

April 2021 Board Meeting Notes

4. We need to open the public hearing on the 2021-2022 School Calendar. The purpose is to gain input on the calendar, start date, and our plan to use hours next year.

5c. We are now running ahead of last year in expenses, which I had previously mentioned I thought we would do. No concerns as we're still below the budgeted increase.

5e. We have a resignation from Caleb Ciaverelli. We need to approve Ryan Anderson as the JV Baseball coach for this summer. There may be others by the time of the board meeting.

9a. I will share some thoughts at the meeting on the parking lot. The big thing is we have \$300,000 to allocate to the project now. If we spend the \$300,000 on a part of it. We won't have that amount to spend on the parking lot for several years. This money comes from the SAVE/PPEL funds and we have the majority of those funds committed to paying for the building project, paying the bonds when we air conditioned, and handling our yearly technology and bus purchases. I will have more to share at the meeting.

10a. The bus barn roof is in tough shape. We need to repair it before it starts to leak. We have asked for quotes to put tin on the roof and also install gutters on the lower parts. I recommend we go with Darren Steinlage for the tin as he was the low bid at \$18,500 and I also recommend going with Dave Denner for the gutters (\$2,826) The gutter bid is for the lower roof only and includes leaf guards on the north side of the building. His bid is \$86 higher than the other bidder, but per board policy 705.1 we can give preference to a bidder located in the district "...if the cost and other considerations are relatively equal and they meet the required specifications."

10b. We need to have our elevators inspected throughout the year and this is a contract that will make sure that gets done.

10c. We need to approve our AEA purchasing agreement so we can take advantage of bulk pricing when purchasing supplies for our food service program.

10d. We need to approve this special education contract with the AEA. This is to provide assistance to our staff related to special ed needs throughout the year. I can share more at the meeting.

10e. We need to ask if there are any additional comments on the school calendar and then close the public hearing.

10f. We need to approve the calendar as presented and that we will be going with hours for next year.

10g. Last month our wrestling coaches spoke at the open forum about starting girls wrestling next year. There is growing interest, though we're not sure how much. If we decide to move forward with this, I would recommend an approval based on at least 8 girls signing up next winter when the season starts. We would not issue a contract until then to see how the interest is. This would commit the district to offering a program—but only if the interest is there.

10h. We are going to start making some of our technology purchases for next year. This will allow Mr. Cantu time to get these set up. We are looking at purchases for the high school business computer lab. We are looking at Mac Mini's where you can see the quote for \$16,475 for 25 computers. There will be another cost for \$5,218.75 to Blue Ally for monitors, Keyboard, and Mice.

10i. We need to approve our ISFIS membership for next year. I use them regularly for finance related issues and also to assist when lobbying our legislators.

10j. We need to approve our IASB membership for next year. This is for \$3,710.

10k. We need to approve our 2021 graduates pending completion of graduation requirements.

10l. We need to approve our engagement letter for a consultant to handle our Arbitrage Rebate paperwork. Since we're levying extra funds to prepay some of our bonds and all of that money is being put in escrow where it earns interest, we have to address the issue of arbitrage. Basically, if we invest the funds from a bond issue and earn more in interest for the money than we are paying on the bonds, we must pay that money in. This letter provides a company who will review that and file the necessary paperwork if and when it's required. This is required so I recommend we approve this.

10m. We use Lexia Core in the elementary as a reading instruction supplement. It's used in most classrooms and the teachers find it extremely valuable. We use our Early Literacy funds to purchase it each year, but may use some COVID funds. I will let you know at the board meeting how many years of renewal I recommend.

10n. We've completed negotiations with the teachers and have reached a tentative agreement for a 3 year extension on the language in the contract and a 2 year agreement on salary. It will be 3% next year and 3% the 2022-2023 school year.