

APRIL BOARD NOTES

4. We need to hold our public hearing for the start date and calendar. The final calendar has the last day done before Memorial Day and two built in snow days.

5. We need to hold our public hearing on the 2018-2019 Budget and also the hearing for the amendment to the 2017-2018 Budget. This amendment is because of the issuance of the 2018 bonds.

6. The financial reports look good. With only three months to go, we are in a good spot. I expect some additional expenses to come into this year, but we will end in good shape.

6e. Mrs. Lansing recommends Chris Paulus as a third grade teacher. We also have resignations from Jolene Rosonke as preschool teacher and Chad Sweitzer from his varsity basketball coaching position. Jolene has taught for us for 15 years. She also did a couple of years as a paraeducator back in the 80s.

11a. We need to approve the resolutions for the sale of the \$9,415,000 in bonds coming up. There is a lot of paperwork with this. The major item is the POS and making sure you review this. Bob and I will help with the other resolutions.

11b. Mrs. Thronson is doing a Project Based Learning unit with her student. They are going to be studying about the water crisis in Africa. She is going to give them some opportunities to go their own direction in their studies and she feels she may have some who want to do some fundraising to help. Because of the flexibility in what the students may decide to do, she wants to have all opportunities available to them. She is planning to attend to explain it as well.

11c. The FFA Alumni group is looking for permission to start fundraising for the AG/IT addition. In my visit with Merle last night, he thought we should have the bids by the end of this week. If it comes in too high, they probably won't do it. I would recommend we give permission as long as the bids come in within 10% of our expectations or a lower amount.

11d. and 11e. We need to approve our membership in IASB and ISFIS.

11f. We purchased the two propane buses last fall and we didn't get rid of any. Because of this, I would recommend we get rid of our two oldest buses. A reminder that the bus we are replacing this year will be destroyed as part of the \$20,000 grant.

11g. We need to approve Zane Perkins as an EOP graduate

11h. We need to approve the list of graduates for this year.

11i. Iowa BIG North continues to see incredible growth. Dr. Updegraff says she is expecting 50 to 60 students next fall—we already have 40 signed up at this time. In addition, we have Turkey Valley coming on board. We have no efficient way to meet with this number of students in the

afternoon, so we need to add more time slots for them to meet while also supporting Turkey Valley as they come on board. In addition, as Mrs. Anderson continues to see participation in the MOC Program, she will need more time to visit work sites. Because of this, I would like to move Mr. Kuennen to full time in Iowa BIG North next fall. This will give him time throughout the day to meet with students and continue to build partnerships with our businesses. This does create a shortage in Industrial Tech, but Ms. Mattke is willing to return to school to become endorsed in Industrial Technology. We would need to hire an additional Ag instructor to be shared with Turkey Valley and handle our own needs. This all falls in line with our expansion of AG/IT facilities.

11j. Timberline billing handles all of our Medicaid billing. They help us get thousands of dollars in reimbursement each year. I recommend we continue working with them.

11k. The 8th graders would like to go to Minneapolis later in April to view a play The Diary of Anne Frank. This fits with the holocaust unit in social studies and the corresponding unit in English/Language Arts. Since this is an out of state trip, it needs your approval. I recommend you approve it. With our teachers working together, this is an excellent culminating activity.

11l. We need to approve sharing wrestling with Turkey Valley for the 2018-2019 school year. I would ask we do it under the same terms as this year. This needs to be done every year by April 15th so we can let the IHSAA know.

11m. We need to approve having our gym floors recoated. I recommend going with the two coats on each floor. This comes to \$2,550 for the high school and \$1,750 for the middle school. We will also be purchasing some additional supplies. We complete this every year to keep our gym floors in shape.

11n. We need to approve administrator and other support staff contracts. I recommend a 1.5% increase for each with a larger raise for the Technology Director (Jeremiah Cantu) because of the additional responsibilities he's taking on as the only tech person in the district. In addition, in comparing him to other similar positions he was quite a bit lower than others in the same position.

11o. There is talk at the state level about not funding the state backfill that makes up for the Commercial/Industrial property tax reduction that was enacted several years ago. Our district receives about \$88,000 per year in backfill. If that was cut or eliminated, it would be hard for us to respond as our budget is already certified. We would have to cut into reserves to make up the difference.

11p. I will have an update for you on the building project.

11q. We need to purchase some new text books for the high school social studies program and also middle school math. Karen Kayser-Kemp has led the staff through the textbook selection process. I will have final quotes for you by the time of the board meeting.

11r. We would like to bring George Couros (Author of Innovator's Mindset) to the district during the first Professional Development Day in October next fall. Total cost will be \$13,000. I plan to share this with Turkey Valley and pro-rate costs based on number of staff. We need a \$3,000 deposit now with the balance due in the fall. We will use Professional Development funds for this.

11s. I have not received an official request for Odyssey of the Mind yet, but they did qualify for the World Competition last weekend, so I anticipate they will be asking for this and permission to use a school suburban to go to the competition.

11t. If we receive our audit by board meeting time, I will review the highlights with you.

12b. Reminder about the joint board meeting on the 16th in Turkey Valley. It will take place at 6:30. A couple of items of discussion. Mrs.Schmitt has asked to be on the agenda about moving her Family and Consumer Science Contract to New Hampton. In addition, there will be some discussion on the band position.