

MINUTES
STEGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 194
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, November 15, 2018
at 6:00 p.m.
Columbia Central School
Steger, Illinois

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Helsel. Members present: Geraci Helsel, Page, Edwards, Raymond, Turner. Members absent: Butkus.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation

- Associate Principal Bruce Nieminski gave a presentation on PARCC scores for 2017-2018.
- Heather Shelton gave a presentation on her recommendations for honoring eighth grade students at their graduation ceremony. She recommended that the District eliminate the designation of the valedictorian and salutatorian, but rather, include all students who rank in the top percentages of their class. Dr. Hahto instructed Ms. Shelton to meet with her administrators and teacher teams to finalize her recommendations and bring them to the Board to be put on the agenda for approval.

Public Participation

No public participation.

Minutes

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

ACTION A. Approval of the minutes of the October 24, 2018, Special Board meeting with the Village of Steger.

ACTION B. Approval of the minutes of the October 29, 2018, Regular Board meeting open and closed sessions.

ACTION C. The Superintendent recommends that the Board review the minutes from the May 17, 2018, closed session and that they be kept closed, and that the audio tapes from the May 18, 2017, closed session be destroyed.

Upon roll call all members voting aye: Helsel, Edwards, Geraci, Page, Raymond, Turner.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Butkus. Motion carried.

Financial Accounts

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

ACTION: F. Payment of November bills

Upon roll call all members voting aye: Helsel, Edwards, Raymond, Geraci, Page, Turner.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Butkus. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hahto addressed the following topics:

1. Thank you to Bruce Nieminski for his report on PARRC data.
2. Heather Shelton's recommendation to change how students are recognized at graduation is on the right track.
3. Presentation of IASB Master School Board Members and Leadership Awards to several Board Members.
4. Documentation for all the Steger pianos which provides the value of each, who donated each, and the plans for each of the pianos

Board Matters

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

ACTION A. The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the 2018-2019 school year.

INFO B. First reading of recommended changes for Board Policy 5:240.

Upon roll call all members aye: Geraci, Edwards, Page, Helsel, Raymond, Turner. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Butkus. 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 FMLA leave of absence for Calvin Pierce for approximately 12 weeks.

ACTION B. The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the retirement of Mike Smith, Principal at Columbia Central School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

ACTION C. The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the termination of employee FL27069 effective immediately.

ACTION D. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the retirement of Gus Wallek effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

ACTION E. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Shannice Hall as paraprofessional at Columbia Central School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Administrative Reports

Mr. Diehl stated that the District received its Annual Financial Report. Steger District 194 has maintained and received the highest level of financial recognition.

Mr. Smith reported that a student at Columbia has been hospitalized with Rocky Mountain spotted fever. We will get more details tomorrow and send something to the student from the District.

New Business

Mrs. Helsel reported that Police Chief Boehm is retiring and Deputy Chief Patrick Rossi will be taking his place as Chief.

Old Business

None at this time

Correspondence

None at this time

PTA

- Completed the CC Book Fair.
- Fundraiser pick-up is scheduled for November 19 at Columbia Central from 1:30 – 6:30.
- SPC Book Fair is scheduled for December 3 – 5.

CLOSED SESSION

ACTION A. At 6:53 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Raymond 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. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives

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

At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Page to return to open session. Upon roll call all members voting aye: Turner, Edwards, Helsel, Geraci, Page, Raymond, Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Butkus. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 9:02 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Page and seconded by Mrs. Edwards to adjourn the meeting. All members voting aye: Edwards, Geraci, Helsel, Page, Raymond, Turner. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Butkus. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education