

**Dimmick Consolidated School District #175**  
**297 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Road, LaSalle, IL 61301**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

- 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: Deb Black, Josh Turigliatti, Laurie Ernat and Michelle Rich. Heather Seghi via zoom, Gina Mudge arrived at 6:35 p.m., Debbie Herz arrived at 6:39 p.m.
- Visitors** Teri Rossman
- Approval of Board Agenda** Laurie Ernat 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 Hearing for Tuition Waiver** The District 5-year Tuition Waiver for Children of District Employees expires at the close of the 2021-22 school year. All requirements have been met for filing for a new 5-year waiver. The current fee is \$2,900.00 per student per year which was determined by an average of area private school tuition rates at the time the previous waiver was approved. The recommendation is to set the rate for the new 5 year waiver as follows: \$3,100.00 - FY 23, \$3,200.00 - FY 2024, \$3,300.00 - FY2025, \$3,400.00 - FY2026 and \$3,500.00 - FY2027. The waiver awaits approval.
- Public Comment** None.
- Consent Agenda** Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Mudge, Herz, Turigliatti, Ernat, Seghi and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- 2022-23 School Calendar** A copy of the tentative calendar was shared with the Board. The calendar is formatted similar to previous years with the exception of winter break. There is also a new state holiday added on November 8, 2022, Election Day. The calendar awaits approved next month.
- District Facilities Update**
- The work remaining from the renovation project include the Brave logo design for the stage panels, some flooring plank replacement and repairs to the black mat at the bottom of the stage.
  - The Maintenance Grant has been approved by ISBE. The sound system for the stage is being ordered and the hope is to have it installed before the spring play. Mr. Linnig will also work on securing proposals for the gym/locker room repainting project and replacement of the school sign.

- The new phone system speakers are not loud enough for the Blue Point Alert can't be heard well in the classrooms. The recommendation is to install speakers in the 12 original classrooms, library and teacher workroom. Ficek Electric will purchase and install the speakers for \$6,487.00. This project awaits approval.

**School Improvement**

- Professional development continues to focus on co-teaching and NOW Classrooms strategies Meg Ormiston.
- The AIM's Web winter benchmark testing is taking place this week. In regards to interventions, K- 4 reading has seen a reduction from has 20 students in the fall to 13 for winter and K-4 math reduced from 12 to 8. The Jr. High students will finish testing this week.
- The District currently has 1 employee and 17 students out with Covid.
- The lunch sessions have been split into 4 different groups so the students are social distanced enough to avoid being considered a "close contact". Mr. Linnig went on to summarize the new Covid 19 rules from the State.
- Mr. Linnig has been working to draft a new District Strategic Plan.

**TRS Supplemental Savings Plan**

The General Assembly passed a law requiring public school districts to offer a Teachers' Retirement System supplemental savings 457(b). The District needs to approve an agreement with TRS. The resolution has been drawn up and awaits approval.

**Transportation Services Agreement Extension**

The District has paid \$24,310.00 in excess costs for student transportation so far this year. The District Attorney has advised to send out a demand letter next month after 6 months of billings. The District has negotiated a 2 year extension with Illinois Central Bus Company with a 4.1% increase for 2022-23 and 3% for 2023-24. This action awaits approval.

**Policy Update**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy 5:330 Educational Support Personnel.

**Authorization for Payment of January Bills**

Since this board meeting was moved up and the bills would not be processed in time, authorization from the board is needed for payment of January bills on the corresponding date of January 19, 2022 following the review from the financial committee. This action awaits approval.

**Other**

Mr. Linnig is working on the District Newsletter in hopes to sending it out within the next few weeks. Both Representative Yednock and Senator Rezin have indicated they are working to draft legislation with the ISBE efficiency recommendations proposed by Mr. Linnig and the VOICE Committee.

**Action Items**

**Approval of Staff Tuition Waiver**

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the Tuition Waiver for Children of District Employees as presented. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Ernat, Rich, Turigliatti, Herz, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of Classroom Speaker Proposal**

Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the classroom speaker system proposal. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Herz, Mudge, Turigliatti, Seghi, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of TRS Supplemental Savings Plan Resolution**

Debbie Herz made a motion to approve the Teachers' Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan Resolution. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Herz, Turigliatti, Rich, Ernat, Mudge, Seghi and Mudge. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of Transportation Services Agreement Extension**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the student transportation services agreement extension. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Turigliatti, Rich, Herz, Mudge, Seghi and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of Payment of January Bills**

Debbie Herz made a motion to approve payment of the January bills. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Herz, Rich, Turigliatti, Ernat, Mudge, Seghi and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Closed Session**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees at 7:18 p.m. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

**Action Items Following Closed Session**

**Approval of New Employment**

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the employment recommendation of Vanessa Kelly as the Head Track Coach. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Herz, Mudge, Turigliatti, Rich, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Debbie Herz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

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President Secretary