

BOARD OF EDUCATION – OCTOBER 18, 2021

CALL to ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Cissna Park Community Unit District #6 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. President Bud Petry, with the following Board members and administrators present: Mrs. Rachel Hurliman, Mrs. Kristina Phelan, Mr. Jason Edelman, Mr. Brent Neukomm, Mr. Mark Wilkening, and Mr. Bud Petry; Dr. Daniel S. Hylbert, superintendent; Mrs. Bethanie Marshall, K-5 principal; Mr. Mark Portwood, Jr/Sr High principal; and Mrs. Barbara Rust, board secretary.

APPROVAL of AGENDA

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mr. Edelman to **APPROVE THE AGENDA** as presented. Discussion. Vote: Ayes, all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT TESTIMONY ON SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICE PLANS

Public Comment:

Board Member, Jason Edelman, stated that he wasn't comfortable with ISBE and IDPH having so much control/restrictions with the ESSER III grant; and also being tied to a certain set of rules that feels intrusive.

Mr. Neukomm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Edelman to **APPROVE THE SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN AS PRESENTED OR AMENDED AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER) III GRANT**. Discussion. Vote: Mrs. Phelan, No; Mr. Edelman, No; Mr. Neukomm, Yes; Mr. Wilkening, Yes; Mr. Petry, No; and Mrs. Hurliman, Yes. **Vote was tied and Mr. Petry indicated that it would be tabled until next month.**

APPROVAL of CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Phelan to **APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED: IV. Minutes; V.B. Payroll; IX.B.1. Amend Job Title for Kelly Swalls; X.A. Review of Closed Session Minutes; and X.B. Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings**. Vote: Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; and Mrs. Phelan, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Phelan to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS AS PRESENTED**. Discussion. Vote: Ayes, all. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS and PAYMENT of BILLS / PAYROLL

Mr. Edelman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Neukomm to **APPROVE THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS PRESENTED: Education Fund, \$123,763.11; Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$24,832.59; Transportation Fund, \$9,955.10; Social Security Fund, \$5,801.11; and Tort Immunity, \$3,448.00.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; and Mr. Edelman, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Phelan to **APPROVE THE PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,367.00.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; and Mr. Neukomm, aye. Motion carried.

HEARING of DELEGATIONS

Mr. Josh Landon spoke to the board in regards to a follow-up on officials. He would like the district not to classify officials as school personnel. Cissna Park is the only school that is making officials provide a proof of vaccine or testing. Since there weren't enough officials, Watseka will be hosting the volleyball regional instead of Cissna Park. Upon further discussion, the Board left it upon the athletic director to decide whether or not the officials meet the definition of a school employee.

Thomas Lynch spoke to the board. He said that the federal government is classifying people like himself as domestic terrorists. He said he feels the board needs to stand up and do something—if you believe these things will be good, then vote this way. He said to vote with your conscious and don't be self-serving. Tort Immunity covers all public officials. He accused Dr. Hylbert of not telling the whole truth on the mandates. Dr. Hylbert responded to Mr. Lynch that he has never lied to a board member.

A community member asked if there was a possibility of forced vaccination in order to receive the ESSER III grant. Mr. Petry answered that it was a possibility.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were given to the board: FOIA Request from Painters District Council #30 and Dr. Hylbert's Response; FOIA Request from LocalLabs and Dr. Hylbert's Response; Letter of Interest from Kelly Swalls for School Secretary Position; and Letter of Interest from Donna Denault for Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations a& Personnel

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Phelan to **AMEND THE JOB TITLE FOR KELLY SWALLS FROM “ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL” TO “ACTING DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER” EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021. KELLY WILL BE PAID AN ADDITIONAL \$1.00 PER HOUR (\$15.89) WHILE SHE IS ACTING AS DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER. THIS MOTION ALSO ALLOWS THE SUPERINTENDENT THE AUTHORITY TO MOVE MRS. SWALLS BACK TO HER POSITION AS “ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL” IF THE NEED ARISES.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; and Mr. Edelman, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Edelman made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Phelan to **EMPLOY KELLY SWALLS AS SCHOOL SECRETARY AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$17.25 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022. THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ALLOW THE EMPLOYEE TO BEGIN WORK IN JUNE AS PART OF THE TRANSITION.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; and Mr. Neukomm, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Edelman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Neukomm to **APPOINT KELLY SWALLS AS SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; and Mr. Wilkening, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Neukomm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkening to **EMPLOY MRS. DONNA DENAULT AS A PART-TIME FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES TEACHER DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2022.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; and Mrs. Phelan, aye. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM PRINCIPALS

Mrs. Bethanie Marshall, elementary principal, reminded the board that the Book Fair and Parent/Teacher conferences were this week. Both Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Portwood informed the board that testing was finishing up for the fall. Various testing will start back up in the spring.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Phelan to **DECLARE THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None; and the following CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES TO REMAIN CLOSED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR THE PRIVACY OF AN INDIVIDUAL:** March 26, 1984; August 1, 1994; December 19, 1994; January 16, 1995; February 20, 1995; March 20, 1995; June 20, 1996; August 19, 1996; September 16, 1996; October 21, 1996; September 15, 1997; January 21, 2002; May 17, 2004; June 21, 2004; July 19, 2004; August 30, 2004; September 20, 2004; November 15, 2004; December 20, 2004; January 17, 2005; February 21, 2005; March 21, 2005; May 16, 2005; September 19, 2005; April 24, 2006; July 17, 2006; September 11, 2006; October 16, 2006; December 18, 2006; March 17, 2008; March 16, 2009; September 7, 2010; September 20, 2010; December 19, 2011; August 20, 2012; February 12, 2013; December 16, 2013; January 27, 2014; February 10, 2014; February 24, 2014; and June 16, 2014; January 26, 2015; February 23, 2015; May 18, 2015; and June 15, 2015; October 19, 2015; December 14, 2015; December 29, 2015; January 25, 2016; February 22, 2016; March 21, 2016; April 18, 2016; June 20, 2016; August 15, 2016; April 16, 2018; July 12, 2018; March 15, 2021; April 26, 2021; and May 17, 2021. Discussion. Vote: Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; and Mr. Wilkening, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Phelan, to **DESTROY THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 2.06C OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT: None.** Discussion. Vote: Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; and Mr. Petry, aye. Motion carried.

With the upcoming retirement of Mrs. Marshall, Dr. Hylbert will post the position for guidance counselor for an effective start date of January 3, 2022; and the elementary principal position with a start date of July 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mr. Neukomm to **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:46 P.M.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Board President

Board Secretary