

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
October 16, 2019

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Marie Sweley, Steve Heapy, April Gross, and Bill Howard.

Visitors: Sherrie Klein, Allison Varah, & Amanda Slocum.

President Mitch Feldman announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Bill Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 5-0.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,234,416.34 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$226,583.38 were presented for payment. April Gross made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Bill Howard made a motion to excuse Jim Holm from the meeting. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 5-0.

In the Principal's Report Mr. Drew discussed staff recognition; AQUESTT Update, Professional Development Day, MTSS Leadership Team, TIP Plan, Grandparents Day, Trunk or Treat Halloween, and Americanism.

Wade Finley reported on district Audit, state education conference, building and grounds, coop renewal for the NSAA, joint coop meeting, transportation, long range goals, employee grievance, and negotiations.

The District Audit took place on October 7th and the in-house audit of the district's financial records for 2018-19 school year also took place and the Board will get copies by the November meeting and Wade will have that report submitted to NDE by October 31st.

State Education Conference has been registered for and will be attended by Bill Howard, April Gross, and Wade Finley on November 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

April Gross moved to motion to have a continuous and automatic renewal of the Ansley- Litchfield Athletic Cooperative. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross moved to motion to pay Ansley \$4,000 for this school year for the use of their activity bus. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Mitch moved to motion to have Wade purchase a mini van if mileage was good and price was in between \$10,00-\$20,000. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

Steve Heapy moved to motion to have the 09 bus listed on Big Iron as is to sell. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

Wade also brought the Board a list of items that were sold on Big Iron and the prices they brought, finishing of the landscaping, discussion with Brent Jackson of Trane to evaluate possibility of putting a/c in the Spartan and Trojan gyms, discussion was made about land coming up for sale by the football field and have discussions with the landowners to see what it would cost and if it would be a feasible option for the Board to pursue..

We will be having a joint Board meeting with Ansley's Board on the 18th of November at 6:30 with a meal at 6 p.m. and it will be in Litchfield.

Allison Varah had a formal grievance that was brought to the Board which was concerning the interpretation of the 1/8 pay policy.

Bill Howard motion to enter into executive session to discuss employee grievance and negotiations. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

President Mitch Feldman reinstated the intent of entering executive session was to discuss employee grievance and negotiations.

The Board entered into executive session 8:47 p.m.

Bill Howard moved to exit executive session. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board exited executive session at 10:01 p.m.

President Mitch Feldman will send a letter to Allison Varah on the decision of the Board.

Bill Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Second Steve Heapy. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on November 18, 2019. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley
Board Secretary