

**Minutes of Regular Session Meeting
The Board of Education
Summit Hill District 161**

January 17, 2024

The regular session meeting of the Board of Education of Summit Hill District 161 was held January 17, 2024, beginning 7:00 PM at the Administrative Center.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Martin, Secretary Katie Campbell called roll. Members in attendance were: Jim Martin, Joy Murphy, Stefanie McCleish, Amy Berk, Matthew Carey and John Winter. Katie Campbell arrived at 7:26 pm. Others in attendance were: Dr Paul McDermott, John Snipes, Leslie DeBoer, Julie Stearns and community members.

Summit Award

Dr. McDermott presented the Summit Award to the Summit Hill Junior High Sunshine Committee members: Alexandra Canino, Maria Hoots, Bianca Madden, and Kristen McDonald.

Freedom of Information Request

FOIA requests were made by Mike Gibson, Parents for Protection, Patrick Oliphant, and Lisa Cook, and were completed in the appropriate timeframe.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by Lisa Brace, Patrick Oliphant, Kelli McCarron, Christine Wade, Harley Brace, Quinn Brace, Bill Curtin, Carrey Bunda, Nichole Block.

Mr. Winter made a motion and Mrs. Berk seconded to discuss public comments on the closing of the schools. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell nay, Mrs. Murphy nay, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish nay, Mr. Martin nay. Motion fails 3 ayes, 4 nays.

Mr. Winter asked that an action item to rescind the vote of closing schools be placed on the next agenda.

Approval of Consent of Agenda

Mr. Martin read the items on the consent of agenda. Mrs. Murphy motioned, and Mrs. McCleish seconded.

- 4-A-1a – Regular Session Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023
- 4-A-1b – Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023
- 4-A-2 – Approval of December Treasurer’s Report/Financial Report
- 4-A-3 – Approval of Bills List of January 17, 2024
- 4-A-4– Approval of Resignation of Staff

None at this time

- 4-A-5 – Approval of Family Medical Leave

None at this time.

4-A-6– Approval of Employment of Staff

Brandi Roderique, FMLA Teacher at Hilda Walker School
Marissa Flores, Paraprofessional at Summit Hill Jr. High School

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. McCleish that the Board of Education approve the regular session meeting minutes of December 20, 2023, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. McCleish that the Board of Education approve the closed session meeting minutes of December 20, 2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of December Treasurer’s Report/Financial Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. McCleish that the Board of Education approve the December Treasurer’s Report/Financial Report as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Bills List of January 17, 2024

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education approve the January 17, 2024 Bills List as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Resignation of Staff

None at this time

Approval of Family Medical Leave

None at this time.

Approval of Employment of Staff

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. McCleish that the Board of Education approve the employment of:

Brandi Roderique, FMLA Teacher at Hilda Walker School, (from approximately February 27, 2024 to approximately May 31, 2024)
BA Lane Step 1
Marissa Flores, Paraprofessional at Summit Hill Jr. High School
Hourly rate: \$16.88

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Purchase of 300 iPads for Staff and Paraprofessionals

A motion was made by Mrs. McCleish and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 300, 10th Generation Apple iPads with 64GB of storage, the Logitech Rugged Combo 4 Case with keyboard only for staff and paraprofessionals, 50 USB-C Logitech Crayons and two days of Apple Professional Learning for \$141,932.50 from Apple to be fully funded through the ISBE Digital Equity Grante and Title II funding. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Kindergarten Registration Fees

A motion was made by Mrs. Berk and seconded by Mr. Carey that the Board of Education set the full day kindergarten registration fee for the 2024-25 school year at \$150 and half-day kindergarten fees at \$125 along with a \$30 off incentive for kindergarten registration fees beginning February 5 and continuing through February 29. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Student Registration Fees Grades 1-8

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. McCleish that the Board of Education continue with the current student registration fee for the 2024-25 school year for students grades 1-8 is \$150 along with a \$30 off incentive for those who complete their child's re-registration and payment as follows: \$120 registration for grades 1-8 students March 1 through March 31. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Student Milk Fee for 2024-2025

A motion was made by Mrs. Berk and seconded by Mr. Carey that the Board of Education set the yearly cost for milk to be \$63.13 for white milk and \$61.56 for

chocolate milk for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. McCleish that the Board of Education set the reimbursement amount for mileage incurred by an employee while in the performance of duties as an employee or Board Member of Summit Hill School District to be 67 cents per mile. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Preliminary 2024-2025 District Calendar Discussion

Dr. McDermott shared a preliminary 2024-2025 district calendar with the Board of Education and stated the final calendar will be brought forward at the February meeting.

Kindergarten Registration Drive 2024-2025

Dr. McDermott updated the Board on the upcoming Kindergarten Registration Drive.

Board Member Building Reports

Each board member liaisons shared highlights of what is going on in the school buildings.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by Lisa Brace, Patrick Oliphant, Al Fischer, Vicky, Melissa Guarino, and Dan Muller.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. McCleish to go into closed session as printed and publicly posted on the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays. The time was 8:58 pm.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Mr. Winter and seconded by Mr. Carey to return to open session. After a voice vote the motion carried. The time was 9:42 pm.

Discussion continued in open session regarding busing, board procedures and agenda procedures.

Adjournment of Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote the motion carried. The time was 10:03 pm.

President

Secretary