for them. After discussion, the board agreed that we should pursue looking into both options.

Mrs. Finch advised she is waiting on new materials to arrive to review for the new Social Studies curriculum for grades 4-8. She discussed the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade textbook, which includes a subscription to online resources for \$107 each. She wants 50 books from McGraw Hill. She did not like Pearson. She has met with teachers from grades 1-5 to discuss their preferences as well. Concern about the cost of buying books for every grade was voiced, and Mrs. Finch said that the lower grades would be cheaper because the combined 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade textbook is used for both grades.

Discussion on updating the computers that are in the school office. Right now the new software that goes along with the cameras does not work on the secretary's computer because it is outdated. The computers in the office are at least 11 years old. We are encountering lots of problems with them. The cost to replace with 7 refurbished machines would be \$1,750.00. There was discussion about getting something newer than what was proposed so this problem won't come up again in 5 years, but the immediate need for a computer update was emphasized.

Motion was made by Greenhalge, seconded by Webster to approve the purchase of 7 refurbished computers (Roll Call).

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

Motion carried. 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

Due to the excessive amounts of snow days used this year we need to amend the school calendar to make up some of the days missed. Student attendance days will now be March 15th, March 22nd, and April 18th. Students will have 176 days and teachers will have 180. Eight emergency days will be built into the calendar for next year.

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Greenhalge to amend the calendar (Roll Call).

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

Motion carried. 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

There was no interest in attending the IASB Western Division Meeting.

Principal and Superintendent Reports were given to the board.

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Schaefer to enter the Closed Meeting at 8:18 p.m. to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10) (Roll Call)

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

Motion carried. 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Lionberger, seconded by Schaefer to leave closed meeting and return to open meeting on February 21, 2019, at 9:06 p.m.

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

The Personnel Report was presented to the board. A motion was made by Webster, seconded by Lionberger to approve the Personnel Report as amended (Roll Call).

Monika Ryan	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Beth Webster	Yea	Natalie Lionberger	Yea
Shasta Heidbreder	Absent	Chris Greenhalge	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Lionberger, seconded by Greenhalge to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. (voice).

The Next Regular Stated School Board Meeting will be March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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Board President, Bob Castillo

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Board Secretary, Shasta Heidbreder

Approved:\_\_\_\_\_