

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Call to Order

President Deb Black called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Roll call showed members present: Superintendent - Ryan Linnig, Recording Secretary - Jennifer Krolak, Josh Turigliatti, Laurie Ernat, Chad Crane, Clayton Mudge, Debbie Herz and Heather Seghi, and Deb Black.

Not present - Principal Dr. Rossman

Visitors

Mallory Bima

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Josh Tuigliatti motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment, Correspondence and Announcements

Mr. Lining reported on district investments and fund balances. \$600,000 was transferred from the Education Fund to the investment portfolio to take advantage of favorable interest rates. Funds will be transferred back to the Education Fund as needed to cover expenses.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Laurie Ernat motioned to approve the consent agenda. Josh Turigliatti second the motion. A voice indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reports, Updates and Information

Principal's Report
Nothing to report.

Tentative 2024-25 School Calendar

Mr. Linnig presented the tentative 2024-25 calendar. Winter and spring breaks coincide with LP, Hall and other area schools. 2:15PM dismissals will continue each Wednesday for professional development and staff meetings. Parent Teacher conferences will remain the Monday and Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving with a non attendance day on Wednesday.

Heather Seghi asked about PTO holiday events on the calendar and how they are not the same dates, the reason for this is having the parties fall on the Friday after the holiday. Debbie Herz asked about Martin Luther King Jr day next year, and the District will observe the holiday with a day off school.

Mr. Linnig also reviewed the current school year calendar. Emergency Days in excess of the 5 allotted are considered Act of God Days and students do not have to make those up. 8th Grade graduation will remain,

Thursday, May 23.

Facilities Report

Mr. Linnig, Mr. Seghi, and Mr. Nelson (District Architect from Larson & Darby) held the Health life safety inspection. They don't expect anything to be out of code at this time. The gym floor should withhold another 2 sandings with 20/25 years expectancy. Boilers are due for an upgrade to allow for increased efficiency and possible expansion. A \$50,000 matching grant has been secured through the State of Illinois to cover a portion of those costs. The goal will be to get the drawings/design completed in the next few months and then go out to bid in the fall of 2024 with anticipated installation set for the summer of 2025.

Illinois Valley Fence will be installing safety poles and netting for the discus pad on the playground. Combined proposal was cheaper than going through the original sports company. As soon as the ground clears they will begin the project.

Josh Turigliatti had inquired about the status of the air exchange units. Mr. Linnig indicated that they will be setting up a meeting with the company to review our system and determine if it is cost effective to proceed.

Policy (2nd Reading) 7:160 Student Appearance

No changes in policy and it awaits Board approval as presented.

Other

Mr. Linnig stated that the general elections are considered holidays in Illinois, next school year there will be no school held on these days. It is still a gray area for preliminaries. Teacher institutes are encouraged, but not required according to the school code. Given that Dimmick is a polling place and that the public can be isolated from the students, we plan to remain in attendance and have voters use the STEAM Lab entrance.

Illinois State Superintendent, Dr. Sanders will be visiting Dimmick on February 23rd instead of the 22nd. Progress is being made with HB 0341 (Elimination of the Annual Statement of Affairs). Nearly 300 surveys have been received from districts throughout the State all showing support for the bill. ISBE is reviewing cut scores on State administered tests as there may be inconsistencies and misalignment with college entrance requirements.

Currently, the excess costs for the breach of contract by Johannes Bus Company has reached \$135, 896.23. It is estimated the figure will reach \$160,000 by the end of the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Linnig will remain in contact with the school attorney to consider options for proceeding.

Josh Turigliatti asked about going out to bid for buses. Mr. Linnig has reached out and expects Illinois Central Bus Company to submit an extension proposal shortly.

Action Items

Heather Seghi motioned to Approve Policy 7:160 as presented. Debbie Herz second the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Josh Turigliatti motioned to go into closed session at 6:58pm. Clayton Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Placement of Individual Students in Special Education: Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students

Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Performance, Or Dismissal of Specific Employees

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:19PM.

**Action Items
Following Closed
Session**

Approval of the Resignation of Specific Employees

Adjournment

Heather Seghi motioned to adjourn. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. A voice indicated all yeas. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Krolak

President

Secretary