

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Limestone Community High School, District 310, to be held in the Board of Education Room, at the High School Building on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 7:00 PM.

President Vollmer called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM.

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

Absent: Mr. Robert Neal.

Also in Attendance: Dr. Allan Gresham; Dr. Denise Ryder; Mrs. Jeri Look; Mrs. Tara Stout, Mrs. Julie Powers, Ms. Shelly Stoner, Mrs. Nicole Zook, Mrs. Amanda Minter, Ms. Jen Sergent, Miss Laney Chiaravalle, Miss Rebecca Littrel, Miss Holly Shempf, Miss Riley Cremeens, Miss Brooke Hammer, Miss Lena Driscoll, Miss Hailey West, Miss Lilly Schneider, Miss Taylor Thomas, Miss Sara Carr, Miss Katelyn Goodwin, Miss Hannah Majors, Miss Brittany Robinson, Miss Quinn Robinson, Mrs. Sharon Robinson, Mr. Chad Tylor, Mr. Matt Bender, audience members; and Ms. Darcie Schultz, recording secretary.

Mr. Bredernitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bryan, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the Executive Session of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the Building Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, and the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Roll call on the motion: Ayes: Bainter, Bredernitz, Bryan, Catterall, Sanders and Vollmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Sanders made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bryan to approve the payment of bills and payroll in the following amounts: Educational Fund, \$722,923.12; Lease Levy Fund, \$1,528.25; Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$40,795.15; Debt Service Fund, \$1,484,346.88; Transportation Fund, \$72,407.96; Municipal Retirement Fund, \$17,456.45; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, \$13,282.67; Tort Immunity Fund, \$31,074.96. Roll call on the motion: Ayes: Bainter, Bredernitz, Bryan, Catterall, Sanders and Vollmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Gresham introduced to the Board of Education Members the 2017 Mid Illini, Regional, and Section Champion Varsity Volleyball Team. This year's volleyball team set a new school record in wins and IHSA State Series advancement with competing in the super-sectional competition. Coach Stoner shared she is very proud of this team, besides being great athletes, they are also fantastic students. The Board of Education Members and Administration congratulated the team and thanked them for always representing Limestone Community High School in such a positive manor on and off the court.

The Volleyball Team exited at 7:55 PM.

*Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items:*

Mr. Chad Taylor and Mr. Matt Bender shared they were in attendance at tonight's meeting to discuss Informational Items 8F and G, the 2017 Levy and the Limestone Community High School Future Revenue Discussion. Mr. Bender shared with the Board of Education Members that he encourages the Board of Education Members to make decisions that will allow Limestone to continue to offer its students and community the same level and service and opportunities that it has traditionally has offered and to be financially viable in the future and he hopes they will continue to be good stewards

of the finances of our district. Mr. Vollmer thanked them for attending tonight's meeting and showing interest in the district's financial future.

Mr. Bryan made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bredernitz to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Approve the following Resignations: Head Girls' Volleyball Coach, Ms. Shelly Stoner; Head Cross Country Coach, Mr. Scott Durham. Roll call on the motion: Ayes: Bainter, Bredernitz, Bryan, Catterall, Sanders and Vollmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Bredernitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the Employment of Bookkeeper and Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Laura Tessem. Roll call on the motion: Ayes: Bainter, Bredernitz, Bryan, Catterall, Sanders and Vollmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Catterall made the motion seconded by Mr. Bryan, to approve the overnight conference request for Danielle Empey to the Illinois Math and Science Academy Meeting in Aurora, Illinois, December 4-5, 2017. Roll call on the motion: Ayes: Bainter, Bredernitz, Bryan, Catterall, Sanders and Vollmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

*Informational Items:*

Dr. Ryder presented and reviewed the October 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Dr. Gresham informed the Board of Education Members there is a need to replace our current choral risers. This discussion is being brought forward from the November 7, 2017, Building and Finance Committee Meetings. Dr. Gresham shared the cost to replace the current risers is not figured into the current Education or Building Fund budgets. However there is a potential they could be purchased from the funds generated by the Peoria County Schools Facilities Sales Tax revenue generated thus far. The Board of Education Members and Administration discussed in great detail this purchase, however, the decision was ultimately decided that it would be best to wait until next year to purchase the risers when they are figured into the FY '18 school budget. The Board of Education Members also agreed it would be in the best interest of the district gain a full year of experience with the sales tax revenue before it is utilized by the district.

Dr. Gresham gave an update to the Board of Education Members on the winter student athletes participating in IHSA extra-curricular activities. Dr. Gresham shared currently there is one student athlete who transferred to our district this summer who is currently participating in boys basketball, this student also participated in football this fall.

Dr. Gresham shared Mrs. Look is in attendance at tonight's meeting to present to the Board of Education Members the recommendations brought forward from the Curriculum Cabinet and Council. Mrs. Look shared this year there are three proposals for curriculum improvements. The Science Department is proposing the change of order of Modern Physical Science (MPS) and Biology at the standard and basic levels. The Business Department is proposing an update and rebranding of their technology curriculum. These updates will reduce the number of courses offered from six to five and will allow the addition of programming courses in the future. The English Department is proposing a return of an AP course to the English 4 curriculum. The Board of Education Members discussed these proposed curriculum updates with Mrs. Look and the Administration and agreed to move forward in allowing these updates to become an Action Item at the Tuesday, December 19, 2017, Board of Education Meeting.

Dr. Gresham and Dr. Ryder gave an update to the Board of Education Members on the Levy. Dr. Gresham shared this was also discussed at the November 7, 2017, Finance Committee Meeting. Dr. Ryder shared with the Board of Education Members this Levy will support the 2018-2019 Budget.

Dr. Ryder shared after discussions with Mr. Dave Ryan at the Peoria County Tax Assessors Office, Mr. Ryan predicts Limestone Community High School EAV to remain about the same, after it saw a growth last year. Dr. Gresham shared he will continue to keep the Board of Education Members informed on any future developments. Dr. Gresham answered questions from Board Members and they discussed the levy in more detail. The levy will be approved at the December 19, 2017, Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Gresham introduced to the Board of Education Members the topic of Limestone Community High School Future Revenue Discussion is also being brought forward from the November 7, 2017, Finance Committee Meeting. The Administration and Board of Education discussed the overall budget for our district and how it has changed over the years. Dr. Gresham stated over the past two years the Education Fund deficit is growing at a rate that our current borrowing/bonding structure is not keeping up with and that is when the Board of Education made the difficult decision to change the bonding strategy to generate more revenue this previous summer. The Administration and Board of Education also discussed what needs to take place to allow Limestone Community High School to continue to offer the students beneficial academic opportunities, but continue operate financially solvent. From this the Board of Education discussed a better, more fiscally responsible way of receiving this additional revenue. The Board discussed eliminating our necessity to borrow needed funds by potentially simply increasing our Education Fund Levy through a referendum. The Board discussed the challenges of passing an Education Fund referendum, but also acknowledged the financial benefits of eliminating our debt all together through this process. The Board discussed how much better off the district could be financially if we moved the tax levied to pay off our borrowing / debt and collected that same tax amount directly into the Education Fund. The Board further discussed this plan and how this could be a much more financially responsible way of conducting business for our community and taxpayers. After much discussion the Board of Education Members agreed to continue to explore the possibility of an Education Referendum during the March 20, 2018, General Election.

*Communications:*

Dr. Gresham shared with the Board of Education Members he received two letters of thank you from Ms. Darlene Smith and Mrs. Gayle Mirande who attended the Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheon.

Dr. Gresham also shared he received a letter of thank you from the Bartonville Volunteer Fire Department for the donation that was made on behalf of Limestone Community High School for their service at our home football games.

Dr. Gresham shared he received a thank you from The Kennedy Center, Inc., and Major Chris Russick, a JROTC Instructor at Limestone Community High School, for the memorial donation made in memorial of his brother.

*Presentation from Audience on Non-agenda Business:*

Mr. Bender thanked the Board of Education Members for what they do and their time they dedicate to our community. Mr. Vollmer again thanked Mr. Bender and Mr. Taylor for attending tonight's meeting and showing their interest in the educational and cost endeavors of our district.

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

Mr. Sanders shared with the Board of Education Members and Administration that he has been approached by parents and community members sharing their concerns regarding the safety of the student parking lot before and after school. Dr. Gresham shared the current parking lot traffic pattern and parking spaces were designed by the Zumwalt Engineering Firm. Dr. Gresham also shared

Officer Taylor is outside as much as possible to help with the traffic congestion. Dr. Gresham stated if any parents or community members would like to contact him, he would be happy to discuss their concerns with them.

Mr. Bredernitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bryan, to adjourn into Executive Session. Roll call on the motion: Ayes: Bainter, Bredernitz, Bryan, Catterall, Sanders and Vollmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting moved to Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

Mrs. Tara Stout, Mrs. Julie Powers, Mr. Chad Taylor and Mr. Matt Bender exited the meeting at 9:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:38 PM.

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

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.



Mr. Michael Vollmer, President



Mr. James Bainter, Secretary