

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 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: Laurie Ernat, Sid Haas, Gina Mudge, Heather Seghi, Josh Turigliatti and Deb Black. Michelle Rich was absent.
Visitors	Operational Manager of Johannes Bus Company Christina Croissant
Approval of Board Agenda	Sid Haas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Public Comment	None.
Consent Agenda	Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Superintendent's Report	
District Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The contract for the roof has been signed by all parties and the project is scheduled to start over spring break (April 5-9), weather permitting.• Mr. Linnig requested a special board meeting be scheduled on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed renovation project prior to posting notice to seek bids. Architect Steve Nelson will present the proposed renovations. The plan is to go out to bid on March 1, 2021 and have the mandatory pre-bid meeting on March 11, 2021. The tentative bid opening meeting would be held on March 22, 2021. An additional tentative special board meeting would be scheduled for March 25, 2021 for consideration of bid approval.
School Improvement	A summary of the AIMS Web winter benchmark results were shared with board members. Dimmick students outgained the national growth rate in nearly all tested areas. Mr. Linnig commended the teachers, students and parents for their hard work and success during these challenging times.
Conditional Approval of Student Transportation	Johannes Bus Company has been determined to be the lowest responsible bidder. This decision to conditionally accept the Johannes Bus Company proposal awaits approval.
Pandemic Learning Plan	The District has implemented a plan that meets all ISBE, IESA and IDPH guidelines to offer a reduced season for girls' volleyball and boys' basketball. Spectators will not be allowed in the building due to the pandemic. All the home games may be viewed by livestream. The District is now working on scheduling scholastic bowl and track. The transition team continues to review the data and discuss what changes will be recommended as the year progresses. If a change

is to be made to a full day schedule, it would not likely occur until after spring break.

2021-22 Lunch Program The hot lunch program has not been implemented this year due to challenges in serving food under the pandemic restrictions. The District realized enormous time savings by not having the program. A survey of parents and a cost analysis supported eliminating the program and staying with sack lunches along with the PTO supplementing a salad bar every other Friday and possibly a hot lunch option on the alternate Fridays as a fund raiser. The termination of the State and Federal hot lunch program awaits approval.

District School Calendar Both the revised 2020-21 calendar and the new school year 2021-22 calendar await approval.

Regular Board Meeting Schedule A revised school board meeting schedule was discussed. Meetings will change from the third Monday to the third Wednesday of every month. The revised schedule awaits approval.

Assessment Complaints in Excess of \$100,000 Four assessment complaints were received for tax year 2019. They were Hobby Lobby, PetSmart, Kohl's & Home Depot. If reduced based on their requests, the District would lose approximately \$27,000.00 per year. Mr. Linnig has been working with IVCC, LPHS and the County to file a joint intervention and share in the cost. The District's cost for the joint intervention would range from \$1,500.00 to 4,100.00.

Legislative/ISBE Updates

- There were no updates to share regarding the proposed residential TIF reimbursement legislation proposed.
- Mr. Linnig advised keeping an eye on HB 00007, which seeks to force school consolidation and take away local control. District may need to involve board members, staff and community if it gains any traction.
- ISBE has agreed to file a waiver for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness if the U.S. Dept. of Education will permit it.
- The District has received updates regarding the ESSER II (Cares Act) funding and it is expected to receive \$91,373.00.

Reduction in Force/Seniority List for all Certified and Non-Certified Staff A Reduction in Force/Seniority list for all certified and non-certified staff was updated and shared with the board. The list awaits approval.

Other Principal Teri Rossman and Teachers' Union President Jen Ring are working with 2 other staff members to develop a comprehensive Staff Handbook.

Action Items

Approve to Student Transportation Contract Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve to declare, subject to approval by a sufficient number of consortium districts comprising an aggregate minimum of 85% of the composite three-year value, that Johannes Bus Company is declared to be the lowest responsible bidder and that if approved by a sufficient number of consortium districts authorizes the Superintendent to work with the bus company to develop and present to the Board a contract for consideration. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve the Discontinuation of Hot Lunch Program	Sid Haas made a motion to approve to discontinue the hot lunch program for the 2021-2022. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Turigliatti, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat and Black. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Approve 2020-21 Calendar Revisions	Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the revisions to the 2020-2021 School Calendar. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Ernat, Mudge, Turigliatti, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Approve the Revised Regular Board Meeting Schedule	Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the revised regular board meeting schedule. Sid Haas seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Haas, Turigliatti, Mudge, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Approval to Intervene in Partnership in Assessment Complaints	Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve to inter in partnership with Illinois Valley Community College, LaSalle County and LaSalle-Peru Township High School in the assessment complaints filed in excess of \$100,000.00. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Seghi, Mudge, Turigliatti, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Approval of Reduction in Force	Sid Haas made a motion to approve the reduction in force/seniority list for all certified and non-certified staff. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Turigliatti, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Approve the 2021-22 District Calendar	Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 District calendar. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Turigliatti, Haas, Seghi, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Closed Session	Sid Haas made the motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees at 7:46 p.m. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
	Regular meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.
Adjournment	Sid Haas made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

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