

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

November 14, 2017

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2017, at 7:04 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Offices.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Drew Whiting. Others present were Secretary Shawanna Wansley, Johnny Lockley and Bruce Morgan, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne. Brad Koen, Kenneth Graves, and April Herring were absent.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

District Mission Statement

Consent Agenda

Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017, meeting was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 4-0. (7:03 p.m.)

Financial – Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve the October 2017 financial report. Motion carried 4-0. (7:06 p.m.)

Board Election Date – Act 910 changes the annual school election date from the third Tuesday in September to either the date of the preferential primary in May or the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to set May as the date for the annual school election to be held in DeWitt. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 4-0 (7:08 p.m.)

Bonus – A motion was made by Mrs. Wansley to accept the recommendation to give a one-time non-recurring bonus for all currently full time non-hourly contracted employees of \$750.00. A report is to be given at the end of the year to see if additional money can be given. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 4-0.
(7:15 p.m.)

Facilities Use Request – Mr. Lockley made a motion to grant the request from the Gillett Farmers and Businessman's Club use of the Gillett facilities for the Annual Coon Supper on January 13, 2018. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 4—0. (7:18 p.m.)

Business Trip Accidental Death Insurance Renewal – A motion to renew the Business Trip Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance policy for employees and board at a cost of \$275.00 and bus drivers at a cost of \$28.00, was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 4-0.
(7:19 p.m.)

Pee-Wee Boys Basketball – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to grant the request from Coach Keane Guiden use of the Gym for Pee-Wee Basketball practice. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 4-0.
(7:21 p.m.)

Awning at Gillett Elementary – A motion to move forward with the purchase of an awning for Gillett Elementary was made by Mrs. Wansley. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 4-0. (7:23 p.m.)

Act 1240 Waiver – Mr. Morgan made a motion to adopt a resolution requesting a waiver regarding the start date of school. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 4-0 (7:26 p.m.)

Superintendent's Report –

Dr. Dardenne updated the board on the following –

- Close out on old Middle School property
- Donation of building to City of Gillett
- Move forward on seeking bids to purchase an electronic sign
- Set the date of November 30, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for holding the public facilities meeting for presenting the district's ten-year plan
- Vida Moll grant - \$2,500.00 to Robotics

PPC – A report regarding items being discussed by the PPC was given by Dot Hubsch.

The Board went into executive session for the consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

Personnel

Resignation – A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the resignation of Cindy Roush as bus driver effective October 27, 2017. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 4-0.

Employment – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to employ Dara Neville as x-long bus driver effective November 15, 2017. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion to employ Gary Coley as Mechanic 2, beginning January 8, 2018, was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Wansley made a motion to accept the recommendation to give a stipend to Justin Russell as Jr. Boys' and Sr. Boys' assistant basketball coach for the 2017-18 basketball season. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 4-0

Approved: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY