MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF

SPARTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #140

RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

HELD AT DISTRICT OFFICE

IN SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT AT 5:00 P.M.

ON THE 30th DAY OF JUNE 2025

The special meeting was called order at 5:01 p.m. by Board President Angela Craig and upon the roll being called, Angela Craig and the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Mekalia Cooper, Christine Ledendecker, Ryan Pillers, Heather Price and Rob Soderlund. Absent: Jennifer Allard. Others present were: Superintendent Chris Miesner; Recording Secretary Tina Witherby; and Mike Schneider of Quadrant Architects.

Board President Angela Craig led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The bids for the Sparta Lincoln School Concession and Renovation project were reviewed.

Ryan Pillers moved, Heather Price seconded to not proceed with the Sparta Lincoln School Concession and Renovation Project at this time. Roll call vote. Yeas: Pillers, Price, Soderlund, Cooper, Ledendecker and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rob Soderlund moved, Heather Price seconded to enter into closed session at 5:10 p.m. to discuss items related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Roll call vote. Yeas: Soderlund, Price, Cooper, Ledendecker, Pillers and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Heather Price seconded to come out of closed session at 5:52 p.m. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Price, Ledendecker, Pillers, Soderlund and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Heather Price seconded to accept the resignation of Alexis Chambers as Biology Teacher at Sparta High School effective June 27, 2025. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Price, Ledendecker, Pillers, Soderlund and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Heather Price moved, Mekalia Cooper seconded to accept the resignation of Alexis Chambers as Assistant Volleyball Coach and Girls’ Track Coach at Sparta High School and as Girls’ Basketball Coach at Sparta Lincoln School effective June 27, 2025. Roll call vote. Yeas: Price, Cooper, Soderlund, Ledendecker, Pillers and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Heather Price seconded to employ Shallyn English as a Full-Time Teacher for the District with seven years of experience for the 2025-2026 school year, subject to

and contingent upon successful completion of a criminal history background check, employment history review, physical and drug screening, along with proper licensure. Roll call vote. Yeas: Cooper, Price, Ledendecker, Pillers, Soderlund and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mekalia Cooper moved, Heather Price seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Cooper, Price, Ledendecker, Pillers, Soderlund and Craig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

JULY 10, 2025 PRES.

APPROVED

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