

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Limestone Community High School, District 310, held in the Board of Education Room, at the high school building on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

President Michael Vollmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Jim Bainter; Mr. Michael Bredernitz; Mr. Lonnie Catterall; Mr. Eugene Sanders and Mr. Michael Vollmer.

Absent: Mr. Shawn Bryan and Mr. Robert Neal.

Also in Attendance: Dr. Allan Gresham; Dr. Denise Ryder; Mrs. Jeri Look; Mrs. Teresa VonRohr; Mr. Darin Driscoll, Mrs. Tara Stout, Mrs. Jennifer Sheckler, Miss Rebecca Littrel, Miss Katelyn Sanders, Mr. Tim Ricca, Mrs. Lisa Bentley, Ms. Marnie Koepfel, Miss Katelynn Koepfel, Mrs. Julie Powers, Mr. Nolan Browder, Miss Katie Georges, Miss Judi Georges, Miss Halle Deragish, Miss Madison Deragish, Miss Madison Davis, Mr. Colin Hislope, audience members, and Ms. Darcie Schultz, recording secretary.

Mr. Vollmer stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to place the Book Bag Policy on a second agenda for a vote due to possible confusion as to what motion was being voted on during the May 22, 2018, Board of Education Meeting with respect to this item and to further discuss potential Co-curricular Code Policy Update.

Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items:

Miss Katelynn Sanders, Student Body President for the 2018-2019 school year introduced herself to the Board of Education Members. Miss Sanders stated she has received numerous emails from students expressing their concerns with the possible elimination of book bags during school hours, and the issues they feel will develop if this policy is passed. Several students in attendance then shared their individual concerns with the Board of Education Members.

Ms. Marnie Koepfel a parent of a Limestone Community High School student asked the Board of Education if there has been a credible threat from within the school which has resulted in the new policy proposal, to eliminate book bags. Mr. Vollmer stated there has not been such a threat. Ms. Koepfel then shared she feels if this policy is not necessary at this time.

Mr. Vollmer then shared with the audience members present that the Safety Committee, was formed to provide the upmost safety for the students and staff at Limestone Community High School and the issue to eliminate book bags during the school day is a safety issue not a convenience issue and that the Board wants to take all steps that are feasibly possible to make our building as safe as possible for all of our students and employees.

Mrs. Tara Stout, President of the Limestone Federation of Teachers, shared with the Board of Education Members that the majority of teachers at Limestone Community High School feel the elimination of book bags during school hours is not only a safety issue but a clutter and

theft issue within our building as well. Mr. Darin Driscoll and Mrs. Jennifer Sheckler, teachers at Limestone Community High School also shared their support for this policy change.

Mr. Sanders shared with the Board of Education Members that he has been approached by parents in our school district regarding their concern with this policy change. Mr. Sanders discussed these concerns with the Administration and Board of Education Members. Mr. Sanders also shared he believes there should be more parents on the Safety Committee, not just staff members.

Mr. Darin Driscoll then shared with the Board of Education Members he would like to share his thoughts regarding the possible Co-curricular Code Policy change. Mr. Driscoll shared he believes the new wording in the policy change could render negative effects on our students. Mr. Driscoll then went on to share examples on how this would affect students in the upcoming school year.

Dr. Gresham provided a time line as for when the Safety Committee Book Bag Policy Recommendation was presented to the Board of Education. Dr. Gresham shared it was presented on March 13, 2018, was an informational item on the agenda at the May 8, 2018 meeting, and again appeared on the agenda on May 22, 2018 as an Action Item.

Mr. Bredernitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Catterall to approve the Safety Committee Book Bag Policy Recommendation. Ayes: Bainter, Bredernitz, Catterall, and Vollmer. Nays: Sanders. Motion Carried.

*Informational Item:*

Dr. Gresham shared an update with the Board of Education Members on the Co-Curricular Code Violation Service Policy which was previously discussed as an Information Item at the May 22, 2018, Board of Education Meeting. Since that meeting was held it was discovered that the only Mid-Illini School who used a similar co-curricular code policy opted to stop using the policy. Dr. Gresham and the Board of Education Members discussed the benefits of continuing to use the current co-curricular code with how it is written versus the changes presented. They also discussed what could be done to better monitor the students who are serving a code violation. After much discussion the Board of Education Members decided not to proceed with a policy change. However they would like to have updates provided to them on how the coaches and Athletic Director will monitor the student athletes who are under a code violation.

*Communications:*

Dr. Gresham shared with the Board of Education Members that the June Board of Education Meeting will be held on the originally scheduled date, June 19, 2018, and will not be rescheduled.

*Presentation from Audience on Non-agenda Business:*

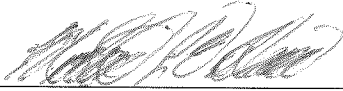
There were no presentation from the audience member present.

*Non-Agenda Business by Board Members and Administration:*

Mr. Bainter asked the Administration if the Safety Committee Roster could be posted on the Limestone Community High School website. Dr. Gresham shared he will have the information posted as soon as possible.

Mr. Bredernitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to adjourn the Special Meeting. Roll call on the motion: Ayes: Bainter, Bredernitz, Catterall, Sanders and Vollmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Special Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



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Mr. Michael Vollmer, President



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Mr. Jim Bainter, Secretary