

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 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: Gina Mudge, Michelle Rich, Deb Black, Josh Turigliatti and Laurie Ernat. Heather Seghi and Debbie Herz was absent.
- Visitors** Teri Rossman, Lisa Petersen
- Approval of Board Agenda** Laurie Ernat 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** Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Turigliatti, Ernat, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- RtI/Title I Report** Mrs. Petersen presented the 2021-22 RtI/MTSS report to the board. The number of students qualifying for assistance was significant at the start of the year but significant improvements were made by the spring benchmark testing. 24 students will begin interventions on 8/24/2022. Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Groleau and Mrs. Zielinski co-taught in the classrooms. There will be a continued push-in services and co-teaching in this next year.
- Principal Report** Mrs. Rossman invited the board members to Floats with Friends, a new program to kick off the new year and have parents come to drop off student supplies, assist parents with computer access, texting program and socialize outside with root beer floats. Ms. Bima came up with the idea.
- A new reading initiative will be implemented this year. The teachers will be reading to their classes each day. It is hoped that it will help with reading comprehension and vocabulary.
- The Student Success Strategies handout was shared and provided a breakdown of each trimester goal for the 5th-8th classes. The goal is to help develop skills in various areas such as writing, study skills, test taking strategies, etc. that will enable them to be successful.
- Preliminary Budget Summary for 2023** Mr. Linnig summarized the 2022-2023 preliminary budget. The district remains financially sound. This budget includes the transfer of \$1.4M from cash reserves in the Operation and Maintenance and Education Funds to the investment portfolio to take advantage of rates that are in the 3% + range. The transfer awaits approval. This budget also allows for the abatement of the entire Bond and Interest levy FY 2024 which should result in an estimated reduction of approximately 4 cents. A copy of the

budget will be available in the District office for review for 30 days prior to the tentatively scheduled hearing which will be held on September 21, 2022 at 6:30PM. The preliminary FY 2023 budget and schedule for the public hearing await approval.

- Facilities Update**
- The box for the new school sign is ready but P&D is still awaiting the message boards from the manufacturer. Hopefully installation will be late August, early September.
 - The restroom flooring work has been delayed due to the lack of supplies for the floors. After floors are done, the punch list will be completed.

2022-23 Learning Plan Mr. Linnig discussed the updated Learning Plan which aligns to the IDPH/ISBE recommendations. At this point, if a student or staff member is symptomatic or test positive, they stay home for 5 days before returning to school. The school will continue to test for covid if it has tests. The plan awaits approval.

Policy Updates The following policies had the 2nd reading and await approval:

- 2:150 Committees
- 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response and Management Program
- 7:190 Student Behavior

The following policy is having its 1st reading:

- 5:125 Person Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct

Contracts Exceeding \$25,000 Report The Contracts Exceeding \$25,000.00 Report is an annual requirement and will be posted to the website and awaits approval.

Resolution for Hazardous Routes The Hazardous Routes Resolution designates areas within 1.5 miles of the school as hazardous in order to allow for bus transportation. The resolution awaits approval.

Health Insurance Preliminary Estimates Health insurance premiums are estimated to increase by 10 – 12%. If realized, it will create a pool shortage of about \$16,000 which will result in employee contributions of \$291.20 for family, \$144.08 for spouses and \$156.94 for children. Employee contributions will begin with the September 15 payroll and continue until a final decision on coverage is made and the employee contribution costs are reconciled at which time, adjustments will be made.

Bookkeeping Services

Legislative/ISBE Updates Wipfli indicated they planned to increase the fee for bookkeeping services from \$1,400 per month to between \$2,500-\$3,000 per month. Mr. Linnig reached out to Chris Eller out of Mendota, and they submitted a proposal for \$1,000.00 month.

Other Payroll will remain with Wipfli and bookkeeping services will be transferred to Chris Eller. The change awaits approval.

Mr. Linnig shared an update on the two ISBE committees he is on and stated progress continues to be made in the efforts to increase efficiency and reduce redundancy in ISBE reporting.

The board members were made aware that the District Auditor will be coming to the meeting in September.

The current student count is 152 students.

Action Items

Approval of Preliminary FY'23 Budget and Set Budget Hearing

Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the preliminary budget for 2023 and set the budget hearing for September 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Turigliatti, Ernat, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval to Transfer Funds

Gina Mudge made a motion to authorize the transfer of funds to the investment portfolio. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Ernat, Turigliatti, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve the Return Learning Plan

Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the 2022-23 Return to Learning Plan. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Rich, Ernat, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve FY23 Policy Updates

Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the updates to policies: 2:150, 7:285 and 7:190. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Ernat, Mudge, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve Contracts Exceeding \$25,000.00 Report

Michelle Rich made the motion to approve of the contracts exceeding \$25,000.00 Report. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Turigliatti, Ernat, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Resolution Designating Hazardous Routes

Gina Mudge made a motion to approve the resolution designating hazardous routes within 1.5 miles of Dimmick School. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Turigliatti, Ernat, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve Bookkeeping Services

Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the bookkeeping services with Chris Eller Bookkeeping Services. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Mudge, Turigliatti, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Gina Mudge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

President

Secretary