

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Thursday, July, 23, 2020

- 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: Michelle Rich, Sid Haas, Josh Turigliatti, Deb Black, Gina Mudge, Heather Seghi and Laurie Ernat.
- Visitors** None.
- Approval of Board Agenda** Sid Haas 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** The eighth-grade graduation ceremony held outside went well and feedback was positive. Mrs. Krolak set up an “Amazon Smiles” account so a percent of Amazon purchases made by the District will go to the Aiden Lamps Foundation. The Bridge Competition sponsored by Illinois Valley Surveying had 25 entrees. The top 6 teams were awarded ribbons and the top 2 schools overall received plaques. Oglesby Washington took 1st place and LaSalle Lincoln Jr. High 2nd place. Congratulations to the participants.
- Consent Agenda** Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Seghi, Haas, Turigliatti, Ernat, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- Facilities**
- The parking lot project is well under way and the paving should start early next week with project completion expected by the end of next week.
 - Bid requests for the building roof replacement for areas not yet updated will be drawn up in the coming weeks with anticipation of the project taking place either over spring break or early summer 2021. The project includes the roofing over the locker rooms, main classroom corridor and over the west addition.
 - Mr. Linnig reached out to Illinois Valley Excavating regarding the remaining the drainage project. The work should be completed in the next few weeks.
- School Improvement Team Report** The School Improvement Team met on June 24, 2020 and recommended approval of the revisions to the Parent/Student Handbook as well as the proposed Extracurricular Handbook. Mr. Linnig provided an overview of the changes. The Parent/Student Handbook and Extracurricular Handbook await approval.
- Meg Ormiston, author of NOW Classrooms, will be providing ongoing

professional development to the instructional staff though out the 2020-21 school year. Early emphasis will be placed on strategies for facilitating effective remote learning in order to provide the staff with the knowledge and resources necessary to support remote learning. Ben Sondergraft will also be providing training on See Saw, Google Meets and Google Classroom in order to provide consistent platforms for all instructional staff to use.

Opening School Plan

- At this point the District is opening with “in-person learning” with the option for remote learning. Mr. Linnig gave a summary of the parent survey that was collected. 76.8% of parents that responded preferred “in person learning”, 18.8% remote learning and 4.4% home schooling.
- Based on the proposed plan, in-person learning will consist of 5 days a week 8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Student performance will be graded and daily attendance taken. Third through eighth grades will be using Google classroom and Kindergarten through second grade will use See Saw.
- Remote learning will be available with the understanding that student performance will be graded and attendance will be taken daily. The format will be structured and follow a schedule. It was suggested to have a mandatory meeting with students and parents that opt for remote learning to ensure that they understand the requirements and expectations.
- The first day of school will be pushed back to August 24, 2020 to allow time for professional development for teaching staff.

Mr. Linnig noted that the plan should be considered a fluid document and will change as guidelines and conditions change.

Route 251 TIF

GK Development (Peru Mall) are proposing a 153-unit residential development on the current Peru Mall site. To proceed, they first need to seek a zoning change to allow for residential development on the property. The hearing before the Peru Planning and Zoning Commission has not been scheduled to date.

Action Items

Approve Plan to Start 2020-21 School Year

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the plan for the start of the 2020-21 school year. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Ernat, Rich, Mudge, Haas, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve 2020-21 Parent/Student Handbook

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Parent/Student Handbook. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Turigliatti, Haas, Ernat, Rich, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve 2020-21 Extracurricular Handbook

Sid Haas made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Extracurricular Handbook. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Rich, Mudge, Ernat, Seghi, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Heather Seghi made the motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment recommendations for specific employees at 8:32 p.m. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

**Approval of
Employment
Recommendations**

Sid Haas made a motion to approve the employment recommendation to have Mrs. Teri Rossman serve as principal at an FTE of .5 with teaching responsibilities at an FTE of .5. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Ernat, Rich, Mudge, Seghi, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Sid Haas made the motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

President

Secretary