

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2  
CRAWFORD COUNTY ROBINSON, ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020  
CENTRAL OFFICE  
5:30pm – Regular Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Bill Sandiford
2. Chad Brown
3. Dennis Inboden- Zoom
4. Amy Stone
5. Veronica Murphy - Zoom
6. Mary Jane Parker
7. Mike Elliott - Zoom

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

1. Josh Quick - Superintendent
2. Jason Stark - WES Principal
3. Kathy Bemont - LGS Principal - Zoom
4. Craig Beals –NMS Principal
5. Andrew Glosser – NMS Assistant Principal - Zoom
6. Victoria McDonald – RHS Principal - Zoom
7. Bob Coffman – Assistant RHS Principal - Zoom
8. Jamie Rains – Special Services Director - Zoom

OTHERS ATTENDING:

1. Carla Sinclair - School Board Secretary
2. Susan Trimble – Treasurer – Zoom
3. Angie Elliott – Bookkeeper - Zoom
4. Randy Harrison – Newspaper - Zoom
5. Holly Gallagher – CUTEA Representative
6. Sarah Hemrich - CUTEA Representative
7. Joy Wernz
8. Mack Thompson
9. Casey Pinnell

10. Jerry Lawhead
11. Wesley Jackson
12. Rylan King
13. Korbin Rawlings
14. Duke Thompson
15. Noah Gilmore
16. Eli Rosborough
17. Julian Parker
18. Jenette Rosborough
19. Kelly Brookman – Zoom
20. Megan Herder – Zoom
21. Melissa Young – Zoom
22. Janna Surrells – Zoom
23. Beth Clements – Zoom
24. Kaycee Connelly – Zoom
25. Sherry Heidorn – Zoom
26. Ryan Bryant Zoom
27. Twylah Littlejohn – Zoom
28. Laura Baker – Zoom
29. Scott Rawlings – Zoom
30. Scott Zane – Zoom
31. Mark Wernz - Zoom

President Sandiford called the November regular board meeting to order at 5:35pm. After pledge and roll call, Sandiford welcomed all attending.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Parker to approve the consent agenda (including prior minutes (October 19, 2020), November bills payable, treasurer's report, employee attendance report, student attendance report, reassignments, resignations, and retirements). Roll call vote: Yeas – Stone, Brown, Inboden, Parker, Murphy, and Sandiford. Nays – none. Motion carried.

By consent motion, the Board approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of policy revisions.

By consent motion, the Board approved the following reassignments:

- Michelle Hatfield – LGS Special Education Paraprofessional

By consent motion, the Board approved the following resignations:

- Billy Adams – WES Evening Custodian – Effective 10/30/2020

By consent motion, the Board approved the following retirement:

- Julie Sandschafer – WES Kindergarten Teacher – End of 24-25 School Year

### **UNIT #2 DISTRICT UPDATES/ PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sarah Hemrich, CUTEA representative, told the Board that this has been a difficult year for teachers. Teachers are very concerned about the increasing numbers and are urged to take care of themselves. The teachers would like to see the COVID Transition Committee meet in the near future.

Several community members and coaches spoke during public comment:

- Rick Johnston – Bushue talked about the Insurance Coverage (lack of coverage) if the school goes against the State policy.
- Superintendent Quick said, according to our attorney, the school district could lose our tort immunity, lose State funding, lose insurance coverage, and the school district and Board members could be liable for lawsuits if proven to be willful and wanton misconduct against State recommendations. Superintendent Quick urged for community support to help with the emotional needs of our students.
- Jenette Rosborough – Student well-being is the most important factor. Sports are a good motivator.
- Jerry Lawhead – He wanted to thank everyone for their hard work to keep the school going and taking care of our students. He stressed that sports were needed to form life lessons and a brotherhood.
- Joy Wernz – She asked if the parents could sign a waiver for the parents to take the liability off of the school. She also wanted to know if we could change lawyers or insurance companies. Superintendent Quick told her that these suggestions were not possible.

- Coach Pinnell – He is very upset because he is unsure of the chain of command. He has had several things taken away from him. He wants to feel supported.
- Coach Thompson – He says that his team has been sanitizing, wearing masks, temperature checks, and scrimmaging. He wants the Board to support our student athletes.
- Dr. Elliott, Board Member, emphasized the fact that Board members would be in line for lawsuits if the State recommendations are not adhered. Board members would have to get their own legal counsel and pay for their own legal fees

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Quick reviewed the risk management plan with the Board. He pointed out that there were no recommended changes to the plan from last year. A motion was made Inboden and seconded by Stone to approve the FY21 Risk Management Plan. Roll call vote: Yeas – Elliott, Brown, Inboden, Parker, Murphy, Stone, and Sandiford. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Superintendent Quick presented the Preliminary 2020 Tax Levy Report. The total levy request recommended is 4.18% higher than our last extension which will not require a Truth in Taxation hearing. The actual Tax Levy Certificate will be on the December 21 agenda for Board approval. A motion was made by Stone and seconded by Murphy to approve the preliminary levy report. Roll call vote: Yeas – Brown, Inboden, Parker, Murphy, Stone, Elliott, and Sandiford. Nays – none. Motion carried.

### **SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Superintendent Quick gave the Board an update on projects in the District:

- Final payment for the RHS gym floor has been made
- Fencing project at Transportation is going well

- ServPro is preparing an estimate for clean- up of the Highland Avenue property
- Howard Street property has had the asbestos removed and is ready for removal
- Policy Committee needs to meet again for new policy updates
- Finance Committee met recently to discuss Tort and Tax Levy
- Add Back List needs to be updated and Board Members need to look over what can be added back for our District
- COVID 19 Update – 6 active cases in schools as of today
- Superintendent Quick has weekly communication with the Health Department

WES Principal, Jason Stark reported:

- Veterans’ Day Video was prepared for our Veterans.

NMS Principal, Craig Beals reported:

- NMS has been hit hard this week due to COVID. Subs have been obtained, but staffing is a difficult job.

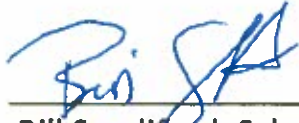
RHS reported:

- Veterans’ Day Zoom Conference was held with Gordon Smith, son of Tuskegee Airman Luther Smith. He gave a presentation on the importance of their role in WWII.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Murphy and seconded by Stone.

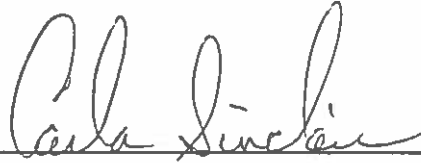
Roll call vote: Yeas- Murphy, Stone, Elliott, Brown, Inboden, Parker, and Sandiford. Nays – none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5:30pm at the Central Office, 1301 North Allen Street.



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Bill Sandiford, School Board President



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Carla Sinclair, School Board Secretary