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- SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 I A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 was held in the Henry-Senachwine High School Media Center, 1023 College Ave., Henry, Illinois on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:19 p.m..
- PRESENT II There were present in person: Lori DeWeerth, James Downey, Angie Earles, Jeremy Kiesewetter, Mary Jo Klein, Melissa Thompson, and Randy Witko comprising a quorum of the Board.
- ABSENT There were absent: None.
- APPROVE AGENDA III Motion by Melissa Thompson, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the agenda with an **addition or deletion or correction** of the following items:
- Move: 5.07 to 6.11 – Approve Volunteer
Add: 11.02 – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)11 Pending Litigation
Add: 9.04 – Science chemical disposal
Add: 9.05 – Multimedia/Yearbook Sponsor stipend
Strike: 10.01 – 2023 IASB Resolutions Committee Report
- Roll Call: Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth.
- Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
- RECOGNITION
OF GUESTS
CORRESPONDENCE IV Recognition of guests: Renee Rowe, Larry Rowe, Preston Rowe, Carson Rowe, Kurt Rimmele, Aimee Culp, Craig Culp, Dan Thompson, Susan Bauter, and Kim Yee.
- 4.01 – Public Participation
4.02 – Thank You
4.03 – Public Participation
- APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA V Motion by Mary Jo Klein, seconded by James Downey, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.
- Roll Call: Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey.
- Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.
- 5.01 Approve the August 16, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes.
5.02 Approve the BMP bills and payroll.
5.03 Accept and approve the resignation from HSGS 5th/6th grade Girls’ Basketball Coach, Craig Culp.
5.04 Approve the employment of Brandon Pettett as HSGS 5th/6th grade Girls’ Basketball Coach, with a stipend in the amount of \$1,368.04, pending the results of a criminal background check and an employment history review.
5.05 Approve the employment of Erik Greenwood as 7th/8th grade Girls’ Basketball Coach, with a stipend in the amount of \$6,698.81.

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- 5.06 Approve Tim Rowe as a Volunteer Assistant 5th/6th grade Girls' Basketball Coach, pending the results of a criminal background check and an employment history review.
- 5.07 Moved to 6.11
- 5.08 Approve Derrik Gaspardo as a Volunteer 7th/8th grade Girls' Basketball Coach.
- 5.09 Approve the Maternity Leave Request from HSHS teacher, Gracy Heaton, from approximately November 27, 2023 through January 26, 2024.
- 5.10 Accept and approve the resignation from HSHS Freshman Volleyball Coach, Kyle Anderson.
- 5.11 Approve the employment of Lori Schneider as maternity leave substitute for HSHS, with a daily pay rate of \$222.23, pending the results of a criminal background check and an employment history review.
- 5.12 Approve and certify walking routes required for continued busing:
- 1) Students that live south of Western Avenue and west of Route 29
 - 2) Students that live along Old Indian Town Road north of Lincoln Avenue and east of Old Indian Town Rd.
 - 3) Students that live in the trailer court north of HSGS/JH.
- 5.13 Approve the employment of part-time BMP Bookkeeper, Denise Williams, with an hourly pay rate of \$31.84, not to exceed 500 hours during the 2023-2024 school year.
- 5.14 Approve the employment of part-time BMP Executive Director Mentor, Gwen Garver, with a salary of \$30,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 5.15 Approve the employment of part-time BMP Social Worker, Joy St. Pierre, with a pay rate of \$415.00 per day, for up to 32 days during the 2023-24 school year.
- 5.16 Approve the employment of part-time BMP Social Worker, Tammy Guerrero, with a pay rate of \$423.50 per day, for up to 34 days during the 2023-24 school year.
- 5.17 Accept and approve the resignation from HSGS/JH Custodian, Gwen Cain, effective September 11, 2023.
- 5.18 Approve the employment of HSGS/JH Custodian, Penny Stewart, with a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour, pending the results of a criminal background check and an employment history review.

APPROVE BILLS,
PAYROLL AND
FINANCIALS

- VI 6.01 Motion by James Downey, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve bills, payroll and financial information including:
1. Balance Sheet
 2. Investment Schedule
 3. Financial Report Summary
 4. September Bills

Roll Call: Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE TRAVEL-
RELATED
EXPENSES

- 6.02 Motion by the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 to approve the travel-related expenses for members of the Board of Education, and for employees of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 as presented.
- None

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APPROVE FY24
BUDGET

6.03 Motion by Mary Jo Klein, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the FY24 Budget.

Roll Call: Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE SEMI-
ANNUAL CLOSED
SESSION MINUTES
REVIEW

6.04 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Angie Earles, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the Semi-Annual Review of closed session minutes.

Roll Call: Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE SCHOOL
YEAR CALENDAR
HOLIDAY WAIVER

6.05 Motion by Melissa Thompson, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar Holiday Waiver of the following legal holidays as required under Public Act 96-640 for Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5: the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln, the Birthday of Casimir Pulaski, Columbus Day, and Veterans' Day in order to hold school, schedule teachers' institutes, conduct parent-teacher conferences, or conduct staff development (in-service) activities.

Roll Call: Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE
AMENDED SCHOOL
YEAR CALDENDAR

6.06 Motion by James Downey, seconded by Mary Jo Klein, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the amended 2023-2024 School Year Calendar.

Roll Call: Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter. Yea; Klein.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

ACCEPT
CHROMEBOOK
POLICY

6.07 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the Chromebook policy as presented.

Roll Call: Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

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EMPLOY ATHLETIC
TRAINER

6.08 Motion by James Downey, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 employ Athletic Trainer, Clinton Schlosser, for Athletic Training Services at HSHS, for \$35.00 per hour for home games.

Roll Call: Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

AWARD PH 2 HVAC
SYSTEMS UPGRADE
CONTRACT

6.09 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by James Downey, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 award the contract for the 2023 HVAC Systems Upgrades – Phase 2 as follows:

Award to Commercial Mechanical Systems, Inc.	
Base Bid	\$ 2,737,000.00
Alternate 1	39,400.00
Alternate 2	29,900.00

Roll Call: Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE HSGS/JH
ASPHALT
PROPOSAL

6.10 Motion by Angie Earles, seconded by James Downey, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the HSGS/JH playground asphalt replacement proposal as follows:

Award to Advanced Asphalt Co. - \$ 48,580.00

Roll Call: Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE
VOLUNTEER
HSGS/JH 7TH/8TH
BASKETBALL
COACH

6.11 Motion by Melissa Thompson, seconded by Randy Witko, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve Lori Stenstrom as a Volunteer 7th/8th grade Boys' Basketball Coach.

Roll Call: Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, No; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey.

Yea 6, Nay 1, Absent 0. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS,
REQUESTS &
ARTICLES

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PRINCIPALS'
REPORTS

VIII PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

GRADE & JUNIOR
HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT

8.01 Grade/Jr. High School Principal, Mrs. Merboth:

Henry-Senachwine Grade & Jr. High School
Principal Report
September 20, 2023

- ❖ Henry-Senachwine Grade & Jr. High School currently has 406 students in grades PreK-8 enrolled for the 23-24 school year. There are two new students starting next week and 4 outplaced students.
- ❖ In addition to the HVAC and Roofing Projects over the summer, we updated and reorganized some internal spaces to enhance the educational environment. All curricular resources were organized into a book room and readily accessible for all staff to utilize for instruction. The conference room was cleaned out, painted and updated to provide a welcoming environment for meetings to be held. The JH wing hallway received a fresh coat of paint, including the lockers. The primary wing classrooms received a fresh coat of paint as well. The hallway behind the office was cleaned out to provide storage space for office supplies and houses an additional work area for pulling students to work with individually.
- ❖ Baseball and Softball seasons have come to an end. Baseball ended with a great comeback and fight till the end in the Regional game. Softball ended with a hard loss in the Regional Championship. Girls Basketball practices began the week of September 11th and games are right around the corner beginning September 25th.
- ❖ HSGS/JH students began Fall MAP Benchmark testing on September 18th. We will have our first round of Data Team Meetings on October 3rd to review the data.
- ❖ 5th Graders are enjoying a 6-week Gardening Club unit. The University of Illinois Extension Office comes once a week to engage the students in gardening.
- ❖ Staff participated in a School Improvement Day on September 15th. Dr. Miller reviewed ALICE training and the Threat Assessment Plan with staff. A lockdown drill with police is scheduled for September 22nd and Fire Drill on September 28th. K-2 teachers are piloting the new Go Math and 5-8 teachers are piloting the Into Math program for the 23-24 school year. A representative from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt joined to provide some introductory training and answer questions. The Special Education department met to discuss new mandates, the NOC process, and department needs. Paraprofessionals met to review schedules, duties, and job roles and responsibilities. Mentors and Mentees checked in with each other. Preschool met to work on Proof of Income documents and score the Dial Assessment. Mrs. Moberg provided MAP training for new staff.
- ❖ 4th Grade students attended Band Instrument Checkout on September 18th. JH Band and Choir students will enjoy a Band/Choir Activity Night on September 22nd 5-7 PM.
- ❖ HSGS/JH is amping up Cardinal Character. Students participated in expectation rotations on September 1st. Expectation posters have been displayed throughout the building. Character lesson flipbooks and access to the Character Counts Website were purchased for staff. Weekly lessons will be taught during a homeroom time that was built into the daily schedule. A wall of awesomeness is displayed in the entryway and two students from each homeroom will be selected each month to be recognized for showing good character. Congratulations to the September students of the month. K-5 students will earn Quarterly Celebrations and JH students will earn effort and conduct

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field trips. Students are awarded Cardinal Cash for showing good character and will visit the Cardinal Store every two weeks to purchase items.

- ❖ The School Store Fundraiser will kick off on September 25th. This fundraiser returned \$9651.84 in total school rewards during the 22-23 school year with \$8400.00 in gift cards donated to classroom teachers to purchase items for their classrooms and \$1251.84 in profit returned to the school.
- ❖ Midterms will be distributed on September 26th.
- ❖ School Picture Day at HSGS/JH will be held on September 27th with retakes on October 11th.
- ❖ HSGS/JH 8th grade students will participate in Career Spark on September 29th at the Peoria CIVIC Center. Career Spark is a career exploration fair where students get to participate in hands-on activities to prepare them for their career path and interact with local professionals from different fields.
- ❖ HSGS/JH is hosting a dental sealant program on October 16th.

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT

VIII 8.02 High School Principal, Dr. Hill:

HENRY-SENACHWINE HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- ✓ Preston Rowe is the September Student of the Month.
- ✓ The school year is off to a great start. Our current enrollment is:
 - Class of 2024: 33
 - Class of 2025: 37
 - Class of 2026 37
 - Class of 2027 43
 - Total: 150**
- ✓ Henry-Senachwine High School earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2023-2024 Best High Schools, released by U.S. News and World Report again this year.
- ✓ NWEA/MAP testing for Sophomores and Freshmen began last week and is wrapping up this week. These students test two times a year at HSHS and will test again in January.
- ✓ A school improvement day was held on September 15th. Staff participated in School Emergency Operations, Threat Assessment, and Law Enforcement Drill review and received Safe School Mandated Training information. Teachers and staff also had time to work on planning/preparation, sub-binder maintenance, SLO prep for evaluations, and participated in department/curriculum collaboration.

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- ✓ The Booster Club met on Wednesday, September 6th. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. The following members are officers for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - President- Kimberly Hartwig
 - Vice President- Julie Harbison
 - Secretary- Melissa Thompson
 - Treasurer- JoBeth Stanbury

- ✓ Bob Summitt took School Pictures on Thursday, September 14th. Tuesday, September 26th is the make-up day

- ✓ Fall Sports are moving along. We will have Senior Night for ALL Fall Sports Teams on Monday, October 16th between the JV and Varsity Volleyball games against Putnam High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

IX Superintendent's Report:

- 9.01 Administrators and Teachers Salary/Benefits Compensation Report
- 9.02 IASB Starved Rock Division Meeting – October 12, 2023
- 9.03 IASB Conference – November 17, 18 & 19, 2023
- 9.04 Disposal of Science chemicals

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

X Discussion Items:

- 10.01 2023 IASB Resolutions Committee Report
- 10.02 HSGS/JH HVAC Phase 1, HVAC Phase 2 & Roofing Projects – Updates
- 10.03 Master Facility Planning

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

XI Motion by James Downey, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 go into executive session at 7:53 p.m. for the purpose of:

- 11.01 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Roll Call: Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried

OUT OF EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion by James Downey, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 come out of executive session at 8:53 p.m..

Roll Call: Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried

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EXECUTIVE
SESSION

XI Motion by James Downey, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 go into executive session at 10:02 p.m. for the purpose of:

11.01 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

11.02 Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Roll Call: Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried

OUT OF EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion by James Downey, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 come out of executive session at 10:28 p.m..

XII Roll Call: Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Earles, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Klein, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko.

Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0. Motion carried

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by James Downey, seconded by Mary Jo Klein, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 adjourn its meeting at 10:31 p.m..

Roll Call: Voice Vote. Motion carried.

 Board President

 Board Secretary

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