

MINUTES
STEGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 194
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, October 29, 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, Butkus, Turner. Members absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

No public participation.

Minutes

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

- ACTION** A. Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2018, Special Board meeting open and closed sessions.
- ACTION** B. Approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2018, Budget Hearing.
- ACTION** C. Approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2018, Regular Board meeting open and closed sessions.
- ACTION** D. The Superintendent recommends that the Board review the minutes from the April 11, 2018, and the April 19, 2018, closed session and that they be kept closed, and that the audio tapes from the April 13 2017, and April 27, 2017, closed sessions be destroyed.

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

Financial Accounts

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

- ACTION:** F. Payment of October bills

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

Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent Hahto announced Melissa Cunha as replacement for Claudia Brennan, Superintendent's Secretary, who will be retiring the end of June 2019. Melissa will take over her new position July 1, 2019.

2. Professional Learning Communities
Principals and administrators are getting together regularly to make sure they are all on the same page as we move forward with PLCs. The next step will be to invite teachers to the next PLC Institute on July 22 to July 24, 2019.
3. Superintendent Search
Six candidates have already been interviewed and three more are scheduled for interviews tomorrow. The committee in charge of this first round of interviews consists of Board President Michele Helsel, Board Vice-President John Geraci, Superintendent Patricia Hahto, District Consultant Anne Luering, and Business Manager Eric Diehl. The second round interviews will be held in mid-November.
4. Curriculum Council
Changes have been made to Curriculum Council meetings. They will now meet in three smaller groups six times a year. This will address the fact that each school has more differences than similarities and therefore separate meetings are more effective.

Board Matters

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

ACTION A. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Estimated Expense Approval forms for the following Board Members to attend the 2018 IASA/IASB/IASBO Conference: Helsel, Geraci, Edwards, Page, Butkus, Raymond, and Turner.

ACTION B. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Expense Advancement vouchers in the amount of \$350 for the following Board Members: Helsel, Geraci, Edwards, Page, Raymond, Butkus, and Turner.

Upon roll call all members aye: Geraci, Edwards, Page, Helsel, Raymond, Turner, Butkus. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: None. 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 accept the resignation of Deborah Rutnicki, para-professional at Columbia Central, effective September 27, 2018.

ACTION B. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Amy Newhuis as Title I Aide at Steger Intermediate Center for the 2018-2019 school year.

ACTION C. The Superintendent recommends that the Board accept the resignation of Christopher Rohwedder effective September 24, 2018.

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

ACTION E. The Superintendent recommends that the Board accept the resignation of Stella Murphy, eighth grade science teacher at Columbia Central, effective immediately.

ACTION F. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Jamie Powell as night custodian at Steger Intermediate Center for the 2018-2019 school year.

ACTION G. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Melissa McCormick as night custodian at Steger Primary Center for the 2018-2019 school year.

- ACTION** H. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the retirement of Sharon Koenig, sixth grade science teacher, effective at the end of the 2020 school year.
- ACTION** I. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Joya McMillian as a district para-professional effective for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ACTION** J. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Octavia Burnett as para-professional for the Steger Intermediate Center for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ACTION** K. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the transfer of Rhonda French, paraprofessional, to CNA for Steger Intermediate Center for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ACTION** L. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Brekell McMillian as a district paraprofessional effective for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ACTION** M. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Jessica Medina as district paraprofessional effective for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ACTION** N. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Allayna Byrd as district paraprofessional effective for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ACTION** O. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Trina Bullitt as lunch/recess aide at Steger Primary Center effective for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ACTION** P. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the employment of Cynthia Sanchez-Cardenas as ELL Aide at Columbia Central effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Administrative Reports

New Business

Old Business

Correspondence

Thank you letter from Pat Walter

Thank you letter from Terry Polanski

PTA

- The Book Fair at CC is currently taking place. Family Night is Wednesday and Thursday from 5:00 – 7:30.
- Fundraiser pick-up is scheduled for November 19th at Columbia central
- The next PTA meeting is November 29 at 6:30.
- PTA asked for and was given permission to hold its membership contest during the month of November.

CLOSED SESSION

ACTION A. At 6:16 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Page and seconded by Mrs. Edwards 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, Butkus, Turner. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Butkus left the meeting during Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

At 8:22 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Geraci 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 8:22 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mrs. Page 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