

**Dimmick Consolidated School District #175**  
**297 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Road, LaSalle, IL 61301**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

- 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: Gina Mudge, Michelle Rich, Josh Turigliatti, Laurie Ernat and Deb Black. Debbie Herz arrived 6:35 p.m. Heather Seghi was absent.
- Visitors** Teri Rossman, Carolyn Moore
- Approval of Board Agenda** Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** Mr. Linnig attended the IASB Starved Rock Division meeting on October 14, 2021. Deb Black was awarded the Master Board Member Certificate for her service in school board professional development.
- Consent Agenda** Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Mudge, Herz, Turigliatti, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- District Risk Management Plan** The District Risk Management Plan is reviewed and revisions made annually as appropriate. The plan provides support for and justification for the Tort Levy. There were no recommendations for change at this time. The District is conducting a time study of the percentages of salaries that are listed in the Tort Fund. The Risk Management plan awaits approval.
- AIMS Web Fall Benchmark Data** Mrs. Rossman presented the AIMS Web Benchmark Data. The fall data is the starting point from where the District measures the growth moving forward with the winter and spring data. This fall, 6 out of 9 classes scored higher in Reading and 8 out of 9 classes scored higher in Math which is an improvement over last year. The classes have started up the reading and math centers this year for more closely monitored teaching time.
- Employee Health Insurance** The Blue Cross/Blue Shield premium renewals came in and the District held the insurance pool committee meeting on 10/4/2021. The premium is up 5.4% and the recommendation is to approve the renewal with BC/BS.
- Facilities Report**
- There are paint issues on some of the walls and the company will be coming back over winter break to finish.
  - The panels between the gym and stage and the door for the practice room in the music should be installed in the next few weeks.
  - Still waiting for Kelly Glass to return to adjust the door locking mechanism for the front doors as they are sticking when the release

button is pushed.

- A proposal to upgrade the stage sound system was received from Ladd Sound Productions and the base proposal to relocate the cabinet and update the existing system is \$13,950.00 and \$19,950.00 to update the speakers as well. The proposal is on hold till the release of the Maintenance Grant from the ISBE.
- A digital sign out in front of the school is also on hold till the release of the Maintenance Grant from the ISBE.

**Health Life Safety Review**

For the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year, the District has received a perfect score from the ROE following the annual report. Mr. Seghi was commended for his efforts.

**School Improvement Team Report**

- Mrs. Teri Rossman reported on the School Improvement Team which meets once a month.
- They are working on a new strategic plan that targets visible learning with more co-teaching in the classrooms. The advantage is the students aren't being pulled out of the classroom and receiving instruction with their classmates.
- Mrs. Heather Linnig taught the newer teachers how to implement the learning centers in a classroom.
- The Pandemic Plan had a change in that the time frame of 24 hours was added to get student not feeling well tested before siblings have to go home.
- The P/T Conferences will be offered this year "in person" and "online".
- The Winter Program for the K – 4<sup>th</sup> grades and band students will be December 14, 2021.
- From 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. on Wednesdays a paraprofessional assists students with late assignments and the teachers get professional development.
- The School Play is scheduled for March 3, 2022 and paraprofessional, Vanessa Kelly asked to be the Play Director and has chosen the play titled "Annie".

**Preliminary 2021 Levy Report**

The District received the preliminary EAV calculations for the 2021 tax levy which reflects an overall estimated increase of 2.32% prior to any Board of Review or PTAB decisions. Mr. Linnig will be presenting the tentative levy at the next board meeting.

**Other**

After an area superintendents meeting with Senator Sue Resin, Mr. Linnig is on a committee that will be drafting a proposal to the ISBE to rid the districts of some unfunded mandates and the repetition of state reporting.

Bernardi Securities has invited the school board convention attendees to "Howl at the Moon" in Chicago on Friday night.

**Action Items**

**Approval of District Risk Management Plan**

Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the District Risk Management Plan. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Herz, Mudge, Rich, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of District Health Plan**

Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the District Health Insurance Plan with BC/BS. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Turigliatti, Herz, Mudge, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Closed Session** Laurie Ernat made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss the pending litigation and the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees at 7:24 p.m. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

**Action Items  
Following Closed  
Session**

**Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Among Impacted Taxing Bodies** Debbie Herz made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement among impacted taxing bodies to share costs associated with specific property tax appeal board proceedings. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Herz, Rich, Ernat, Turigliatti, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of Hiring the School Play Director** Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the hiring of Vanessa Kelly for the school play director. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Ernat, Rich, Herz, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** Debbie Herz made the motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

\_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary