

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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, Michelle Rich, Gina Mudge, Josh Turigliatti, and Debbie Herz. Heather Seghi and Laurie Ernat were absent.
Visitors	Teri Rossman, Kearsten Zielinski
Approval of Board Agenda	Debbie Herz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Herz, Mudge, Turigliatti, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Public Comment	None.
Consent Agenda	<p>Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Herz, Mudge, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Linnig reported that there would be 2 - \$1,500 Doyle Scholarships awarded this year. In addition, the investment portfolio is structured to allow the use of funds without penalty should the district decide to proceed with the solar project.</p>
Reports, Updates and Information	
School Improvement Update	<p>Dr. Rossman reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 26, 2023 is the next School Improvement meeting.• The bridge busting contest was a success, with 240 students from 12 schools in attendance. Ladd received 1st place overall and Dimmick received 2nd place. Some of the St Bede Student Ambassadors assisted with the contest. Illinois Valley Survey and Consults, Inc. sponsored this event.• IAR testing is complete.• The Parent/Student Handbook will be a topic of discussion at the upcoming improvement meeting.• 8th grade will be going to Starved Rock State Park and out for lunch at Skoogs in Utica on May 23, 2023.• 8th grade graduation is scheduled for May 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to be held inside.• May 1st through May 5th will be Spanish Speaking Week. The students and staff will be using a few Spanish phrases through out the week.• The Dimmick Dash will be held on May 19, 2023, at 9:00 p.m.• Kindergarten graduation will be held on May 26 at 9 a.m.• PTO Field Day is May 26, 2023, and the PTO is providing inflatable activities. Lunch and events start at 11:00 a.m.• Next year the Jr. High students will be moving in and out of the classrooms more in preparation for High School.
Strategic Planning	Mr. Linnig provided updates and shared thoughts regarding the meeting with the Cities of Peru and LaSalle. The City of LaSalle indicated that there were no plans for housing developments within Dimmick School District at this time. Peru, however, is exploring a significant development north of the Peru Police Station which would be located with the school district's boundaries. The city leaders requested that Dimmick detach all of the parcels north of the Peru

police station to Interstate 80 between the Plank Road and Peoria Street. Mr. Linnig shared the details of the discussion and recommended the Board not detach any parcels from the district.

District Depository/ Investment Manager	As per policy 4:30 the board needs to annually approve depositories and an investment manager for the district funds. Currently, Hometown National Bank is the district depository and Phil Slevin is the investment manager. Continuing with the depository and investment manager await approval.
Facility Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The south wall gym mats are expected to be installed April 21.• The playground/concrete project contract with Universal and the performance bond has been signed and the district awaits a tentative start date.• Mr. Linnig provided an update on options to install a solar system. With an anticipated payback of approximately 10 years, the plan is to move forward with submitting an RFP and then reviewing proposals to determine how to proceed. The RFP is anticipated to be completed by the end of May.
Legislative/ISBE Update	Mr. Linnig will be going to Springfield on May 2 with a group of superintendents to meet with the district legislators.
Organizational Board Meeting	Mr. Linnig recommended moving the regular May board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 to Wednesday, May 10 and hold both the regular and reorganization meeting on the same evening. The decision awaits approval.
Policies Update	<p>The following policies were presented for the 2nd reading and await approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives• 6:15 School Accountability• 6:20 School Year and Day• 6:30 Organization of Instruction• 6:40 Curriculum Development• 6:50 School Wellness• 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development• 6:70 Teaching About Religions• 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues• 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program• 6:110 Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping out of School and Graduation Incentives Program• 6:145Migrant Students• 6:180 Extended Instructional Programs• 6:210 Instructional Materials• 6:230 Library Media Program• 6:240 Field Trips• 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers• 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies• 6:260 Curriculum Objection• 6;270 Guidance Counseling Program• 6:300 Graduation Requirements• 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
Other	Michelle Rich has served 12 years on the Board and Gina Mudge 20 years. On behalf of the students, staff, parents, administration, and Board, Mr. Linnig thanked both for their contributions and commitment to making the district a leader in education.

Action Items

Approval of District Depository and Investment Manager

Gina Mudge made a motion to approve Hometown National Bank as the District Depository and Phil Slevin as the District Investment Manager. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Turigliatti, Herz, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval to Change Regular Meeting Date

Debbie Herz made a motion to approve to change the regular May 17 board meeting to May 10 to have the organizational board meeting. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Herz, Rich, Turigliatti, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval to Update Policies

Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the following policies: 6:10, 6:15, 6:20, 6:30, 6:40, 6:50, 6:65, 6:70, 6:80, 6:100, 6:110, 6:145, 6:180, 6:210, 6:230, 6:240, 6:250, 6:255, 6:260, 6:270, 6:300 and 6:340. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Herz, Mudge, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Debbie Herz made the motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss the consideration of the release of closed session minutes following the semi-annual review, and the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees at 7:30 p.m. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Action Items Following Closed Session

Approval to Re-employ Non-tenured Certified Employees

Debbie Herz made a motion to approve re-employment of non-tenured and certified employees for the 2023-2024 school year as presented in closed session. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Herz, Rich, Turigliatti, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Tenure for Specific Certified Employees

Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the tenure of Mrs. Zielinski and Mrs. Anderson. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Herz, Mudge, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval to Re-employ Non-certified Employees

Debbie Herz made a motion to re-employ the non-certified employees for the 2023-2024 school year. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Herz, Rich, Turigliatti, Mudge and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval Employment of Stipend Positions

Josh Turigliatti made a motion to re-employ specific individuals for stipend positions for the 2023-24 school year. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Herz, Mudge, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of
Employment
Recommendation**

Deb Black made the motion to approve the employment of Vanessa Kelly as the 5-8 science and K-4 STEM instructor for the 2023-2024 school year upon completion of the certification program as presented in closed session. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Black, Rich, Turigliatti, Herz and Mudge. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of
Employee
Retirement**

Gina Mudge made a motion to approve the retirement request of Carol Wineinger with regret. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Rich, Turigliatti, Herz and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of the
Superintendent
Contract**

Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the superintendent contract for 5 years, 2023-2028. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Herz, Mudge, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval to
Retain Closed
Session Minutes**

Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve to retain all existing closed session minutes following the semi-annual review. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Mudge, Herz, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Gina Mudge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

President

Secretary