

**Dimmick Consolidated School District #175**  
**297 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Road, LaSalle, IL 61301**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

- 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: Superintendent - Ryan Linnig, Recording Secretary - Carol Wineinger, Principal – Dr. Rossman, Laurie Ernat, Chad Crane, Clayton Mudge and Deb Black. Debbie Herz, Heather Seghi, and Josh Turigliatti were not in attendance.
- Visitors** Kennedy Keegan, Kendall Hansen, Margo Steed
- Approval of Consent Agenda** Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** The following were introduced to the board members:  
Kennedy Keegan as the new hire for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade Math/STEM teacher  
Kendall Hansen as the potential new hire for 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science teacher  
Margo Steed as the potential new hire for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.
- Consent Agenda** Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Mudge, Crane and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Report and Updates**
- Principal’s Report**
- Dr. Rossman reported on the new reading series. The staff is evaluating two final K-5 reading programs, Open Court, and Magnetic Reading. In April, the staff will be piloting each of the series for a week. The two companies are being contacted to have a representative come out and demonstrate their products to the staff. The final decision is anticipated to be made by the May board meeting.
  - The AIMS Web winter data results indicate 18 students eligible for RtI services which is a reduction from the 39 students who were eligible in the fall.
  - The IAR and Illinois Science Assessment is scheduled for completion in April.
  - The School Improvement Team began reviewing the handbook for updates for the 2024-25 school year.
  - Shrek the Musical will be performed this Thursday, March 21, 2014, at 6 p.m.
  - On Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9 a.m. the bridge busting contest will take place. There are 86 bridges entered from 13 different schools.

- On Wednesday, March 27 from 5-6 p.m. Kindergarten Roundup will take place followed by the Academic Fair from 6-7 p.m. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are having a chili cooking contest between 5 different groups of classmates. The public will be asked to sample the chili and pick their favorite.

**2023 LaSalle  
County Board of  
Review  
Assessment**

A summary of the Board of Review decisions was shared. The joint agreement negotiated on the Peru Mall and Menards will settle the 2022 PTAB and the 2023 Board of Review complaint. The total loss in revenue to the district is expected to be \$19,116.00. The district's share of the cost for the appraisal will be \$1,080.00 plus legal fees. This agreement awaits approval.

**ISBE/Legislation  
Update**

The visit from the State Superintendent, Dr. Tony Sanders, went very well. Mr. Linnig wanted to commend Mr. King, Mrs. Alderman, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Wineinger, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for doing a fantastic job sharing about the STEM, Career Exploration, and Dimmick Fit Programs. Dr. Sanders was thoroughly impressed, and the visit gave him a better understanding of the great opportunities small rural schools can provide. Mr. Linnig shared some bills being considered in the general assembly that could have an impact on the district.

- HB5617 – Provides that a school board shall prohibit a school from using a native name, logo, or mascot.
- SB3261 – Every two years, the school board is required to provide training sessions for all employees to recognize signs of human trafficking.
- SB3473 – ISBE along with the Department of Public Health will create educational materials about Type 1 diabetes for parents and guardians of students.
- SB3645 – Will require schools to have radon testing every 5 years.
- SB2696 – Will mandate school buses must be equipped with 3-point seatbelts.
- HB2401 - Books that are written by diverse authors shall be included in any part of any course, material, instruction, reading assignment, etc.
- HB5416 – Requires a medical note for an absence to be excused only after 9 unexcused absences.

**Facilities Update**

- Mr. Linnig reached out to the district architect, Steven Nelson from Larson & Darby regarding scheduling the HVAC engineers to come out and go through the building for potential upgrade. The district has already received the \$50,000.00 grant from the ISBE.
- The metal dome on the playground will need to be replaced this year and a committee of K-5 students be engaged in the process of determining what equipment will be purchased and installed. The PTO may be asked to contribute to the project.
- Options for adding additional interior security cameras to areas of the school that have blind spots are being explored.
- The district is looking at replacing Republic as our dumpster service provider as American has offered a proposal that is less even when considering the penalty for early contract termination.

**2024 Financial Profile**

The district has received 4 out of 4 points in each of the 5 categories that ISBE evaluates in terms of financial stability. This means the district has received the designation of “Fully Recognized.” The report also calculates the per capita tuition rate of \$14,717.80 per student should the district allow students who live outside the district limits to attend.

**Other**

The students being recognized for the February Student of the Month focused on caring and compassion are Cleo Baxter, Lilly Mini, Rosie Wick, Raigan Carr, Presley Rathbun, Bini Purelku, Easton Pyszka, Kace King, and Matthew Krolak. The 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester Dimmick Fit data was shared with the board. K-4 had 46.3% meet the target, down slightly from the 46.5% from 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. 5-8 had 21.1% meet the target, down slightly from the 22.70% 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. 47 students qualified for the field trip to Plum Hollow to enjoy bowling and laser tag.

**Action Items**

**Approval of the Agreements Settling the 2023 Board of Review Complaints and 2022 PTAB Complaints**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the agreements settling the 2023 Board of Review Assessment Complaints and 2022 Property Tax Appeal Board Complaints with Peru GKD Partners, LLC and Menards Inc. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Mudge, Crane and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Closed Session**

Chad Crane made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees at 7:16 p.m. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

**Action Items Following Closed Session**

**Approval of Employment Recommendation**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the hire of Ms. Kendall Hansen for the 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science teaching position and Ms. Margo Steed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teaching position. Chad Crane seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Crane, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of Employment Resignation**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to accept the resignation of Rey Arteaga for the Spanish teaching position. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Mudge, Crane and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of Maternity Leave**

Clay Mudge made a motion to approve the maternity request of Mrs. Brooke Anderson. Chad Crane seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Crane, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval Re-employ Non-Tenured Certified Employees**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve to re-employ non-tenured certified Ms. Vanessa Kelly, Ms. Mallory Bima, Mrs. Tara Knauf and Mrs. Maggie Alderman for the 2024-2025 school year. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Mudge, Crane and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of  
Tenure for  
Specific  
Employees**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the tenure of Mrs. Betsy Goodbred following 3 consecutive years of earned performance evaluations of “excellent”. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Mudge, Crane and Black.

**Adjournment**

Clay Mudge made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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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