

MINUTES
STEGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 194
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, February 21, 2019
at 6:00 p.m.
Columbia Central School
Steger, Illinois

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President Helsel. Members present: Geraci Helsel, Page, Edwards, Butkus, Turner. Members absent: Raymond.

Administrators present: Dr. Patricia Hahto, Anne Luering, Eric Diehl, Mike Smith, Bruce Nieminski, Tom Aguirre, Janet Inglese, Jeff Nelson, Tim Tufts, Anthony Graziani.
Administrators not in attendance: Paul Preuss, Kim Mahoney, Stephanie Winborn, Rachael Diehl.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steger Intermediate Principal Janet Inglese shared information regarding the School Improvement Work Plans for each building.

Public Participation

No public participation.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mrs. Edwards to approve the following items:

- ACTION**
- A. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the minutes from the January 17, 2019, Board Meeting regular and executive session.
 - B. The Superintendent recommends that the Board review the minutes from the August 16, 2018, and the August 31, 2018, executive sessions and that they be kept closed, and that the audio tapes from the August 17, 2017, executive session be destroyed.

Upon roll call all members voting aye: Helsel, Edwards, Geraci, Page, Butkus, Turner. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond. Motion carried.

Financial Accounts

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mr. Butkus to approve the following item under Financial Accounts:

- ACTION:**
- F. Payment of February bills

Upon roll call all members voting aye: Helsel, Edwards, Butkus, Geraci, Page, Turner. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hahto addressed the following topics:

- Columbia Central Associate Principal Bruce Nieminski will begin interviewing for the Assistant Principal position for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Nieminski will choose six applicants and the first round of interviews will be scheduled for March 19 and March 21.

Board Matters 4A.

A motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mr. Butkus to approve the following action item:

ACTION A. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2018 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue source) series 2018.

Upon roll call all members voting aye: Helsel Edwards, Butkus, Geraci, Page, Turner. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding action item 4B under Board Matters which recommended approval of the Columbia Central proposal to amend the Columbia Central procedures for recognizing eighth graders at the graduation ceremony as presented. A decision was made to table this item until the March Board meeting

Board Matters 4C and 4D

A motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mrs. Page to approve items C and D under Board Matters. Action item B was tabled and no action was taken regarding item B.

ACTION B. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Columbia Central proposal to eliminate the selection of a valedictorian and salutatorian at commencement exercises as presented.

ACTION C. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the School Improvement Work Plans, which are part of the School Improvement process, for Columbia Central, Steger Intermediate Center and Steger Primary Center as presented.

ACTION D. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the revision to the Learning Coach job description as presented.

Upon roll call all members aye: Geraci, Edwards, Page, Helsel, Butkus, Turner. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond. Motion carried.

Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Edwards to approve the following items under Personnel:

ACTION A. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the termination of Kelly Francis, RTI paraprofessional at Steger Primary Center effective immediately.

ACTION B. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the revisions for the Superintendent job description.

ACTION C. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the title change of Tom Aguirre to Associate Principal at Columbia Central effective August 1, 2019.

ACTION D. The Superintendent recommends that the Board accept the resignation of Laurie Johnston, Food Service employee, effective February 22, 2019.

ACTION E. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the tuition reimbursement and salary lane changes as presented.

ACTION F. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Heather Davis as RtI aide at Steger Primary Center, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

ACTION G. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the one-year leave of absence for Emily Mannino effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

Upon roll call all members voting aye: Turner, Butkus, Page, Geraci, Edwards, Helsel. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

No oral reports were given.

New Business

1. President Helsel informed the public that the restriction placed on the Steger Recreation Volleyball Program, which banned them from the use of the Concession Stand at Columbia Central, was being lifted and changed to allow them use of the Concession Stand on a probationary status
2. Mrs. Helsel informed the public that the food and drink ban in our gym is being lifted. She stated that the staff must be diligent in making sure the gyms are cleaned after being used for games and events where food and drinks will be brought into the gyms.
3. Mrs. Helsel informed district employees and the public that the School Board is in the process of creating a foundation for the District. The first event will be a murder mystery masquerade dinner which is anticipated to be held in the fall.

Old Business

None at this time.

Correspondence

None at this time.

PTA

1. Laurie Jones has been elected as the new Treasurer for the PTA.
2. The Eighth Grade Dance information meeting is scheduled for March 4.
3. The Eighth Grade Dance is scheduled for May 31.
4. The next PTA meeting is scheduled for February 26 at 6:00 p.m.
5. Spring fundraiser packets will be distributed next month.
6. Steger PTA will be given a percentage of the money spent on purchases made on Amazon Smile. No date of implementation was indicated.

Mrs. Turner left the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and returned at 7:12 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:06 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Page and seconded by Mr. Butkus to go into Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body
2. Student disciplinary matters
3. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.

Upon roll call all members voting aye: Edwards, Page, Helsel, Geraci, Butkus. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond, Turner. Motion carried.

At 8:36 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mrs. Edwards to return to Open Session. Upon roll call all members voting aye: Turner, Edwards, Helsel, Geraci, Page, Butkus. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 8:37 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mrs. Edwards to adjourn the meeting. All members voting aye: Edwards, Geraci, Helsel, Page, Butkus, Turner. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education