

## SEYMOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Seymour Community School District was held on November 15, 2021, in the Board room of the Seymour Community School.

President Justin Keller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Clint Housh, Drew Power, Justin Keller, Dan Furlin, Jr., and Tom Rembe. Also present were Mr. Breon, Jamie Houser, Sarah Carter-Jones, Scott Valentine, Whitney Hornaday and Heather Lancaster.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda. Tom Rembe seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Tom Rembe seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Tom Rembe made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The District financial reports were reviewed.

President Justin Keller welcomed visitors. Heather Lancaster submitted an open enrollment application for Kayley Lancaster to attend the Wayne CSD for the 2022-2023 school year during the public comments portion of the meeting. Mr. Breon accepted the application and noted it would be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

Board discussion items included rising natural gas prices and regulating the building thermostats.

Mr. Breon had the following Administration discussion items: 1) Applied for a \$300,000 grant to purchase an electric school bus. It was noted Alliant Energy has reached out to the District offering support in setting up a charging station and stations that would be needed along routes traveled and offered to help answer any questions that we may have. 2) The District's Return to Learn Plan and the revised August 2021 plan was distributed. It was noted this is the District's policy for issues relating to COVID and is being presented again so everyone is up to date. The policy is also posted on the District's website. 3) DLR was invited but did not attend the meeting this evening to discuss coming up with a solution with the heater on the third floor. 4) Reached out to Moravia, Wayne, and the Centerville CSD in regard to sharing some fine arts programs but has not gotten a response back yet. 5) Donations received from the tornado and deposited into the District's Activity Fund upon dissolution of the Booster Club were discussed. 6) Expectations for overnight and out of state student field trips were discussed. 7) Enrollment figures for the

2021-2022 school year were discussed. It was noted actual enrollment was at 254.6 students and a decrease of one student from last year. Enrollment figures from Great Prairie AEA and BlueGrass Conference schools were also discussed. 8) Wayne County Chamber of Commerce sent a membership request to the District but the consensus of the Board was to not join at this time.

Mrs. Houser reported on the following Principal report items: 1) FAFSA night was a huge success with 11 out of 18 students along with their parents in attendance to finish applications and meet with Indian Hills Community College and local scholarship representatives. 2) A Google classroom has been established with senior students to provide information on college scholarships, senior trip, and other senior year reminders. 3) Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 18 from 3:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Next week Thanksgiving vacation will begin on November 23 with an early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. 4) Seniors and their supervisors will be present at the December meeting to discuss and seek approval for Senior Work Release. 5) Staff shortages and covering positions was discussed.

There was no TLC update this month.

The next meeting of the CSIAC committee will be held on Monday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Breon extended gratitude of thanks to Tom Rembe for his many years of service to the District.

Tom Rembe made a motion for the retiring board to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Superintendent Brad Breon called the meeting of the new board to order at 7:12 p.m. All members were present and answered roll call.

The official Abstract of Votes from the county auditor were read and acknowledged by the Board:

Drew Power - 139  
Sarah Carter-Jones - 153  
Write-In & Scattering - 67

Superintendent Brad Breon administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board members Drew Power and Sarah Carter-Jones.

Superintendent Brad Breon asked for nominations for Board President for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dan Furlin, Jr. nominated Justin Keller. Drew Power seconded the motion. Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion for nominations to cease. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Justin Keller, newly elected President of the Board, asked for nominations for Vice President.

Drew Power nominated Clint Housh. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion for nominations to cease. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to set the time and place of the regular Board meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month in the Board Room of the Seymour Community School District. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

There were no open enrollment requests.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the bid from Lockridge, Inc. in the amount of \$9,418.41 for the Science room cabinet package. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor. It was noted the bid did not include installation.

Concrete and drainage for the greenhouse was discussed. Mr. Breon will have quotes for discussion and possible approval at next month's meeting.

Clint Housh made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$22,721.00 from MEGA LED Technology for a 5x8 full color LED message board. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Clint Housh made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$3,350.00 for installation of the gym flag. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,539.00 for installation of the plasma cutter. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Clint Housh made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,744.98 for the installation of six additional security cameras. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed selling the Ford van and the Chevrolet suburban and decided to keep the vehicles for now.

Clint Housh made a motion to approve allowable growth in the amount of \$63,432.00 for increase in number of open enrollment out students not on the Fall 2020 count. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: Ayes: Drew Power, Clint Housh, Dan Furlin, Jr., Justin Keller, Sarah Carter-Jones. Nays: None

The retirement program for the 2021-2022 school year was discussed and will be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the December meeting. Mr. Breon noted he will contact those eligible to see if any are interested in requesting early retirement.

There were no handbooks presented for approval.

Drew Power made a motion to accept the resignation of Tonia Sprouse as Custodian. Clint Housh seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to accept the verbal resignation of Jeff Holmes as Custodian. Clint Housh seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to approve the hire of Noah Wells as Custodian for the 2021-2022 school year. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to approve the contract for Carolyn Lowe as Substitute Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year. Clint Housh seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Clint Housh made a motion to approve the sharing agreement for Deanna Swenson as Guidance Counselor with the Moravia CSD for the 2021-2022 school year. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the sharing agreement for Rick Grunig as Maintenance Director for the 2021-2022 school year. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Upcoming events noted were Thanksgiving vacation begins on Tuesday, November 23 with a 2:00 dismissal, K-2 Christmas program on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. and 7-12 Christmas program on December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Items for next Board meeting to be held on December 20, 2021, include cement quotes for the greenhouse, retirement program and electric bus.

There being no further business, Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Drew Power seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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BOARD SECRETARY