

BOARD OF EDUCATION – SEPTEMBER 20, 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. by President Bud Petry, with the following Board members and administrators present: Mrs. Rachel Hurliman; Mrs. Kristina Phelan; Mr. Michael Kaeb; Mr. Jason Edelman; Mr. Brent Neukomm, Mr. Mark Wilkening; and Mr. Bud Petry; Dr. Daniel S. Hylbert, superintendent; Mr. Mark Portwood, grades 6-12 principal; Mrs. Bethanie Marshall, grades K-5 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.

APPROVAL of CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Neukomm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkening to **APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED: IV. Minutes; V.B. Payroll; and IX.B.1. Accept Resignation from Ted Blanck as Bus Driver.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; and Mr. Kaeb, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS and PAYMENT of BILLS / PAYROLL

Mr. Kaeb made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkening to **APPROVE THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS PRESENTED: Education Fund, \$81,462.44; Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$7,864.07; Transportation Fund, \$2,214.82; Tort Immunity, \$12,506.35; and Fire Prevention and Life/Safety, \$12,060.00.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Kaeb, aye; and Mr. Edelman, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Neukomm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkening to **APPROVE THE PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,114.96.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Kaeb, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; and Mr. Neukomm, aye. Motion carried.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 AUDIT

Mr. Russ Leigh from Russell Leigh & Associates presented the Audit Report for FY2021. The audit was clean as usual with solid fund balances. The district once again attained Financial Recognition status, which is the highest recognition status given by the state.

Mr. Neukomm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkening to **APPROVE THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR FY21; AND TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FILE THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS PRESENTED.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes, all. Motion carried.

HEARING of DELEGATIONS

Mr. Kent Locke from Bailey Edward Architects was present to discuss the potential HVAC work in the junior high, public library, and high school gym. The project would consist of replacing 6 classroom unit ventilators and replace with cooling units. The library ventilation system would be replaced with a unit that brings in outside air. This work could be funded through a state maintenance grant or the federal ESSER III grant.

After much discussion, the Board decided to table the discussion until it can get more information on the project and ways to cool the junior high classrooms at a much lower cost to the district. There was also some discussion at potentially looking at air conditioning for the high school gymnasium. Dr. Hylbert will reach out to the district architect to get some additional information for the Board.

Dr. Hylbert spoke more in detail about meeting the criteria for the ESSER III grant application. The ESSER III grant is a \$332,330 grant that can be used for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has many specific conditions that need to be met prior to the grant being approved by ISBE. Dr. Hylbert went over some of the main requirements of the grant and potential ways to meet these requirements. The grant application is not due until June 30, 2022. Further discussion of the grant application will be placed on upcoming board agendas.

Dr. Hylbert also went over the conditions/requirements of the \$50,000 state maintenance grant. This grant is a matching grant with the district providing a dollar for dollar match to the state funding. The grant can be used for a variety of building projects. The district would look to replace the windows in the junior high and also potentially install air conditioning units in the junior high classrooms with the funding.

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kaeb to **APPROVE THE STATE MAINTENANCE GRANT WITH HALF OF THE PROJECT COSTS COMING FROM LOCAL FUNDS AND THE OTHER HALF COMING FROM THE STATE UP TO AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000 PER ENTITY.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; and Mr. Kaeb, aye. Motion carried.

Public comment:

Mrs. Donna Jean commented about the need for new ventilation in the library. The old system constantly needs maintenance. The library has added new dehumidifiers to help combat the humidity.

Mr. Thomas Lynch was present to address the board on wanting the school board to stand up against ISBE and reverse its decision on masking. Mr. Lynch also addressed the board on the latest meeting by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

Several parents were present to ask if the school district was going to opt out of the newest sex education curricular mandate. Mr. Petry was going to get back to the parents next school board meeting on his findings. After speaking with Dr. Hylbert, Mr. Petry informed the board that the district would be opting out of this curricular mandate.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received: FOIA Request from Robert Kramer; FOIA Request from Angel Tormis, SteepSteel, LLC; and Letter of Resignation from Ted Blanck as Bus Driver.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee

Mrs. Phelan made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Hurliman to **APPROVE THE QUOTE PROVIDED BY BACON & VAN BUSKIRK TO INSTALL NEW WINDOWS IN THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AT A COST OF \$39,200.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; and Mr. Kaeb, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mr. Neukomm to **APPROVE THE QUOTE PROVIDED BY BACON & VAN BUSKIRK TO INSTALL NEW WINDOWS IN THE SPEECH ROOM AND SUPERINTEDENT'S OFFICE AT A COST OF \$12,700.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Kaeb, aye; and Mr. Edelman, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kaeb made the motion, seconded by Mr. Edelman to **APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM RELIABLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT A COST OF \$4,570 TO OVERSEE THE ABATEMENT OF WINDOWS IN THE JUNIOR HIGH CLASSROOMS, SPEECH ROOM, AND SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE PENDING THE POSITIVE DETECTION OF ASBESTOS IN THE WINDOWS. IF NO ASBESTOS IS DETECTED IN THE WINDOWS, THE DISTRICT WILL ASK BACON & VAN BUSKIRK TO MODIFY THEIR PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING WINDOWS.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Kaeb, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; and Mr. Neukomm, aye. Motion carried.

Negotiations & Personnel

Mr. Neukomm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkening to **APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF TED BLANCK AS BUS DRIVER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.** Discussion. Vote: Mrs. Phelan, aye; Mr. Kaeb, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; and Mrs. Hurliman, aye. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM PRINCIPALS

Mrs. Marshall spoke to the board about the different uses and ideas of the Lavina Young grant that was received. Some ideas were mulch for the playground, new bike racks, a concrete pad poured for games, revamping the tire tunnel, and adding items to the elementary play area blacktop.

Mr. Portwood informed the board of the different state and federal testing being done this fall and spring, which includes science testing. Grades 3-8 are involved in the testing.

Mr. Portwood asked if there was any objection for a Homecoming Dance to be held on October 23, 2021 from 7-9 p.m. at the park pavilion. Students will follow the IDPH guidelines. All the board members were in favor of the dance.

With the state's new mandate of vaccinations and testing for staff and employees in the school building, a discussion was held if the district was going to require the same guidelines be extended to sports officials coming into the school. Mr. Josh Landon, athletic director, indicated that several schools were going to exclude sports officials from the mandate. Mr. Portwood wanted guidance from the board.

Mr. Edelman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Petry **THAT MASKS BE RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT REQUIRED.** Discussion. Vote: Mr. Wilkening, No; Mr. Petry, Yes; Mrs. Hurliman, No; Mrs. Phelan, No; Mr. Kaeb, Yes; Mr. Edelman, Yes; and Mr. Neukomm, No. Motion failed.

After much discussion, it was agreed by board members to have officials show proof of testing or vaccination prior to a sports event.

Mr. Petry asked Mr. Portwood how the Vaccination / Testing mandate was progressing. There are 10 employees in the district without proof of vaccination or testing. The deadline is Friday, September 24th at Noon. Employees must show proof of vaccine or testing. If an employee fails to show the requirements, they will be asked to stay home until requirements are met.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kaeb to **ADOPT THE FOLLOWING BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Cissna Park Community Unit School District No. 6, County of Iroquois, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such budget on the 20th day of September 2021, notice of the hearing was given at least 30 days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of said District as follows:

SECTION I. That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

SECTION II. That the following budget containing an estimate of amounts available in each Fund, separately, and of expenditures from each be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this School District for the said fiscal year.

SECTION III. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 20th day of September 2021.

President

Secretary

Discussion. Vote: Mr. Kaeb, aye; Mr. Edelman, aye; Mr. Neukomm, aye; Mr. Wilkening, aye; Mr. Petry, aye; Mrs. Hurliman, aye; and Mrs. Phelan, aye. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATE

THIS is a true and complete copy of the Budget and Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of Cissna Park Community Unit School District No. 6 in the County of Iroquois, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

I HEREBY certify that the revenues, by source, shown for each fund of the taxing district in the attached certified copy of the budget and/or appropriation of the Cissna Park Community Unit School District No. 6 for the County of Iroquois, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, are the revenues anticipated for Fiscal Year 2021.

Signed _____
Title: Superintendent
Date: September 20, 2021

Dr. Hylbert distributed a Fiscal Year 2021 Administrator and Teacher Salary/Benefits report to the board members. The state legislature mandates that school districts post the salaries of administrators and teachers on their school websites.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wilkening made the motion, seconded by Mr. Neukomm to **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45 P.M.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Board President

Board Secretary

Cissna Park CUSD #6 School Board Minutes can be viewed on the school's website:
www.cissnaparkschools.org