

## April Board Notes

4. We need to open the public hearing on the 2023 school calendar and the August 23<sup>rd</sup> start date. We will ask for comments both online and in person and then close the hearing and vote on the calendar for next year and going with hours instead of days.

5c. Nothing too remarkable about financial reports. The increase in salaries is related to paying the teacher's the governor's share of the retention payment. All other staff will receive their payment in April.

5e. We have resignations from Jill Krai as elementary interventionist, Haley Gage as elementary special education instructor, Andrea Fair as preschool teacher, Abigail Feldman from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts, and Alisha Carolan as 3 year old preschool teacher. I recommend Al Nielson for a 1 semester contract for Industrial Technology.

9a. The NEIC conference has been presented with a resolution to remove Waverly-Shell Rock from the conference. I presented it to the conference for their consideration. The superintendent's voted to advance this resolution on a 5-1 vote. It now goes before the boards of each district for their vote. We will then hold another superintendent meeting where we will vote as our boards have voted. I recommend we vote to accept the resolution.

10a. Last month we heard from a group that they would like to see the school start a bowling league. I have placed it on the agenda for your review. I am assuming we will have parents and students here again to speak on the item. I've asked Scott for an estimated start up budget and an estimated yearly costs. I'm sure they will have other information to share. I'm not opposed to this, but would recommend you table it and make a final decision in May. This gives time to get the word out to the community and other parents so if anyone has a comment or concern they can let you or the district know.

10b. There will be some staff here to present a proposal to do some renovation in the courtyard outside the school cafeteria. They have a good plan and costs will be minimal or non-existent for the school. When I first met about this my only requirement was to make sure it's easy to maintain. I feel they have included this in their plan.

10c. We have used Lifetouch for years; however, recently they've been purchased by Shutterfly and the quality and problems have really gotten worst. It's seems to be a common problem as several other districts in the area are also switching. I am recommending we go with Jostens. We already have a relationship with them and it's been positive. We would be joining Charles City, Cresco, South Winneshiek, Tripoli, Waukon, and Waverly in making the switch. Those that used them this year seem rather pleased. One note—they do not do activity photos, but we have

someone kind of local that can do this. You can see additional information in the attachment. Here's a video as well:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfmFz02Hxrc&t=3s>

10d. We need to approve the AEA purchasing agreement. This is the standard agreement we do every year to allow us to participate in the purchasing coop.

10e. This year we had a special education facilitator that we hired a few days each week to help in working with our special education staff. It has worked very well and we would like to continue that next year. You can see the agreement that is attached.

10f. We need to approve our ISFIS membership for next year. This is their standard service and I recommend we continue with them.

10g. We need to approve our IASB membership for next year. We use them extensively and I recommend we continue with them.

10h. This year we joined Rural School Advocates of Iowa. It has been a good organization with its focus on small rural schools. Advocacy is their biggest task and they do a good job with this. They've been a big part of my messaging to legislators around Vouchers and their impact on rural schools. I recommend we continue with them.

10i. We need to approve our 2022 graduates pending completing all graduation requirements.

10j. John Bear came to me with a request to purchase another device to use with our smaller sprayer to spray out grounds and to also pull our grass sprinkler into place and also pull a trailer with our paint equipment on it. We talked about replacing the downtown mower—as it's the oldest mower we have—and using it to pull the above things around at the high school. He didn't want to do that as he feels it still works very well in taking care of the downtown building, plus we have attachments for it that we use regularly. His recommendation is to get a small lawn tractor that is powerful enough to pull these things around. He also asked about getting a mower deck to it. Since we need this to pull things around, it could be used by others if they needed to mow in tight spaces. In the past, we had a cub cadet that was used in this way. Usually around the front of the high school as the old grasshopper we had and the current John Deere can be a little tight to use in those areas. You can see the quotes attached. I will have a recommendation at the meeting.

10k. We have the opportunity to do summer meals again this summer through the end of June. The food service department is willing to do them, but there are some changes to where we can deliver them this year. Essentially, we can only deliver or

serve them North of Main street and West of Linn Avenue. That goes all the way along highway 18 West and Highway 63 north. So we can deliver in North Washington and Alta Vista, but not Ionia, Jericho or even Michelson Park. Anyone under 18 can come from anywhere and come to these areas to pick up meals though. They don't have to live in these areas. We would look to prepare them downtown and deliver them to our area as we did last year. I will share more at the meeting.