

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

- Call to Order** President Deb Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call** Roll call showed members present: Superintendent - Ryan Linnig, Recording Secretary - Jennifer Krolak, Principal - Dr. Teri Rossman, Laurie Ernat, Josh Turigliatti, Heather Seghi, Debbie Black, Chad Crane and Debbie Herz.
- Visitors** Kearsten Zielinski
- Approval of Meeting Agenda** Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the agenda as present. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** No comments from the public.
- Mr. Linnig congratulated the April students of the month on recognition for exceptional achievement in demonstrating a "Positive Attitude".
- Mrs. Knauf's fourth grade students participated in a collaborative project with the Illinois Valley Area of Commerce and Central Bank known as "Lemonade Day." This is a program that teaches children about being an entrepreneur, how to start their own business, learn about finances, customer service, advertising, etc. Students set up their businesses and sold products at Dimmick School and in downtown Utica.
- The track team excelled this year at the IESA Sectional meet with the 8th grade boys' team winning Sectionals and the 7th grade girls finishing 2nd. There were nine students that qualified for State and the following students placed; Noah Miles (State Champion Boys' 8th grade high jump, 5' 6.5"), Kiera Mertes (Girls 8th Grade 200 Meter Dash, 27.87) and Tenley Pyszka (Girls 7th Grade Discus, 76.03 feet) placed.
- Approval of Consent Agenda** Debbie Herz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATION

- School Improvement Team/Principal's Report** Dr. Rossman gave an update on reading series programs. The program used by Mrs. Goodbred (Saavas) has expanded to cover K-4 and the teachers will be reviewing it. Teachers also piloted Open Court and Magnetic Reading. They will be doing a pilot of Saavas in the fall.

The Crisis Management Plan review was conducted by the School Improvement Team with the only recommendation being updating the staff list and contact information.

2024-25 Parent/Student Handbook and Behavioral Management Plan recommendations were shared. The following were key areas recommended for changes

- Lowering the registration fee to \$50.00
- Using traditional grading scales like those used in 5th-8th grade for 3rd and 4th grade.
- Adding detailed language regarding detentions to the Behavior Management section.

St. Bede Academy can not grant high school credit for the Spanish program without having students present in their building and under their teachers' instruction. Dr. Rossman has also reached out L-P High School and Hall High School.

Chad Crane had questions regarding the Extracurricular section in the handbook and asked about options to hold parents accountable when they do not show up for their scheduled date(s) for concession stand and score book.

Facilities

Mr. Linnig indicated the Architect/Engineer is working on the design phase of the boiler upgrade project and possibly addressing the unit ventilators or the chiller if additional funding is available through the State 50% matching maintenance grant. Utility bills have also been shared with the Architect/Engineer to determine if any federal dollars might be available. Boiler is going to bid in the Fall.

June Board Meeting

Mr. Linnig is recommending that due to the next board meeting falling on a federal holiday (Juneteenth) that the meeting date is changed from Wednesday June 19th to Thursday, June 20th.

Tentative FY '24 Budget Amendment

Mr. Lining shared the tentative budget amendment with the Board.

2023 Tax Rate and Extension Summary

Mr. Linnig presented the tax rate and extension summary with the Board. LaSalle county's taxable EAV increased by 4% and the Bureau County portion increased by 8%. The total tax rate decreased slightly to \$1.4348 from \$1.44366. Mr. Linnig also reported that Sears sold for \$1.5 million, nearly double its indicated value. Eakkas purchased property from the YMCA for a possible expansion. Both will result in increased values moving forward. Looking to FY 25, the District anticipates a significant drop in Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax of potentially \$170,000 which will certainly impact the FY '25 budget.

Illinois State Board of Education/Illinois Legislative Updates

Mr. Linnig and five other administrators from the area attended the Annual IASA Legislative meeting in Springfield on May 7 and had the opportunity to meet with our legislative liaisons and Senator Rezin to discuss legislation impacting public schools.

2024-25 Consolidated District Plan

Mr. Linnig shared the proposed 2024-25 Consolidated Plan outlining intended use of Title I, II, & IV as well as IDEA funds.

Other

Mr. Linnig attended the Joint Review Board meeting for the City of LaSalle on May 13. Nothing new to report in regards to developments that may impact the District.

Mr. Linnig reported on the recent bus accident and commended the driver, police, and first responders for how well they handled the incident. Fortunately, all students and the driver were ok with no injuries.

The 8th grade trip has been changed from going to Matthiessen State Park to TopGolf in Naperville. A reminder was given about the 8th grade graduation which will be held on May 23.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 2024-25 Parent-Student Handbook

Debbie Herz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Hertz, Seghi, Crane, Mudge, Turigliatti, Ernat. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval to Change the June Board Meeting Date

Chad Crane made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Clay Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Hertz, Seghi, Turigliatti, Ernat. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of the Tentative FY'24 Budget Amendment and Set the Budget Amendment Hearing Date and Time

Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Debbie Herz seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Crane, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2024-25 Consolidated Plan

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Chad Crane seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Hertz, Mudge, Turigliatt, Ernati. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Laurie Ernat made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Josh Turigliatti second the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Krolak

President

Secretary