

Regular Board Minutes April 17, 2023

The Community Unit School District #2 of Scott and Morgan Counties met in regular session, Monday April 17, 2023.

Gary Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart, April Coats, Terry Kunkel, Matt Bangert and Matt Smith.

Dana Rahe, Drew Barnett, Kennedy Barnett, Hunter Porter, Alana Brown and Linda Sapp were present.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve consent agenda which included approval of previous month's minutes, monthly bills, financial reports and payroll. Matt Bangert seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Terry Kunkel, Matt Bangert, DeWayne Hart, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The Academic Committee meeting was scheduled for April 28, 2023 at 11a in Dr. Blankenship's office. Matt Bangert and April Coats confirming.

Dr. Blankenship provided the following information;

- He explained and apologized in regards to the confusion of the Reorganization Meeting. Results of the election are considered unofficial (not confirmed) until 14 days after the election date, April 4th, to allow for all absentee ballots to be returned. Reorganization meeting will be May 8th.
- The roof project is in full swing and 90% completed. The project should be completed in two weeks.
- Tasks over Easter/Spring break included multiple calls to provide accurate information to the best of one's knowledge to complete the S&P Global Rating for the upcoming bond set for new business in May.
- Veregy progress; scoped the sewer lines, removed ceiling tiles and prepared to remove the boiler room. Although, they did run into a few glitches causing small adjustments to their specifications.
- School testing is almost complete.
- Lots of preparations in the works for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Range gave the Principal's report.

- Provided dates for upcoming events.
- Recognized students on their accomplishments.
- Reported on education field trips happening soon among several classes.
- End of year Award Assembly set for May 25th immediately following early dismissal

New Business:

Dr. Blankenship provided an update in regards to the Bond issue. Current ratings assigned Scott-Morgan CUSD #2 with its 'A' rating. Ill.'s approximately \$2,1 million series 2023 general obligation school bonds. Outlook is stable. Interest rate hovers around mid 4%.

The proposed motion to approve the initial payment to Control Technology & Solutions dba Veregy.

Terry Kunkel made the motion to approve the initial 10% payment. DeWayne Hart seconded. Yea: Terry Kunkel, Matt Bangert, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett, April Coats, DeWayne Hart and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve the Consolidated District Plan. This strategic plan is required and each district plan shall provide assurances that the district will, as applicable based on grant award(s).

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April Coats made the motion to approve the Consolidated District Plan. Roger Barnett seconded. Yea: Matt Bangert, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett, April Coats, DeWayne Hart, Terry Kunkel and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The review of the reading of the 1st policies was requested for upcoming approval and to move onto the 2nd reading.

Guest, Linda Sapp, requested to speak in regards to student achievement sign(s). The Department of Transportation only provides the sign to the school that represents the sport. So, the City Board of Bluffs decided to purchase a sign to have placed at the entrance to the town. Unfortunately, after communicating with the DOT, the sign is not allowed on state property unless it is their sign. In conclusion, the Scott-Morgan CUSD will be purchasing individual signage from Lomelino Signs for any future accomplishments to be placed on private property at any entrance to the Town of Bluffs if they do not represent said sport.

Linda Sapp left the meeting at 7:35

DeWayne Hart moved to closed session at 7:37 p.m. April Coats seconded. All in favor yea. Motion carried.

All guests left the meeting.

Multiple personnel issues were addressed.

All administrative staff with exception of Dr. Blankenship was asked to exit per the request of Gary Westermeyer at 8:38p.

Administrative staff returned at 8:57p.

At 8:59p DeWayne Hart made the motion to reconvene as a regular meeting. April Coats seconded. Yea: DeWayne Hart, Matt Bangert, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett, Terry Kunkel, April Coats and Gary Westermeyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Matt Bangert made the motion to approve the personnel report consisting of the approval of the following;

- Approve Renee Sloter - New Teacher Mentor/Instructional Coach
- Approve Jerelyn Killebrew - 2nd grade teacher
- Approve Rubi Hoots - 4th grade teacher
- Approve Alana Brown - WC High School Cheerleading Coach
- Approve Carlee Ernst - 3rd grade teacher
- Assign Haley Sharrow - Elementary Special Education teacher
- Assign Kennedy Barnett - 1st grade teacher

Roger Barnett seconded the motion. Matt Bangert, April Coats, Roger Barnett, Matt Smith, Terry Kunkel, DeWayne Hart and Gary Westermeyer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Roger Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: all in favor.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

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