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- FEBRUARY 21, 2024 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, February 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m..
- PRESENT II There were present in person: Lori DeWeerth, James Downey, Jeremy Kiesewetter, Melissa Thompson, and Randy Witko comprising a quorum of the Board.
- ABSENT There were absent: Angie Earles and Mary Jo Klein.
- APPROVE AGENDA III Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by James Downey, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the agenda with an **addition or deletion or correction** of the following items:
- 9.05 January 29th Special Board Meeting
9.06 Assessment Appeal
9.07 Facilities Update
- Roll Call: Yea; Downey, Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth.
- Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried.
- RECOGNITION
OF GUESTS
CORRESPONDENCE IV Recognition of guests: Chris Tyra, Angela Kalsto, Donna Kessler, Nick Kessler, Daphaney Kessler, and Aaron Lindstrom.
- 4.01 – Student of the Month – Daphaney Kessler
4.02 – Public Participation
- APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA V Motion by James Downey, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.
- Roll Call: Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey.
- Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried.
- 5.01 Approve the January 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes.
5.02 Approve the BMP bills and payroll.
5.03 Approve the following Volunteer HSHS Assistant Baseball Coaches: Austin Price, Will Meachum, Max Kirbach, and Pierce Westerdahl.
5.04 Approve Derrik Gaspardo as a Volunteer HSHS Assistant Track & Field Coach.
5.05 Approve Christian Dzekunskas as a Volunteer HSGS/JH Assistant Track & Field Coach.
5.06 Accept and approve the resignation from HSHS Assistant Volleyball Coach, Taylor Robbins.

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- APPROVE BILLS,
PAYROLL AND
FINANCIALS
- VI 6.01 Motion by Melissa Thompson, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, 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. February Bills
- Roll Call: Yea; Kiesewetter, Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey.
- Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. 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
- APPROVE FY24
AUDITOR
CONTRACT
- 6.03 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by James Downey, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the annual auditor contract for FY24 with Hopkins & Associates for a fee of \$10,400.00. If a Single Audit is required, there would be an additional fee of \$3,500.00.
- Roll Call: Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Kiesewetter.
- Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried.
- APPROVE
SCHOOL BUS
PURCHASE &
TRADE-INS
- 6.04 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by James Downey, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the School Bus purchases and trade-ins as presented:
- Trade-in #8 2017 Microbird 29 passenger for \$16,000.00
Trade-in #9 2018 Giardin Micro bus 29 passenger for \$20,000.00
Purchase (2) 2021 Microbird 29 passenger buses for \$67,500.00 each
Trade-in #3 2018 Bluebird All American 77 passenger for \$31,000.00
Purchase 2022 Bluebird Vision 77 passenger gas for \$87,500.00
- Roll Call: Yea; Thompson, Yea; Witko, Yea; DeWeerth, Yea; Downey, Yea; Kiesewetter.
- Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried.
- AUTHORIZE
SUPERINTENDENT
TO PURCHASE
DRIVER'S ED CAR
- 6.05 Motion by Melissa Thompson, seconded by Lori DeWeerth, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 authorizes Superintendent Miller to purchase a Driver's Education vehicle as presented:
- Not to exceed \$30,000.00 excluding tax, title and license fees.

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

Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2024-2025 VI 6.06 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by James Downey, that the Board of
SCHOOL Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the 2024-2025 School Year
CALENDAR Calendar, Option A.

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

Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried.

APPROVE BOARD 6.07 Motion by Lori DeWeerth, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of
POLICY Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve Board Policy:
PRESS 7:60 – Residence

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

Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried.

APPROVE 6.08 Motion by Jeremy Kiesewetter, seconded by James Downey, that the Board of
ARCHITECT Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the BCA Architect Schematic
SCHEMATIC Design Service Proposal as presented: Services provided on an hourly basis, not
DESIGN SVC to exceed \$160,000.00.
PROPOSAL

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

Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried.

APPROVE PRE- 6.09 Motion by Lori DeWeerth, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of
CONSTRUCTION Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 approve the MCP Pre-Construction
SERVICE PROPOSAL Service Proposal as presented for schematic design phase, not to exceed
\$2,500.00.

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

Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2. Motion carried

BOARD MEMBER VII Board Member Reports/Requests/Articles:
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
February 21, 2024

- ❖ Henry-Senachwine Grade & Jr. High School currently has 406 students in grades PreK-8 enrolled for the 23-24 school year. There are 4 outplaced students.
- ❖ Congratulations to the HSGS/JH Cardinal Character students for January. Two students are nominated by each homeroom teacher each month for displaying good character throughout the month. Students' pictures will be added to the Wall of Awesomeness and students received a certificate, pencil, and eraser.
- ❖ Congratulations to the Cheer and Dance teams for competing at the state level.
- ❖ The School Improvement Team has completed the Quality Framework Needs Assessment and are currently working on the Root Cause Analysis. Results will be used to develop the School Improvement Plan.
- ❖ Congratulations to the 8th Grade Volleyball for taking 1st Place at the Grand Ridge Tournament.
- ❖ HSGS/JH students participated in Freedom House presentations for Erin's Law February 7-9.
- ❖ 25 JH students will participate in the Teen Showcase on March 14th at IVCC with Mrs. Krebs.
- ❖ HSGS/JH hosted the Pro Kids Show on February 7th. PreK-5 students enjoyed a day performance and families enjoyed a night performance. This was provided by the Sun Foundation Grant through Character Counts.
- ❖ HSGS/JH students celebrated the 100th day of school on February 8th.
- ❖ 3rd Quarter Midterms were distributed on February 13th.
- ❖ Classroom enjoyed Valentine's Day parties on February 14th.
- ❖ Grading/Report Card Committee met on February 15th to review and update the grading criteria for the Student Handbook. Reading, Math, Scheduling, and Handbook Committees will be meeting in the coming weeks to prepare for the 24-25 school year.
- ❖ HSGS/JH participated in a School Improvement Day on February 16th. Staff participated in a Book Blast staff meeting for the Book Blast fundraiser that kicked off on February 19th. Staff participated in a curriculum presentation by McGraw Hill for Reveal Math.
- ❖ HSGS/JH PreK-3 students enjoyed a presentation by the Land of Smiles Dental Show on February 19th.
- ❖ Volleyball 8th Grade Night was held on February 15th. HSGS/JH is hosting the Volleyball LTC February 19-22.

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- ❖ Scholastic Bowl kicks off their season with their first meet on March 11th at Low Point Washburn.
- ❖ HSGS/JH students will participate in the IGSMMA Organizational Contest at Germantown Hills on February 23rd.
- ❖ Staff, students, and parents are currently participating in the 5 Essentials Survey. This will allow them to share thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about the school. This will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement.
- ❖ HSGS/JH will kick off March Book Madness on February 26th.
- ❖ Congratulations to this year's John Ourth Award recipients. The purpose of the John Ourth Student Recognition Breakfast is to honor two exceptional students from each school's outgoing class. The students being recognized exemplify qualities that reflect what our school values most. Congratulations to Emma Gaspardo and Sadie Dugosh! The John Ourth Student Recognition Breakfast will be held on February 29, 8:30-10:30 at Streator High School.
- ❖ Cardinal Corps will be hosting a JH dance on March 1st 6-8 PM.

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT

VIII 8.02 High School Principal, Dr. Hill:

HENRY-SENACHWINE HIGH SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 21, 2024
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Daphaney Kessler is the February Student of the Month. We will recognize Daphaney at the February 21st Board of Education meeting.
- Friday, February 16th was a School Improvement Day. Teachers worked on School Improvement and SEL Classroom Assessment Activities. They also spent time working on Curriculum, Student Learning Objectives, and Department Collaboration.
- School IS in session on Monday, February 19th. This was originally a day off for Presidents Day.
- Winter Athletics are winding down. Girls Basketball finished their season with a loss at Roanoke-Benson in the 1st Round of the IHSA Regional Tournament. Boys Basketball will play at Peoria Heights in the 1st Round of their IHSA Regional Tournament. Scholastic Bowl is about halfway through their season and finish around the first week of March.
- Spring Sports will officially start practices on Monday, February 26th.
- Students, Staff, and Families are in the process of taking the 5Essentials Survey. This is the survey rolled out by ISBE regarding school climate and learning conditions. The survey window is open from January 11th – March 11th.
- Friday, February 9th was our Quarter 3 Midterm date.

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| SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT | IX | <p>Superintendent's Report:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">9.01 HSHS & HSJH Graduation Dates</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">9.02 IASB Constitution and Position Statements</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">9.03 IASB Starved Rock Division Meeting – April 11, 2024</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">9.04 HSGS/JH HVAC Phase I – Update</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">9.05 January 29th Special Meeting – Note for the record that no Special Board Meeting was held due to lack of a quorum.</p> |
| DISCUSSION
ITEMS | X | <p>Discussion Items:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">10.01 Master Facility Planning</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">10.02 HSHS Course Proposals – First Reading</p> |
| EXECUTIVE
SESSION | XI | No executive session was held. |
| ADJOURN MEETING | XII | <p>Motion by James Downey, seconded by Melissa Thompson, that the Board of Education of Henry-Senachwine CUSD 5 adjourn its meeting at 8:53 p.m..</p> <p>Roll Call: Voice Vote. Motion carried.</p> |

Board President

Board Secretary