Board of Education Meeting (Monday, March 12, 2018)

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Board Members Present: Stan Barber, Mike Bodnar, Mike Booth, Jack Macica, Frank Nesbitt, Robert Thivierge and Dr. Sherman
Board Members Absent: Lou Maggiore

President Macica led a moment of reflection for the Stoneman Douglas High School.
1. Opening of Meeting
Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order / Pledge
At 7:00 p.m. President Jack Macica called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Information: 1.2 STA Report
Jason Mehan reported the following:
* The KC Club raised 3031 food items for 100th day celebration to be donated to SAFER.
* The Spanish Club donated 170 books to help support “Project: Cameron’s Story”
* The Spanish Club will be holding the annual 3x3 Basketball Tournament to benefit St. Therese Chapel
* Mr. Belden gave an update on the middle school Robotics Club and thanked the Board for their support
* Camp Chingachgook meeting will be held on March 21st.

2. Board Discussion
Information: 2.1 Safety and Security Overview
Director of Buildings and Grounds Peter Riggi gave a presentation on current safety measures in place and future plans. The principals followed up with a presentation on the culture and environment of the buildings. Dr. Sherman explained the round table discussions that were held with students. He also presented the possibility of hiring a full-time Director of Security Operations.

Action: 2.2 Budget Review 2018-2019
Business Manager Marian Chrisman gave an overview of two options on the budget for the tax rate. The maximum allowable tax levy is 2.042% and the current anticipated tax levy is 1.9%.

3. Board Action - Consent
Action (Consent): 3.1 Approval of consent business items
Recommended Action: To approve the consent items as presented:
* To approve the CSE/CPSE Section 504 recommendations as presented.
* To approve and accept the meeting minutes of February 12, 2018.
* To approve and adopt the second reading of Policy #5741 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Drivers and Other Safety-Sensitive Employees and #7223 Participation in Graduation Ceremonies by Students with Disabilities.
* To declare the following obsolete/surplus: 50 classroom chairs (HS), 150 armchair desks (HS) and 50 student desks (HS) and the attached non-public textbooks.
* To approve and accept the February Treasurer's Report as presented.
4. Board Action
Action: 4.1 CSEA - Non Competitive
Recommended Action:
R. Thivierge moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints Denise Grothaus as a 3 hr cafeteria worker effective March 5, 2018 at an annual salary of $6494. in the non-competitive class of the civil service. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 4.2 Courses Taken
Recommended Action:
R. Thivierge moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to approve salary credit for courses taken for Lindsey Sawtelle for Completion of Master’s Degree. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 4.3 Coach
Recommended Action:
R. Thivierge moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to appoint Ron Hayes as an assistant track coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 4.4 Election Personnel
Recommended Action:
R. Thivierge moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to appoint the following election personnel for the May 15, 2018 vote: Election Inspectors ($100.00 per day) Patricia Behrens, Margaret Chiperno, Ronalee Myers, Kathleen Turcotte, and Lois Miner; Custodian of the Voting Machines ($150.00) Ardeen Demarco, Jr. and Chief Election Inspector Judi Dunkel. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 4.5 Long Term Leave Resignation
Recommended Action:
R. Thivierge moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to accept the resignation of Georgiana Callaghan as a long term substitute effective February 14, 2018. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 4.6 Long Term Appointment
Recommended Action:
R. Thivierge moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED the Board hereby appoints Lee Levine, who possesses a BA of Technology in Animal Science, for Debora Cahan from approximately March 19, 2018 through August 1, 2018 with the salary to be set in accordance with the Teachers’ Collectively Negotiated Agreement, at 1/200th of Step 1 BA of the 2017-2018 Salary Schedule, prorated, based upon full-time status, effective March 19, 2018. Motion carried 6-0

5. Public Comment
Information: 5.1 Public Comments
Community Member and Parent Dan Waldron is a retire police officer. Mr. Waldron stated he came to the meeting to listen and learn. He stated he was pleased with what he heard and recommended we continue to improve and re-examine. Mr. Waldron offered advice to the board, superintendent and principals if needed.
Community Member, employee and guardian Donna Mellen voiced her concern with the buildings during the evening hours.
Community Member and Parents Mr. and Mrs. Jason Proctor agreed with Mr. Waldron. In addition, voiced their feeling regarding the change in procedure with parents eating lunch with their children. They asked that it be re-evaluated to allow parents to attend lunch.

6. Anticipated Executive Session/Adjournment

Action: 6.1 Enter into executive session
Recommended Action:
At 8:20 p.m. p.m. R. Thivierge moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to enter executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 6.2 Return to public session
Recommended Action:
At 9:45 p.m. R. Thivierge moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to adjourn executive session and return to public session and adjourn. Motion carried 6-0