

**Platteville Monthly School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, August 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**OE Gray Professional Learning Center IMC**

President Miesen called the school board meeting to order on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the IMC at the OE Gray Professional Learning Center-IMC.

Board members in attendance were Heather Connolly, Brian Miesen, Arlene Siss, Nancy Bongers, Abulkhair Masoom and Steve Obershaw. Josh Grabandt, Colleen McCabe and Eric Fatzinger were absent. Also in attendance was Superintendent Connie Valenza. Superintendent Valenza noted that the meeting had been properly noticed.

A motion was made by Arlene Siss and seconded by Steve Obershaw to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion carried. 6-0 vote. A motion was made by Heather Connolly and seconded by Steve Obershaw to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 School Board Meeting. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

**Opportunity for Public Input.**

Steve Obershaw reminded everyone to vote tomorrow!

Nancy Bongers informed the board members of the passing of Joe Martens and Don Riess. They both worked previously for the Platteville School District.

Sue Wehnke requested clarification on Policy 187: Public Participation at Board Meetings. Superintendent Valenza clarified her concerns.

**The Following Action Items Were Presented To The Board.**

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve the July 2016 financial report and to pay the bills of the month as they are identified. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Abulkhair Masoom made a motion to approve the hiring of Ben Withrow as summer groundskeeper at a rate of \$9.50 per hour with a start date of July 19, 2016. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Nancy Bongers made a motion to approve the middle school second session summer school Step-Up Program as presented. Heather Connolly seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to approve the hiring of Angele Walsh as a part-time School Psychologist for the term of 90 days with an annual salary of \$33,210.00 as presented. Heather Connolly seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to approve the hiring of Mary Schauff as a part-time Elementary Guidance for the 2016-17 school year with an annual salary of not less than \$27,383.50 as presented. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve the co-curricular assignment to Rebecca Lowe as the High School Assistant Volleyball Coach at a Class 4, Step 1 with a salary of \$2,800.00 for the 2016-17 season as presented. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Abulkhair Masoom made a motion to approve the extended contracts for the 2016-17 school year as presented. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to accept Leslie Chalfant's resignation as a fifth grade teacher and assess liquidated damages of \$500.00 as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to accept Jamie Hartwig's resignation as an elementary teacher and assess liquidated damages of \$700.00 as presented. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to accept Jordan Roupp's resignation as an elementary special education teacher and assess liquidated damages of \$500.00 as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to accept Rachele Breuer's resignation as an elementary special education teacher and assess liquidated damages of \$500.00 as presented. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to appoint Andrea McDermott, FFA student to serve as parliamentarian at the Annual School District meeting. Abulkhair Masoom seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve the agenda for the August 22, 2016 Annual School District meeting as it appears on page 2 of the Annual Meeting Booklet as presented. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to approve the recommendations of the School Board to the electors at the Annual Meeting as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve the 2016-17 budget of \$16,867,294 and tax levy of \$8,718,891 for presentation to the Annual Meeting. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy 352: Extended Field Trips as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Nancy Bongers made a motion to approve the girls' swim team Chicago trip as presented. Abulkhair Masoom seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy 187: Public Participation at Board Meetings with the prior minimal changes as presented. Abulkhair Masoom seconded the motion. School Board members discussed Policy 187.

Nancy Bongers made an amendment to Policy 187: Public Participation at Board Meetings to include "students" to the list of speakers. (#4) Arlene Siss seconded the amendment. Motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made an amendment to Policy 187: Public Participation at Board Meetings to include "regular employees (by assignment or contract)". (#4) Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 Vote.

The board members approved the second and final reading of Policy 187: Public Participation at Board Meetings with the additional minimal changes as presented. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy 171.2: Agenda Preparation and Dissemination as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve the Annual Notice of Academic Standards as presented. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to accept the Swiss Valley milk bid as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to accept the Sara Lee/Bimbo Bakeries bid as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve setting a special school board meeting for Monday, August 22, at 7:00 pm for operational purposes as presented. Abulkhair Masoom seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve setting an initial Program Committee meeting and a Community Outreach and Policy Committee meeting. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

**Information/Discussion Items (no action will be taken on these items)**

Superintendent Valenza gave a facilities update and gave a slide show on what's happening with construction.

Superintendent Valenza summarized the start of school information.

Future Board Agenda Item(s): none at this time

Steve Obershaw made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. by roll call vote. Heather Connolly seconded the motion. Motion passed. 6-0 vote.

Abulkhair Masoom made a motion to increase Michael Foley, Connie Valenza, Jason Julius and Timothy Engh by 1% to be consistent with other employee group comparable increases and to compensate Connie Valenza for a portion of her unused leave days (5 days) in recognition of the hours put in this summer on construction. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to reconvene to open session by roll call vote. Heather Connolly seconded the motion. Motion carried. 6-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion was seconded by Steve Obershaw. Motion carried. 6-0 vote

President Miesen reviewed the upcoming meeting dates.

Recorded and Submitted  
Lynne Tanner

Verified and Approved  
Colleen McCabe, Board Clerk