

ALBANY SCHOOL BOARD

JUNE 9, 2020

MINUTES

Present remotely were Tim Sorgi, Jeanette West, Lilli Gilligan, Pam Stimpson and Kevin Richard.

Present remotely from the public were Anne Merrow and Julie Edmonds.

The full meeting was video recorded.

1. Tim Sorgi called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm
2. Approval of Minutes (4-14-2020) - Jeannette West moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020. **The motion was seconded by Tim Sorgi. Jeannette West requested an amendment to the minutes to include under Public Comment item 9 “Jeannette West discussed SB-8 and would like to have a legal opinion regarding the issue”.** The motion to approve the minutes as amended was passed by a unanimous roll call vote: Jeannette West-Yes, Tim Sorgi-Yes.
3. Comments
 - a. Public- none
 - b. Board Member
 - i. SB-8 2017 Law School Choices - Jeannette West presented the need for further discussion on getting a legal opinion on SB-8 and how it pertains to the Albany School District. Senate Bill-8 provides school districts without a school to use their tax dollars to send students to approved private schools. **Jeannette West made a motion to schedule a meeting in one week’s time specifically to discuss SB-8.** There was no second and the motion was defeated. Jeannette West said that she will use her personal funds to seek out legal opinion from an attorney.
 - ii. Albany Tuition Agreement - It was explained that this was included as part of the discussion on SB-8. No action taken.

4. Signing of Checks and Manifest- The manifests were signed electronically. SAU 9 Finance Director Lilli Gilligan provided some clarity about the details of the tuition payments for the 2019-2020 school year.
5. Business Affairs
 - a. Attendance at Meetings- Tim Sorgi (3), Jeannette West (1)
 - b. General Assurances, Requirements, and Definitions for Participation in Federal Formula Grants- **Jeannette West moved to approve the signing of the general assurances. The motion was seconded by Tim Sorgi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote:** Jeannette West-yes, and Tim Sorgi Yes.
 - c. FYI-Program Assurances for Federal Formula Grants
 - d. FYI-Program Assurances for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
 - e. FYI- Audit Letters
6. Superintendent's Report
 - a. COVID-19 Update - Mr. Richard updated the board on KHS graduation, end of the year celebrations, and the SAU 9 Re-entry committee.
7. Any Other Business
 - a. Set Date for Next Meeting – The next meeting will be September 8, 2020.
 - b. Adopt Portrait of a Learner - **Jeannette West moved to adopt the Portrait of a Learner. The motion was seconded by Tim Sorgi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote:** Jeannette West-yes, and Tim Sorgi-Yes.
 - c. Appointment of Representative to Cooperative School District Planning Committee -Tim Sorgi said that he would fill the position for now, but if someone wanted to step in he would remove himself from the committee.
 - d. Accept Resignation of Joseph Ferris- **Tim Sorgi moved to accept the resignation of Joe Ferris. The motion was seconded by Jeannette**

West and passed by a unanimous roll call vote: Tim Sorgi-yes, and Jeannette West-yes.

It was decided that the position for school board would be posted and advertised in the Conway Daily Sun and online at the SAU 9 website. Names of interested candidates would be collected and brought forth to the next school board meeting.

8. Public Comments - Albany School Board treasurer had some questions about special education costs and a breakdown of the final tuition costs. Lilli Gilligan could not provide those until the school year closes.
9. Adjournment -**Jeannette West moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim Sorgi and passed unanimously by roll call at 6:51 pm.** Jeannette West-yes, and Tim Sorgi-yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard, Superintendent