

April Board Meeting Notes

IV. We will start with our public hearing on the budget. After the hearing is opened, I will make a couple of comments about the budget. Specifically, that Supplemental State Aid is now set at 2%, and the formula reduced our rate to \$11.97247. That is down from \$12.0210 that we initially published. Then will be the time for public comment and then close the hearing and vote to approve the budget.

V. We also have a public hearing on our calendar, start date, and going with hours. The calendar will be uploaded to the board site and shared.

VI.c. Nothing to note in financials. With 3 months to go, we're sitting pretty good.

VIe. In personnel recommendations we have resignations from Norb Geerts from his custodian position, Katie Fisher from her position of special ed director, Raquel Bohr from her 1st grade position, Kris Ward from High School Spanish, Krissy Anderson from her position as Letterettes sponsor and Gloria Bjergum from food service. We have the following appointments: Abigail Harper as a preschool teacher, Cassandra Michael as an Elementary special ed teacher, Quinten Reicks as an elementary paraeducator, Laurie Thraenert as an administrative assistant in my office, Kim Kuehner as the Varsity Girls Basketball coach, Chad Pemble as Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball coach, Carter Henry as JV football coach, and Carter Markham as 9/10 football coach pending obtaining appropriate licensure .

XIa. Mr. Spratt would like approval to hold another open shop night as a fundraiser for our SkillsUSA group. He will be present to talk about it. I would suggest you allow him to do this when he wants to with administrator approval. This is a good way to get community members into our shop and seeing what we are doing. His first one went very well.

XIb. At our joint meeting we discussed the possibility of sharing a couple of additional positions with Turkey Valley. Christy has spent some time in Turkey Valley and feels that being shared is definitely doable. I propose we share our School Business Official with them and also, I propose we hire a half time transportation director and share ½ of the half-time position with them. The basic idea is that the person would spend 2 hours in the morning in Turkey Valley and approximately 2 hours in the afternoon here in New Hampton. This person would line up subs and handle getting drivers for activity trips as well.

XIc. Also at the joint meeting, it was brought up about having Turkey Valley pay an additional 10% on the superintendent sharing contract next year since the superintendent will be new and he will have to spend additional time getting to know the Turkey Valley school and district. This would be similar to what we did my first year. I will share some feedback from them on this issue.

XId. As the elementary staff has gone through the LETRS training, they've learned they are missing materials to address some key areas involved with the science of reading. These materials will help fill these gaps. There are three quotes and they would like to purchase all 3 sets of items. The first one is \$11,175.77, the second one is \$828 and the third one is \$974. A total cost of \$12,977.77 that will come out of the general fund—the Early Literacy Instruction account.

XIe. The downtown scrubber is at the end of its life, so we need to purchase a new one. I will have quotes and a recommendation by the time of the board meeting.

XIf,g, h. We need to approve our memberships in Iowa School Finance Information Services (ISFIS), Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), and Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI). We utilize ISFIS and IASB extensively with policy and financial issues. RSAI does a great job of keeping us informed of ongoing legislative and other issues related to rural districts like new Hampton. I recommend we continue with these.

XIi. We need to approve our contract with Counseling and Family Services. They provide our outside counseling for our students. It's been a good thing and we pay for this out of At-Risk Funds. I recommend we continue with this.

XIj. We need to approve our 2025 graduates.