

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 Monday, June 17, 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: Jim Clark, Jill Stevens, Bill Fulk, Meagan Quigley and Carol Ezell.

Time: 5:33 p.m.

Administrators present: Mr. Tracy, Mrs. Jones.

VGEA Representatives present: Becky Olson.

Visitors present: Joseph L. Petty, Mark Graves, Jack Clapp, Salisa Dann, Shirly Badman, Blake Swan. (Mike Leon and Jacki Athey arrived late, during the CTS presentation, as they weren't aware of the 5:30 start time.)

Clark moved and Ezell seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes Agenda Items D, E, F and G. All members present voted in favor.

At 5:35, Charlie Mitsdarfer arrived.

VISITOR RECOGNITION - CTS/J.H. PETTY:

Joseph Petty presented the board 50% drawings for the proposed gymnasium/classroom addition. Mr. Petty noted that the soil report was good; there were no surprises; a standard foundation will be used.

The plan is to finish up the drawings by the July meeting. Mr. Graves said a few meetings will need to happen with administration before the special meeting in July. The size of the footprint has increased just under 10%, so that is one reason for the increased cost, along with the updated site utilities that we didn't have before. There is a 5% contingency built into all of the line items, so the estimate is high and should be refined by our July meeting. With the board's approval, they will begin soliciting prices from contractors in August and should have those available for the board by September.

Clark asked whether site work would begin in October/November 2019 once we saw the numbers. Graves said yes, the plan is to get the classrooms done by August 2020 and finish the gym by September/October of 2020. Graves said we want to button up the building before winter 2019, which is part of the reason for panel construction. Petty indicated that due to cost, availability and long-term maintenance, precast panel construction is preferred. It also saves time.

A plan needs to be made to handle traffic flow in the back of the school during construction. A safety plan will be implemented. \$40,000 in safety fencing alone is built into the project to keep the students and public safe. A meeting will be held with Jack to handle staging of materials and equipment before the July meeting. The exterior will probably include brick wainscoting to tie into the existing building.

As for sports, JFL should not be impacted by construction. JH Softball will be done by the end of September. If need be, they can move to Richman. HS Softball will have to move to Richman for at least one year.

Mr. Tracy and Mr. Beck put together classroom assignments for the next two years. 4th grade will continue down from where K-3 is now. In 2020-21, with the current numbers, there will be three sections of 4th grade.

Clark questioned the cost of adding asphalt next to the football field on the west side of the road where parking is currently gravel/grass. Graves said he would look into it.

VISITOR RECOGNITION - MIKE LEON:

Mr. Leon was present to address standing water near McCoy Drive. His concern is mosquito control and West Nile Virus. He wanted to know the District's plans for addressing the problem. Clark indicated that Mr. Tracy has already met with a company to talk about re-tiling so the water will drain down to the river.

Ms. Athey says the City will be spraying at the appropriate time, when they are notified by the health department. They received a grant to purchase chemicals and the applicator is licensed. Clark said if the City is already planning on spraying, that should solve the issue for now.

The next item on the agenda is the EIASE Joint agreement. The federal government is requiring that all money flow through each district individually instead of through EIASE first, so the master document needs to be updated. Since the agreement is being updated, it was decided to clean up the entire document, and Mr. Tracy is recommending approval of the changes. Quigley moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the agreement. All members present voted in favor.

Fulk moved and Quigley seconded a motion to approve the Midwest Transit Bus Lease for 2019-20, 2020-21 (\$101,364 per year) and to purchase the activity buses at a cost of \$76,126. All members present voted in favor.

Mr. Tracy met with QNS to discuss our contract. We are currently on a per-device agreement and this has increased significantly due to all of the Chromebooks. Mr. Tracy was able to negotiate a flat rate of \$62,500 for the next two years and then it will increase in years three and

four. Ezell moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the QNS Technology contract for 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. All members present voted in favor.

The right-of-way proposal for the bridge replacement project was presented from the State. Clark moved and Quigley seconded a motion to accept the proposal. All members present voted in favor.

BOARD COMMITTEE VACANCIES:

Quigley requested to be on the EIASE Committee.

Clark recommend Zimmerman for the Athletic Committee.

Quigley requested to serve on the Curriculum Committee as well.

Jill Stevens will take Technology and Transportation.

FEE STRUCTURE:

Mrs. Jones said previously there was no fee for HS planners because Booster Club covered the cost. This year, the planners include the hall pass. Mr. Swan called and was able to get sponsors for the planners and raised \$1,500. The cost will be \$3 for JH/HS and the replacement cost will be \$5, which is the cost to print a new one. For the younger students, the cost is included in registration and the replacement cost is \$2.

JH/HS Dance will continue to pay a higher transportation fee based on travel.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Hug & Bugs Daycare will reimburse the District for bus service.

In Legislative news, we have a state budget, which will help us build our budget for next year earlier than normal. Legislation passed to revert back to the original five clock hours. The 6% salary cap was brought back from 3%. The minimum teacher salary will be phased in, as will minimum wage.

Asbestos abatement has been done. Demoing is underway. We had water come in from previous rains from Shirley's office down the ramp to the cafeteria. Summer floor work is underway and will be continuing. An estimate was obtained from Koberlein Drainage to excavate a slope behind the FFA plot to direct water to the river. Carol Ezell was asked to obtain a bid from Ezell's to compare prices. Rock will be installed where a school bus got stuck near the baseball field. Champaign County is running behind on real estate taxes, so we will be receiving those payments late.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Mrs. Jones:

Congrats to Class of 2019.

HS SB won sectionals and went to super sectionals. Mrs. Block was named sectional coach of the year. Madie Burwell and Kyleigh Block were named to the all-state team. Kyleigh Block and Reagan Cheeley were News Gazette All Area.

Scholastic Bowl was National Small School Team of the Year in New Orleans and were invited back for next year.

FFA attended state convention in Springfield.

Becky Olson and the sophomores served dinner at the alumni banquet and did a great job.

JH FFA won State for conduct of chapters and first place for Chair; we received a state plaque for that. They were also interviewed on WIXY Classic.

8th grade went to Washington D.C. Thanks to Bridget Taylor for organizing; we are looking to do it again next year.

Mrs. Jones and Mr. Swan are working on the 100th year of the building. The plaque says 1919, but that was when they broke ground. Class was first held in the building in 1920. The plan was to do something during Homecoming 2019, but we may hold off until 2020 to give us more time to plan.

Rededication of the FB field will be the first home game on Sept. 6.

Southern sent us a list of former students who made the Dean's List. They are Emma Johns, Alana Campbell, Jackson Kestner, Gabby Agius and Jake Reifsteck.

Several principals shared their drug policies. For the most part, everyone has one or is implementing one for next year. The one presented to the board is primarily from Arthur. Band and Choir want their kids included in the policy. We need to get quotes on prices of swabbing vs. urine samples. Ezell said that urine is more accurate.

Overall, there were still several unanswered questions and our attorney has not reviewed this, so Mrs. Jones agreed to revise and she will present it to the board at the next meeting in July.

TCl training was given to 19 staff.

New teacher orientation will be July 30.

MAPS conference will be in St. Louis in June.

We received confirmation from IHSA that our co-op is approved.

Clark moved and Fulk seconded a motion to move to closed session. All members present voted in favor.

7:13 p.m.

At 7:52 p.m., during closed session, Charlie Mitsdarfer left the meeting due to a prior engagement.

Clark moved and Fulk seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. All members present voted in favor.

8:31 p.m.

Stevens moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the Teamsters Contract for 2019-20 and 2020-21. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Ezell seconded a motion to approve the employment of Kim Jones, JH Track Coach. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Clark seconded a motion to approve the employment of Lee Hoffman, JH Baseball Coach. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Ezell seconded a motion to approve the employment of Jim Kestner, HS English teacher. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the employment of Dan Sappefield, Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Clark seconded a motion to approve the employment of Julie Woller, Assistant JH Girls Softball Coach. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Quigley seconded a motion to approve the 2019-20 proposed pay increases (Approximately 2%) for support staff, supervisory exempt. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the 2019-20 proposed pay increases (Approximately 2%) for custodial, secretarial and cafeteria staff. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Ezell seconded a motion to adjourn. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned: 8:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board Secretary Jill Stevens

Board President Jim Clark