

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 Thursday, June 18, 2020, 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, Jerrad Zimmerman, Jill Stevens, Bill Fulk, Carol Ezell, Meagan Quigley and Charlie Mitsdarfer.

Time: 6:01 p.m.

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

VGEA Representatives present: None.

Visitors present: Jim Kestner, Terri Jones, Shirley Badman.

VISITOR RECOGNITION: There was no written correspondence submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting. Kevin Heid/Stifel appeared via Google Meet to present an update on the impact of COVID 19 on alternate revenue bonds and the sales tax revenue used to make the payments. Even with the estimated 25% decrease that is expected, sales tax revenues would be sufficient to fund bond payments. It should be noted that effective July 1, online sales tax is required to be collected and distributed for counties/schools and this should also mitigate losses from reductions due to COVID.

Next, President Clark recognized the excellent work that Mr. Tracy did as interim superintendent. Board members and visitors both thanked Mr. Tracy and praised him for all he has done for our district. He was also presented with a plaque.

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

The first order of business was to approve and adopt submission of the FINAL budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Tracy indicated that another transportation payment was received that was not expected. Health Life Safety money was transferred to the Facilities fund to help cover expenses. Clark moved and Zimmerman seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Quigley moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the fee schedule for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. All members present voted in favor.

Mitsdarfer moved and Quigley seconded a motion to approve the Consolidated District Plan, which includes Title I, II and IV. All members present voted in favor.

When the decision to step away from the VGH co-op for HS boys' basketball was made, it was an oversight to not include cheerleading, so Zimmerman moved and Stevens seconded a motion to remove Basketball Cheer as well for the 2021-2022 season. All members present voted in favor.

Fulk moved and Stevens seconded approval of the first reading of PRESS Plus 4:180-AP3, Administrative Procedure for Grant Flexibility and Approval of Payment of Employee Salaries During a Pandemic. All members present voted in favor.

Zimmerman moved and Quigley seconded a motion to approve the agreement with Russell Leigh & Associates for audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. All members present voted in favor.

Clark moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the renewal of property/casualty/liability insurance, per Bushue recommendations. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Clark seconded a motion to adopt a resolution establishing prevailing wages, which is an annual requirement. All members present voted in favor.

Clark moved and Quigley seconded a motion to approve board meeting dates and times for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. All members present voted in favor.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

An update was given on renewal rates for insurance with Egyptian Trust. Other options are being investigated due to the high rates.

Documents were provided for review in advance of the meeting from IASB regarding guidance on reopening schools.

CARES funding has helped with the purchase of masks, thermometers, handheld sprayers with electrostatic spray and hand sanitizer stations with foam, sanitizing wipes, etc.

Updates on construction: A fire hydrant needs to be installed at a cost of \$4,200 to flush the system. Proposed gym floor graphics were presented. The playground will need to be raised up one foot in elevation for appropriate drainage at a cost of \$29,190. Fencing for the girls' softball field will be put on hold for now. The option to pave the north drive

and add parking will also be put on hold for now. Approximately \$20,000 in change orders need approval. Mrs. Munson/Mr. Tracy will have the authority to negotiate and authorize the change orders. Construction is on schedule. The gym should be complete by the 100th anniversary and Alumni banquet set for September. At this time, no interest was expressed in attending Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. Mr. Tracy thanked the district for the plaque and presentation.

Following the superintendent's report, the following motions were made:

Stevens moved and Clark seconded a motion to approve the installation of the fire hydrant. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the gym floor graphics proposal as submitted. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Zimmerman seconded a motion to elevate the playground for drainage as presented. All members present voted in favor.

Clark moved and Fulk seconded a motion to give the superintendent the authority to approve and pay change orders as needed. All members present voted in favor.

#### PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

##### MRS. JONES:

Prom is set for July 25th and Graduation July 26th. Still awaiting ISBE Guidelines.

Congrats to Alexa Howard for being a short story essay winner.

Congrats to Andrew McQueen for placing first in the ACES Computer Science contest.

Congrats to our Scholastic Bowl team on a successful year.

Handbook changes were presented at the last board meeting. Zimmerman moved and Clark seconded a motion to accept the changes as presented. All members present voted in favor.

##### MR. BECK:

Thanks to Terri and Salisa for preparing all of the required State paperwork.

Class lists and schedules are complete and ready to go.

Online registration will be available via TeacherEASE.

Clark made the announcement that all future board meetings will be held in the board room as usual if Illinois moves to Phase 4.

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

7:46 p.m.

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

9:04 p.m.

Fulk asked about independent band/choir being eliminated. Mrs. Jones said that it is being looked into and every effort will be made to make it available.

Stevens moved and Zimmerman seconded a motion to accept the retirement of Alice McKeehan, cafeteria (21 years of service) and Glenda Trowbridge, transportation department (28 years of service.) All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Quigley seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Erin Pangburn, JH Volleyball Head Coach. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the hire of Jacob Griffith, JH and HS Assistant Cross Country Coach, 4% stipend. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Zimmerman seconded a motion to approve the hire of Ann Hudson, HS Spanish teacher, pending successful completion of all required federal and Illinois background checks. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Barb Alexander, District Treasurer. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Quigley seconded a motion to approve a 2% support staff pay rate increase for 11 and 12-month employees. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Zimmerman seconded a motion to approve a pay rate of \$24.50 per hour for Jack Clapp. All members present voted in favor.

Stevens moved and Fulk seconded the resignation of Betsy Orwick, JH Cheer Coach. All members present voted in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Board Secretary      Jill Stevens

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Board President      Jim Clark