

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 20, 2023

- Call to Order** President Deb Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call** Roll call showed members present: Superintendent - Ryan Linnig, Recording Secretary - Carol Wineinger, Dr. Rossman – Principal, Josh Turigliatti, Laurie Ernat, Chad Crane, Heather Seghi, Clayton Mudge and Deb Black. Debbie Herz attended via zoom and joined at 6:35 p.m.
- Visitors** Joel Foster, Jaime Bazydlo, Rey Arteaga
- Approval of Consent Agenda** Clay Mudge made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment**
- Jaime Bazydlo gave a summary on the progress of the Student Council activities. They collected 500 items to donate to the veteran’s home. Also, the annual fundraiser of pastry sales made about \$2,000.00.
 - The Dimmick SWAT Team’s focus for the month of December was “gratitude and selflessness.” Students excelling in that area received Dojo points. The top point earners were Jack Pezanoski, Jordy Bezely, Delaysa Mendez, Atlee Turigliatti, Ytzely Mondragon, Allie Williams, Caiden Kolodziej, and Areesah Joop. Congratulations!
- Consent Agenda** Chad Crane made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Crane, Turigliatti, Mudge, Seghi, Ernat, Black and Herz. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Report and Updates**
- Dimmick Fit Update** Joel Foster and Carol Wineinger gave an update on the 1st Trimester Dimmick Fit Program. A total of 54 students qualified for the field trip reward to the Elevate Trampoline Park in Peoria. Overall participation in K-4 was 52% and 5-8 was 23%.
- Principal’s Report** Dr. Rossman reported that the plan is to have a recommendation for the new reading program by the May 2024 board meeting.
- The Reading Committee Family Night is March 11, 2024. The K-4 & Band Christmas program is Thursday, December 21 at 6 p.m.
- Facilities Update**
- The drywall in the foyer has been repaired where there had been damage from a window leak.
 - The gym floor has streaks in the finish applied this summer and the district has not paid the contractor. The district has found another contractor to perform the work in the summer of 2024. Veterans Flooring out of Rockford will be used.

- The attic stock for our flooring will hopefully be arriving over winter break.
- Mr. Linnig had attended an HVAC training in Minnesota on the QLCI system. The district has been looking into upgrading the HVAC system with a priority being placed on the replacement of the two original boilers. The District has applied for the \$50,000 matching grant through ISBE for the project.

2023 Tax Levy Mr. Linnig presented the 2023 tax levy. There were no changes since the presentation of the tentative tax levy at the November Board meeting. Overall EAV is estimated to increase by 4.1% to \$138,704,102.00. Based on the proposed levy, the estimated tax rate should be \$1.4358, a reduction of about .55% from 2022. A truth in taxation hearing is not required as the request is below 5% of the 2022 extension.

IASB Joint Conference Discussion Some of the board members discussed the sessions that they attended. A few of the titles of the sessions were Safety at Schools, Education and Careers for Students, Investments for Schools, and Dealing with Child Trama.

Policy Update Policy 7:160 Student Appearance had it first reading.

Debbie Herz left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Other Mr. Linnig reminded board members of the Staff and Board dinner this Friday night, 12/22/2023, at JoJo's in Cherry. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Action Items

Approval of the 2023 Tax Levy Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the 2023 tax levy. Chad Crane seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Crane, Mudge, Seghi, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Closed Session Heather Seghi made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students at 7:30 p.m. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Action Items Following Closed Session

Approval of Employment Recommendation Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the employment recommendation of Tara Knauf as the RtI/MTSS/504 Coordinator/Instructional Coach posted for the 2024-25 school year. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Seghi, Mudge, Crane, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment Clay Mudge made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

President _____ Secretary