

**Dimmick Consolidated School District #175**  
**297 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Road, LaSalle, IL 61301**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

- Call to Order** President Deb Black called the meeting to order at 6:40 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, Heather Seghi, Clayton Mudge and Deb Black. Debbie Herz and Josh Turigliatti were not in attendance.
- Visitors** Rachel Savage
- Approval of Consent Agenda** Chad Crane made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment**
- A thank you letter to the Board was shared from the Linnig family for the gift certificate and flowers after the passing of Mr. Linnig’s father.
  - A letter was received from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs of appreciation for the donation from the Dimmick Student Council.
  - The Transportation Committee met on February 15, 2024, and a report will be given in the reports and updates.
- Consent Agenda** Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Seghi, Crane, Mudge, and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Report and Updates**
- Principal’s Report** Dr. Rossman reported on the new reading series adoption process. The staff is evaluating programs that will cover kindergarten through the fifth grade. The final decision is anticipated to be ready for approval by the May board meeting.
- Dr. Rossman reported that the Illinois Science Assessment will change once again this year, however the details have not yet been published by ISBE.
- 2024-2025 School Calendar** The calendar for the 2024-2025 school year that was presented at the January meeting had no changes and awaits approval.
- 2023-2024 School Calendar Adjustments** The 2023-24 school calendar has been updated due to the 5 emergency days and 1 act of God Day used in January. The final student attendance day will be Monday, June 3, 2024, and the teaching staff will have 1 day to make up before the end of June 2024.

**2023 LaSalle  
County Board of  
Review  
Assessment  
Complaints**

Assessment complaints include Metokote, Sears, Menards, and the Peru Mall. The district's attorney has submitted the notice to intervene on behalf of Dimmick, IVCC, and the County. The district still has the 2022 pending Property Tax Appeal Board cases for Menards and the Peru Mall. The hearings are scheduled for February 29, 2024.

**Proposal for  
District Audit FY  
2024**

Hopkins and Associates submitted a proposal for \$8,700.00. This is an increase of \$500.00 over the previous year. Mr. Linnig recommended the district continue with their firm. The decision awaits approval.

**District  
Transportation  
Contract  
Extension**

The transportation committee met on February 15, 2024, to discuss student transportation options and the proposed contract extension from North America Central School Bus. The committee's recommendation is to approve a 2-year extension with an 8.75% rate increase over current rates in the first year and a 4.75% rate increase for the second year. The decision awaits approval. The District continues to calculate excess costs resulting from the breach of contract by Johannes Bus Company and will continue to submit monthly bills to them.

**ISBE/Illinois  
Legislation  
Updates**

- There are over 1500 bills submitted so far for consideration and more being proposed. The IASA is advocating for the Annual Statement of Affairs bill, and we hope to see Senate sponsorship soon. Mr. Linnig will keep the board updated as the bills that pertain to the district come up.
- State Superintendent, Dr. Sanders is coming to visit Dimmick on Friday, February 23, 2024. He will be here from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. to observe and discuss our STEAM program, Career Exploration Program, Bridge Building Competition and Dimmick Fit Program. This will be a great opportunity to highlight the programs a small rural school like Dimmick is able to provide its students. The hope is to emphasize the importance of local control and minimizing State mandates and interference.

**Other**

Mr. Linnig urged the board to stop in for the bridge busting contest on March 27, 2024. Illinois Valley Surveying and Consultants Inc. donated \$1,000.00 and Carus Chemical donated \$500.00 for equipment and supplies which allows us to offer the competition opportunity to all participating schools at no cost. St. Bede ambassadors will help with the contest and the ROE will help judge the bridges.

**Action Items**

**Approval of the  
2024-25 School  
Calendar**

Clay Mudge made a motion to approve the 2024-25 school calendar. Chad Crane seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Crane, Seghi, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of  
District Audit  
Proposal**

Chad Crane made a motion to approval the annual audit proposal from Hopkins and Associates. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Crane, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of  
Transportation**

Heather Seghi made the motion to approve the transportation contract extension with North America Central School Bus. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll

**Contract Extension**

call yeas: Seghi, Ernat, Mudge, Crane and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Closed Session**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees at 7:30 p.m. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

**Action Items Following Closed Session**

**Approval of Employment Recommendation**

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the resignation of Rey Arteaga from 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ basketball coach position. Chad Crane seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Crane, Mudge, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of Employment Recommendation Adjournment**

Laurie Ernat made a motion to hire Kennedy Keegan for the Jr. High Math/STEM Instructor position. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Mudge, Crane, Seghi and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Heather Seghi made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 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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