

North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District No. 102
Committee of the Board of Education
March 12, 2019
District Office Conference Room

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Knox called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the conference room of Georgetowne School.

Knox	Stevenson	Miller	Isbell	Shockley	Therry	Vacant
X	absent	absent	absent	X	X	n/a

Other: Mr. Sondgeroth

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

Building and Grounds

Electric Power Purchasing – Mr. Sondgeroth previously discussed the possibility of purchasing the district’s electrical energy from Future Green, an organization created by the IASA, IASB and IASBO. The district currently purchases its electricity and gas through the Illinois Energy Consortium (IEC), also an organization created by the IASA, IASB and IASBO. The IEC uses NextEra Energy to manage its electrical program and Consociate Energy to manage its gas program. Since both the IEC and Future Green have been created by IASA, IASB and IASB, the question is, "How are they different?" Future Green only sells electric power (not gas) and its electric power comes from renewable energy sources (solar, wind, etc.) Mr. Sondgeroth explained that we would be with IEC/NextEra Energy for another contract year, but could then consider changing. Additionally, Future Green has a second and third level for their program which allow for community members to purchase power through Future Green and provides for the installation of solar panels at one of the schools for no cost to the district.

Mr. Sondgeroth also discussed the new flooring planned for the GMS library during the summer and some work he is trying to get done on the elevator.

Finance

Monthly Budget Summary – The February 2019 Budget Summary Report was shared with the Board for review. Mr. Sondgeroth noted that he budgeted \$40,000 in the Capital Projects fund expenditures, however the district had to address an unexpected sewage pump failure which cost around \$14,000. The district is now over budget in that fund, having spent \$48,894 from this fund for the fiscal year. The district will need to amend its budget in June and will have to abate money from Working Cash to be deposited into the Capital Projects Fund to cover the added costs.

Working Cash Fund Abatement – Mr. Sondgeroth shared a copy of the Working Cash Abatement Resolution that he plans to have the Board approve at the regular March meeting later this month.

Support Staff Increases for FY20 – With the new minimum wage laws going into effect on January 1, 2020, during the upcoming fiscal year. He discussed his recommendations for support staff increases for FY20 to keep the district in compliance with the new laws.

Personnel

Personnel Sheet – Mr. Sondgeroth shared a Personnel List to review and discuss with the Board as the district looks at positions to fill for the upcoming year.

Vacancies – Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board that he has advertised for the Maintenance Coordinator position and is collecting applications. He has received approximately 30 applicants to day and has reviewed each of those, narrowing the list to seven. He will continue to review those as they come in. The deadline to apply is March 18. He hopes to have a candidate to recommend to the Board for employment at the March 26 Board meeting.

Mr. Sondgeroth also informed the Board that he started advertising on the IASA Job Bank for three teaching vacancies for the upcoming year. His goal of is to have recommendations for employment at the April Board meeting.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Cheer Coach – Mr. Sondgeroth reported that Mrs. Strunk has expressed interest in coaching the cheer squad next year. She has submitted a letter of interest. Mr. Sondgeroth will bring her name to the Board for approval at the March Board meeting.

Other Items from the Superintendent and Board Members

Proposed 2019-20 School Calendar – Mr. Sondgeroth met with the district's calendar committee on Wednesday, March 6 (as per the contract) to allow it to provide input into the school calendar. The committee discussed several items including the start of the school year, SIP days and the fall parent conference schedule. Mr. Sondgeroth took those recommendations and implemented some of those into the draft version he shared with the Board. He will ask the Board for final approval of the 2019-20 school calendar at the March Board meeting.

Facility/Therapy Dog Discussion –Mr. Sondgeroth shared some information with the Board about therapy or facility dogs. One of the teachers at MES is exploring the option of becoming a handler for a therapy dog that she would use at MES. MES had some dogs at school for Read Across America Day and they were well received by the kids.

ROE Compliance Visit for District 102 – The district will be undergoing a compliance visit from the ROE scheduled for March 25, 2019. The administrative team has met a couple times, most recently on March 5, to go through the entire probe to be sure it has the items of evidence to verify the district is meeting the listed requirements.

Board Elections/Vacancy – The Board had a brief conversation about the upcoming election and vacancies.

Vacation Time – Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board that he was using some vacation time for personal reasons and would be out of the office/district starting at noon on Wed., March 13 through the remainder of the week. He would return on Monday, March 18.

ADJOURN

The three persons in attendance at the meeting adjourned the committee meeting at 7:10 PM.



Keith Knox, President



Jeff Miller, Secretary