

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District #7
High School Cafeteria
612 Broadway Street
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
July 20, 2020**

President Hayes called the special meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Hatlee, present; Dobrino, present; Hayes, present; Schmidt, present; Tiburzi, present; Alepra, present; Carter, present

Superintendent Owsley, Principals Rosentreter, Cooper, and Sandretto attended the meeting. Micki Romanus, Mark Carpani, Jennifer Brown, Dave Ambrose, Daniel Winningham, and Jerry Balzraine also attended the meeting.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda as presented. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hatlee for Roll Call Vote to Adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:01 p.m. for the following:

- A. Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Discussion of collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)

Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tiburzi, seconded by Dobrino for Roll Call Vote to return to Open Session at 7:57 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Open Action

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hatlee to add the Law Firm of Kriha Boucek as authorized legal counsel for Community Unit School District #7. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tiburzi, seconded by Alepra to accept the resignation of Vanessa Barrett from the position of High School Assistant Volleyball Coach and from the position of Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Coach and post the vacated positions. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt to re-hire all Winter and Spring coaches as presented: Tim Wargo – 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach; Stuart Ringer – 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach; Celia Jubelt – 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach; Jill Strole – Middle School Boys' Track Coach; Nicole Brawner – Middle School Girls' Track Coach; Kyle Lamore – Middle School Scholar Bowl Coach; Victoria Spencer – Middle School Cheer Coach; Casey Sholtis – High School Head Men's Basketball Coach; Matt Brawner – High School Assistant Men's Basketball Coach; Dan Edgerton –

High School Assistant Men's Basketball Coach; Jake Kellebrew – High School Volunteer Assistant Men's Basketball Coach; Kevin Gray – High School Head Women's Basketball Coach; Christina Blevins – High School Assistant Women's Basketball Coach; Robin Niemeyer – High School Head Women's Soccer Coach; Paige Niemeyer – High School Assistant Women's Soccer Coach; Jeremy Smith – High School Head Men's Baseball Coach; Tim Wargo – High School Assistant Men's Baseball Coach; Adam Tallman – High School Volunteer Assistant Men's Baseball Coach; Dan Smith – High School Volunteer Assistant Men's Baseball Coach; Michelle Smith – High School Head Women's Softball Coach; Jim Matesa – High School Volunteer Assistant Women's Softball Coach; Beth Fields – High School Volunteer Assistant Women's Softball Coach; Mike Bertagnolli – High School Head Men's Track and Field Coach; Jack Burns – High School Head Women's Track and Field Coach; Jerrod Herron – High School Assistant Track and Field Coach. Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Recognition of Public

No one from the public addressed the Board.

Union Report

Union Secretary Jennifer Brown thanked the Board of Education and the Administration for all they have done to help and guide the transition with moving safely for students and staff and look forward to working together moving forward.

New Business

Discussion of the Re-Opening Hybrid Plan and the new Remote Learning Plan was postponed as Superintendent Owsley announced that school will start remotely and re-evaluate as time goes on. He also announced that sports will be suspended until further notice.

Superintendent Owsley explained some changes that had to be made to the School Calendar. The first two days will be remote planning days. School Improvement Days will be moved to Wednesdays as Wednesdays are Remote Planning Days when there is no student attendance.

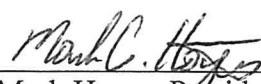
Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt to approve the School Calendar Amendment as presented. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Schmidt to approve the First Reading of the Pandemic Preparedness Policy 4:180 (Student/Staff Mask Requirement) as presented. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.

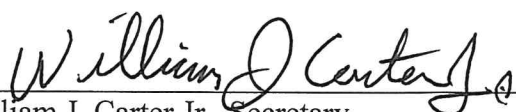
Mark Carpani, Technology Coordinator, addressed the Board regarding student laptop computers. So far there are enough units for each student in grades 6-12. He explained that trying to get every child covered with a unit will require purchase of 80 more laptop computers. Superintendent Owsley stated that the governor is working on a Relief Fund that can be used for this purchase. Superintendent Owsley stated that he is not sure today the amount of money will be District 7 share, but will be attending a webinar Thursday that will hopefully answer that question.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Tiburzi to approve the purchase of 80 additional HPX360 Computer Devices and Safeware Protection for 4 years for a total purchase price of \$50,487.20 as presented. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tiburzi, seconded by Alepra to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.



Mark Hayes, President



William J. Carter Jr., Secretary