



NUTRITION, HEALTH, & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 18, 2018

Central office

6:00 p.m.

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DATE: 9/24/18

TIME: 11:50 AM

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Champagne
Ed Hendricks
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Stanek
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Wilson, Superintendent
Cindy Brooks, Director of Food Services
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Dr. Hendricks called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Unpaid Meal Balances

Dr. Hendricks asked the final figures on the unpaid meal balances; at the last meeting it was over \$2000.00 and we were going to institute a procedure for the 5th, 8th and 12th graders to not be allowed to participate in the end of the year ceremonies if they owed money. Mrs. Brooks said at the last meeting the figure was \$2713.00 and after the procedure was implemented the total dropped to \$1451.00. Mrs. Brooks said it is very frustrating when she and her staff make phone calls, mail letters home and still some families owe in excess of \$240.00. She doesn't want to have to do "lunch shaming" by offering a different lunch to those students owing money. After discussion the committee was in agreement they didn't want to offer alternate lunches either. In Seymour we won't allow a child to go hungry during the day. Parents need to be informed that the lunch program does not have a line item in the budget, but that the Board of Education is responsible for the amount still owed at the end of the year. This takes money away from other items. Dr. Hendricks and Mr. Wilson are going to draft a procedure to present to the Full Board at the October meeting in which at \$10.00 Mrs. Brooks will send letters home to parents reminding them that they have a negative balance in their child's account. At \$25.00 a letter will go home from the administration of the school asking the parents to set up a meeting with the administration. In the case of divorced parents this procedure will include letters to both parents. The grade 5, 8, and 12 procedure will remain in place.

B. Matters Concerning Security Strategy or the Deployment of Security Personnel or Devices Affecting Public Security-Mr. Stanek

This item was anticipated to go into Executive Session but Mr. Stanek was unable to make this meeting. At this time it was suggested that Mr. Stanek meet with Mr. Kearns independently with his questions. Mr. Wilson and Dr. Hendricks offered to be there if needed.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

Dr. Hendricks asked Mr. Kearns where we are with the security screens. Mr. Kearns said BES is finished, SHS is 95% done. SMS screens are in and need to be installed. CLS screens came in but were the wrong length and we are waiting for the new screens to arrive. Mr. Kearns and Dr. Hendricks also reported that they are looking at school safety programs including grants by the Sandy Hook Promise group. Currently the elementary schools are running a "Kindness Program" that is so well received they are expanding it to the middle school. Dr. Hendricks suggested a "School Safety Fair" or a "School Safety Day". Dr. Hendricks also wanted the committee to be aware that the Nurses Contract has been signed.

B. Superintendent's Report

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec. Dr. Hendricks) to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Dr. Hendricks

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle