

SEYMOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Seymour Community School District was held on February 22, 2023, 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 Dan Furlin, Jr., Justin Keller, Sarah Carter-Jones, Drew Power, and Missy Liggett. Also present were Mr. Breon, Jamie Houser, Shannon Starr, Scott Valentine, and Devon Sharp.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

The District financial reports were reviewed.

President Justin Keller welcomed visitors. There were no public comments.

Board discussion items included rock for the parking lot, counseling resources for students, football schedule and sharing sports, and the extended contract days of the Ag instructor.

Mr. Breon had the following for Administration discussion: 1) Attended the budget workshop on February 6th in Ottumwa and the budget is in the process of being finalized. 2) The District received a 3% increase in health insurance premium for the coming year. 3) The first meeting of the Seymour School Promotion Committee was held and letters were sent out to gain interest in being part of this group. So far one response has been received. 4) Recommended joining the IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards) for next year. Board policies will need to be updated and ISFIS no longer provides this service. 5) A negotiation meeting will need to be set in the next couple weeks. Dates for a meeting were discussed. 6) The District is looking to hire full or part-time cooks to fill some vacated positions.

Mrs. Houser reported Prom will be held on April 21, 2023, and Seniors will be coming to next month's meeting to request permission for a Senior Trip to Orange Beach, Alabama. Mrs. Houser also reported parents had contacted her regarding three varsity and one junior high track meet scheduled during the week of Spring break. Moving Spring break to March for next year as to not interfere with track was discussed.

Mrs. Starr reported a jungle-theme Family Reading Night will be held on March 7, 2023, with free food, book fair, guest readers and activities.

Mr. Breon reported the CSIAC meeting was held on February 6, 2023. Items discussed included gym floor, School Promotion Committee, school budget, football program and recommendations for the Board of Directors.

An open enrollment request was received for Joshua Urban to attend the Wayne CSD for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mr. Breon reported the gym floor has been painted and they were in the process of installing the trim board.

Mr. Breon reported he had contacted the City of Seymour regarding a smart water meter and was waiting for a response back.

Mr. Breon presented an estimate from CEC (Communications Engineering Company) for installing network cabling for the vape sensors. After discussion, Sarah Carter-Jones made a motion to approve the estimate. Missy Liggett seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Sarah Carter-Jones, Missy Liggett, Justin Keller. Nays: Drew Power, Dan Furlin, Jr.

Drew Power made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with William Penn University for the Teacher/Paraeducator Registered Apprenticeship (TRPA) Program. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Discussion and approval of the Master Calendar for 2023-2024 was tabled until the next meeting.

The FY 2022 audit has not been received. The item will be placed on next month's agenda for discussion and possible approval.

Drew Power made a motion to join the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and approve the payment of the \$50 annual dues. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the playing of a Junior Varsity football schedule for the next two years. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the resignation and request for early retirement benefit from Wendy Chophonis. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Board would like to extend thanks to Mrs. Chophonis for her 20 years of service to the District.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the hire of Caleb Housh as Junior High Softball Coach. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Upcoming events noted were Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 16, 2023.

Items for the next Board meeting to be held on March 20, 2023, include the audit report, Master Calendar, and discuss forming a Trap Team.

There being no further business, Drew Power made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT, JUSTIN KELLER

BOARD SECRETARY, MOLLIE BANKS