

HAVANA BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

February 20, 2024

The Havana Board of Education regular meeting was held Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Unit Office, 501 S. McKinley, Havana, Ill. Those present were: Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, Curless, Layton, Strauman, McDowell. Absent: None. Also present was R. Mathew Plater, Superintendent, David McKinney, Tyler Southwood, Nathan Brady, Phil Foster, Adam Wherely, Carrie Fields, Collen Boggs, Wendy Martin.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

MINUTES

A motion was made by Stockham and seconded by Wickman to approve the Minutes of the January 22nd, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

VOICE VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

A motion was made by Giesler and seconded by Wickman to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- Treasurer Report
- Balance Sheet
- Bills Totaling \$876,673.89

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Wickman, Curless, Layton, Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, McDowell

NAYS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEMS/INFORMATIONAL

- District Finance Update
- 100 year old Yearbook
- DCEO Community Energy Grant (past and future)
- Summer Project Update (FB/Track Lighting and JH Bleacher Replacement)
- Bus Driver Shortage-Article will be placed in the Mason County Democrat and Road sign was purchased that will be placed along the Highway ,

DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION

A motion was made by Stockham and seconded by Layton to approve the Auditor Engagement letter to conduct the FY24 Audit.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Curless, Layton, Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, McDowell.

NAYS: None

AUDITOR ENGAGEMENT LETTER

A motion was made by Stockham and seconded by Wickman to approve the proposed HS handbook changes effective immediately.

Motion Failed:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Stockham Wickman

NAYS: Giesler, Curless, Layton, Strauman, McDowell

PROPOSED HS HANDBOOK CHANGES

A motion was made by Wickman and seconded by Strauman to approve Phase 1 of the DCEO Community Energy Transition Application.

Motion Carried:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, Curless, Layton, McDowell.

NAYS: None

PHASE 1 DCEO GRANT

A motion was made by Stockham and seconded by Wickman to go into Closed Session at 6:51p.m. for the purpose of:

- appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, Curless, Layton, Strauman, McDowell.

NAYS: NONE

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Wickman and seconded by Strauman to adjourn Closed Session at 8:41pm.

Motion carried.

VOICE VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Wickman and seconded by Giesler to approve the proposed 3-year contract for Nathan Brady.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Wickman, Curless, Layton, Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, McDowell.

NAYS: None

NATHAN BRADY CONTRACT

A motion was made by Layton and seconded by Strauman to approve the final 2-year contract for Rhonda Cameron.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Curless, Layton, Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, McDowell.

NAYS: None

RHONDA CAMERON CONTRACT

A motion was made by Stockham and seconded by Wickman to approve the proposed contract for Adam Wherley.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Layton, Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, Curless, McDowell.

NAYS: None

**ADAM WHERLEY
CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Strauman and seconded by Wickman to employ Carlee Taylor as a Counselor for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, Curless, Layton McDowell.

NAYS: None

**EMPLOY CARLEE
TAYLOR/COUNSELOR**

A motion was made by Curless and seconded by Layton to employ Abby Sennett as a Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, Curless, Layton, Strauman, McDowell.

NAYS: None

**EMPLOY ABBY
SENNETT/SCIENCE
TEACHER**

A motion was made by Giesler and seconded by Strauman to employ Gail Reith as a SPED Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giesler, Wickman, Curless, Layton, Strauman, Stockham, McDowell.

NAYS: None

**EMPLOY GAIL
REITH/SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

A motion was made by Stockham and seconded by Giesler to employ Sara Blakely as the Transportation Director to begin training in March.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Layton, Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, Wickman, Curless, McDowell.

NAYS: None

**EMPLOY SARA
BLAKELY/
TRANSPORTATION
DIRECTOR**

A motion was made by Giesler and seconded by Layton to employ Jolynn Kolves as new elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:, Curless, Layton, Strauman, Stockham, Giesler, Wickman McDowell.

NAYS: None

EMPLOY JOLYNN
KOLVES/ELEMENTARY
TEACHER

A motion was made by Giesler and seconded by Wickman to adjourn regular meeting at 8:47pm.

Motion carried.

VOICE VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

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President

Secretary