

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD  
 SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
 RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA  
 MARCH 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held in the Library at East Central High School with the following individuals in attendance: Board members James Graf, Dawn Burke, Sara Hylton, Gary Gellert, Joseph Bulach, Robert Davis, School Attorney Frank Kramer, Superintendent Dr. Andrew Jackson, Director of Financial Operations Mary Ann Baines, Director of Student Services Kelly Roth, Director of Support Services Dusty Burress, Director of Transportation Jamie Shartzter and Recording Secretary Cheri Huff. Board member Glenn Scholl was not present.

Mr. Graf called the Public Hearing on the proposed Lease Agreement and Additional Appropriations to order at 7:00 PM EST leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Graf asked for public comments on the proposed Lease Agreement and Additional Appropriations of the Bond Proceeds. There were no comments.

Mr. Graf asked for public comments on the proposed Additional Appropriations of the Debt Service Fund. There were no comments.

Mr. Graf adjourned the Public Hearing and called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 PM EST.

Mr. Graf asked for public comments.

Heidi Blasek, Chris Blasek, and Cameron Blasek who all reside at 2313 Pine Valley Court in West Harrison, IN spoke in reference to the Flag incident. Bill Albright who resides in Batavia, OH, Dan Damico who resides at 5875 SR 46 in West Harrison, IN, and Glenn Lainhart who resides at 25415 Mt. Pleasant Road in Lawrenceburg, IN all spoke in reference to the Flag incident as well.

Dr. Jackson read the items on the consent agenda.

8.1 Approval of minutes for the regular board meeting on February 8, 2024

8.2 Approval of claims for payment (148510-148784)

8.3 Approval of personnel report

<u>Request for Medical Leave</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Removed for privacy		
<u>Recommendation for Employment</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	
Julie Ernst	ECHS/Homebound Teacher	
Andrea Brown	ECHS/Homebound Teacher	
Natale Riley	ECMS/Track Coach	
<u>Accept Letter of Resignation</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brooke Burnett	ND/Instructional Assistant	03/08/2024
Michelle Newberry	ND/Custodian	03/04/2024
Carolyn Terrell	BE/Instructional Assistant	03/11/2024
Madden Lieland	ECMS/Administrative Assistant	03/15/2024
<u>Accept Letter of Retirement</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tara Carleton	ECHS/Teacher	05/24/2024
Judy Welte	ND/Instructional Assistant	05/23/2024
<u>Recommendation for PT to FT</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mallory Kunkel	ND/Teacher	08/04/2025
<u>Recommendation for FT to PT</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Olivia Linkel	ND/Teacher	08/05/2024

Dr. Jackson recommended that the board approve consent agenda items 8.1 through and including 8.3 as presented. Mrs. Hylton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.3. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Graf read aloud the Resolution Affirming Students' Rights to Display the United States Flag. Mr. Gellert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bulach, to approve the Resolution. Mr. Davis commented that he was proud of our youth for being so patriotic. Mrs. Burke apologized for the incident. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Determining Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hylton, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Approving Additional Appropriations - Lease Agreement. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burke, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Approving Additional Appropriations - General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bulach, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Approving Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure. Mrs. Burke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Approving Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes. Mr. Bulach made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Approving Final Bond Resolution. Mrs. Hylton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Approving Additional Appropriations - Debt Service. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hylton, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Resolution Authorizing Performance Based Accreditation Waiver. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bulach, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the Educational Technology Program Common School Fund Application. Mr. Bulach made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burke, to approve the Application. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Baines reviewed the financial report for February 2024.

Mr. Graf asked the board members for comments. Mr. Bulach stated he was very disappointed regarding the flag incident. Mr. Gellert stated that there were two sides to the story and that while he appreciated the student standing for what he believed in, it was taken too far and the picture of our school corporation being portrayed in the national media as liberal and woke is inaccurate. Mr. Graf stated that the flag incident will be a learning lesson for everyone and that the intent of the rule regarding no flags was never to include the U.S. Flag. He thanked everyone for being courteous and for their comments.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Graf asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hylton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm EST.