

October 10, 2023

The Board of Education, Community Unit School District No. 1, 149 South Elm Street, Winchester, Illinois counties of Scott, Morgan and Greene, met in regular session on Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Winchester Elementary School gymnasium.

Secretary Shanna Eddinger called the meeting to order with the following members answering roll call: Thad Walker, Bill Jacquot, Shanna Eddinger, and Aaron Littig. President Steve Moore entered at 7:19 PM and Trista Freeman was absent. Also attending were Superintendent Kevin Blankenship, WGS Principal Jessica Crawford, WGS Assistant Principal Nic ZuHone, WHS Principal Denny Vortman, and Administrative Assistant Becky Lashmett.

MINUTES / FINANCIALS

Jacquot motioned, with a second from Walker, to approve the minutes of the September 12th regular meeting. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; and Littig, yea; there being four yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

Walker motioned, with a second from Littig, to approve the financial reports and bills to be paid. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; and Littig, yea; there being four yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

AUDIT REPORT

The results of the annual audit were presented by Suzanne Steckel of Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote and Flynn. She reported the district yet again reached 'Recognition' status with a rating of 3.8. Walker motioned, with a second from Littig, to approve the audit report. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; and Littig, yea; there being four yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS

The building principals provided an update of student recognitions, activities and accomplishments. Superintendent Blankenship reported on maintenance projects, noting the recent work by VICC on the elementary school drive officially finished the project. He provided an update of the security door project at WHS and indicated the new activity bus delivery was two weeks past due.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee has been meeting regularly and are focusing on both options - renovations of the existing high school building, as well as a possible new building.

CO-OP COMMITTEE

With the current agreement slated to expire in June, the committee has developed a new six year agreement that details modified procedures for approval and dismissal of coaches, and strives to equalize the number of home contests for each district. Walker motioned, with a second from Eddinger, to approve the renewal agreement. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, no; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being four yeas and one nay, the motion passed.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Planning Committee, composed of administrators, staff and a board member, has completed review and update of the document, with Superintendent Blankenship noting it was a 'work in progress'.

EARLY GRADUATION

Littig motioned, with a second from Walker, to approve the request of Derek Price for early graduation. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being five yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

CLOSED MINUTES

Littig motioned, with a second from Jacquot, to make public the minutes of executive sessions from January through June, 2023. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being five yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

TRACTOR

Littig motioned to approve the purchase of a utility tractor from Sloan Implement at a cost of \$39,890 after trade-in. Ddinger seconded the motion and roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being five yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

FY24 MAINTENANCE GRANT

Walker motioned, with a second from Littig, to approve the submission of the FY24 ISBE Maintenance Grant application for new restroom sinks and cafeteria tables for WGS. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being seven five and no nays, the motion passed.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Moore asked the status of Freedom of Information requests, and Superintendent Blankenship reported there were none. President Moore then asked for questions or comments from the audience, and there were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jacquot motioned at 7:44 PM to enter into closed session. Littig seconded the motion and roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being five yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

Jacquot motioned, with a second from Walker, to return to open session at 8:16 PM. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being five yeas and no nays, the motion passed. President Moore announced the purpose of the executive session was for personnel matters and board vacancy.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Eddinger motioned to approve coaches: Kevin Cadwell / WGS boys basketball assistant, Bill Jacquot/ WHS boys basketball assistant, Michelle Webber / GS volleyball coach and Rene Chapman / GS volleyball assistant. Littig seconded the motion and roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being five yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

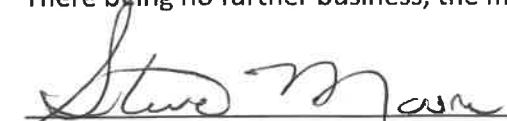
Littig motioned, with a second from Eddinger, to accept the December 31, 2023 retirement of Deborah Fanning. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being five yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Walker motioned, with a second from Eddinger, to appoint Eric Peterson to fill the vacancy board seat. Roll call vote resulted: Walker, yea; Jacquot, yea; Eddinger, yea; Littig, yea; and Moore, yea; there being five yeas and no nays, the motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ADJOURNMENT

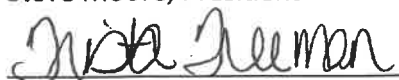
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.



Steve Moore, President



Shanna Eddinger, Secretary



Trista Freeman, Vice-President



Becky Lashmett, Administrative Assistant