

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Villa Grove Community School District #302 of Douglas and Champaign Counties, Illinois, was called and held Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at the Villa Grove Community Unit School District Building, within the boundaries of said district.

Upon roll being called, the following members were found to be present: Kerry Cheely, Jim Clark, Jill Stevens, Jim Kestner and Charlie Mitsdarfer.

Time: 6:02 p.m.

Administrators present: Mr. Tracy, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Beck.

VGEA Representatives present: Angie Schable and Marci Howard.

Visitors Present: Bill Price, Blake Swan, Chris Coyle, Mark Graves and Kevin Heid.

Visitor Comments: Kevin Heid presented updates from Stifel. It is estimated that the district will need \$4.1 million for updates. It is recommended that the district issue \$1.4 million in working cash fund bonds, and general obligation alternate bonds not to exceed \$2.5 million. This may be in excess of what is needed, but given that we don't know our actual EAV, it is better to ask for more now than not have what we need. Once the district declares its intent, it has three years to issue bonds. Clark stated his understanding that the district would not need a property tax increase to pay for the bonds and Heid confirmed yes.

Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda and authorization for payment of bills. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Kestner seconded a motion to approve a resolution declaring the intention to issue \$1.4 million in working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the district, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Clark seconded a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of general alternate bonds of the district in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2.5 million pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of building and equipping additions to and altering, repairing, and equipping the Villa Grove Community Unit School District Building. All members present voted in favor.

Clark requested tabling the approval of the final reading of the PRESS Plus - Issue 99, with changes as noted. All members present agreed.

Mr. Tracy presented the Board with information on the requirement of issuing public officials' bonds. Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to approve the required public officials' bonds for Barb Alexander and Barb Thomas. All members present voted in favor.

Mr. Tracy discussed the third-party bus contract issue. Gould contacted the district and requested an amendment to their bid, as it was in error, and the request was rejected by First Student. Clark recommended rejecting all bids and reissuing a new request for proposal so that we have all of the information we need to make a decision. A First Student representative was present and advised that they only needed to submit the required paperwork and they could use the documents they submitted previously. The district will publish in the News Gazette by Thursday Jan. 24, as well as the website. Bids will be due in 12 days.

Clark moved and Cheely seconded a motion to reject all proposals received and to authorize Mr. Tracy to resubmit a request for proposal. All members present voted in favor.

Mr. Tracy requested that we table the Bus Lease RFP issue until we have all of the required information. All members present agreed.

Mr. Tracy informed the Board that, by law, all discussions about the bus contracts are to take place in an open meeting. He will confer with the union on a date for a special meeting.

Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to approve the 2018-2019 VGEA Certified Staff Roster. All members present voted in favor.

Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Support Staff Seniority Roster. All members present voted in favor.

Mr. Tracy presented the Supt. Report:

An update was given on the parking lot lights to be installed on Paul's building and the AC in the psychologist's office. Thomas Electric came in with the lowest bid for the lights. Rose gave a bid for the AC. There were no updates on seeding the FB field due to the weather.

Clark moved and Cheely seconded a motion to accept the bid by Thomas Electric to install lights in the north parking lot. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Kestner seconded a motion to accept the bid by Rose Heating & Air Conditioning to install AC in the psychologist's office. All members present voted in favor.

Mark Graves was present to discuss CTS updates. On bathrooms, we will leave the walls in 68/70 and paint 32/30. Prices will be obtained for windows in the gym, and doors. Will check with Jack to see about panels. Tuckpointing due to moisture on the west wall is a concern.

In the office drawing, windows were added as well as solar tubes and the bathroom entrance was changed. CTS will look into narrowing Hallway 107, the logistics of buzzing in, and adding a table with storage in the open area of administration.

A Memorandum of Understanding was presented to the Board for consideration, with no action needed at this time.

Mr. Tracy suggested setting a date for an Athletic Committee Meeting. Stevens questioned how the new IHSA rules would impact us going forward. It was decided to table the issue until next month when more information could be given to the board.

A date for a community forum was set for Monday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Mr. Beck presented the ECE-6th Principal's Report:

Hannah King is teacher of the month AIMSeb winter benchmarks are underway, excited for growth from beginning of the year. ROE HLS visit Jan 10, great report. 5-8th graders in spelling bee. Written Jan 24, oral Jan 31, County Feb 13 in Arcola. TCI refresher presented by Mrs. Schable and Mr. Beck. Yearly refresher will take place yearly after last day of school w/ new training in August.

Mrs. Jones presented the JH-HS Principal's Report:

HS: Boys Basketball won Holiday tournament, Girls Basketball doing well. Jared Stevens and Aliya Holloman both achieved 1,000 points. IHSA passed FB districting beginning 2021. Lots of unanswered questions. Track sign-ups underway. Students interested in early graduation have begun classes. CEO recruitment underway for next year. Online registration will hopefully be up and running soon.

JH: Dance team doing well, VB off to great start. Track sign-ups underway. FFA will compete in first ever competition Jan 23.

HS/JH: Blake Swan is teacher of the month. ROE inspection went well. Working on next year's schedule.

At 7:33 p.m., Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to move to closed session. All members present voted in favor.

At 8:40 p.m., Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to return to open session. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Cheely seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Nieto, HS