

Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
May 12, 2021

The Stratford School Board had a meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:45 pm. Present were: Kyle Haley, James Kennett and Nicole King. Absent was: None. Also present were Superintendent Ronna Cadarette, Business Administrator Patty Brown and Principal Bridger DeWitt. Absent was: None.

Kyle Haley called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

Minutes:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to approve the board minutes of April 14, 2021 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Reports:

Superintendent Cadarette discussed potential grant positions and working on revamping our Reopening Plan for the upcoming school year.

Principal Dewitt stated there are currently 65 students, the 360 testing is done and the testing scores seem to be up from the last time. State testing is scheduled for the last two weeks of May. Clean-up Day collected 53 bags of trash and a few bikes from Stratford's roadsides. At registration day there were 3 prek students and 2 kindergarten students, 5 total for the class.

Michelle Mason mentioned there were 22 identified students and 1 504 at SPS. There is a new Medicaid memo with another potential changes in revenue (loss).

Business Administrator Brown discussed the yearend fund balance, along with the impact of using additional funds from the SAU hearing from earlier tonight. The fund balance is estimated to be \$150k+.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to authorize Patty Brown to approve the windows and doors project as they come through. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Technology Director Cloutier presented his report and there were no questions or comments.

The Athletic Director's report was presented and it was noted that there are two girls participating on the GHS softball team this year.

Continuing Business:

Current Budget Report was reviewed during the Business Administrator's report.

New Business:

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by Nicole King to accept the donation from Noyes Dealership for \$1,600 and Lumieus Garage for \$200 to support the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program at SPS. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Ronna Cadarette spoke to the board about hiring a behavioral specialist and social service personnel for two-years with ESSER grant funding. The data clearing shows in all our schools that these two positions are needed for our students. The benefits of hiring these positions service our students and train our staff were explained, along with the salary range and possible difficulty of finding the people.

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Nicole King to approve the superintendent's recommended positions as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

The question was asked if a bus comes for SPS athletes for all games or just away games. It was explained that the bus should be coming to pick up SPS athletes for all away games. Home games are self-transport for all athletes regardless of where they attend school.

A motion was made by Kyle Haley and seconded by James Kennett to give the superintendent permission to emergency hire through September 1st. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Nonpublic:

N/A

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm, SPS Board Meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by James Kennett and seconded by Kyle Haley to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown