

April 15, 2024 School Board Notes

4a. We start with the public hearing on our budget. Nothing has changed from our first meeting. I plan to do a short presentation to review the overall numbers and explain the budget document that was sent out. If you are okay where it is, you will need to approve the 2024-2025 budget.

5. We then hold our public hearing on the calendar. It's looking strongly like the start date will not change as the session will likely end next week. UPDATE—the bill with the start date is on the Senate calendar to be debated on Monday. It includes some charter school items, so we will have to see what happens. I will have you approve both calendars, until we know what happens. A few changes from the last version—mainly on calendar 1. 1. There will be a two hour early dismissal on the first day of school, to allow some teacher work time and to help the young kids adjust. 2. I moved conferences a week later in the fall to get them off of Halloween per staff feedback. 3. Kids will come back on Friday, January 3rd, this is so I can add Easter Monday as a day off—staff feedback was that spring was a long time with less PD days and any days off, getting this break in would help. 4. I added two 2 hour early dismissals, one on March 26th and one on April 30th. These were added since we don't have any PD days in March or April and we need the time to complete the LETRs training that we're doing next year. This will be 175 days, but it will be the least number of hours (1,111) since I've been here. We should be fine as we're required to have 1,080 hours, but if we have 3 snow days, we may have to bring back the kids for 1 day after Memorial day if we don't have enough extra hours at that point. We've done that in the past.

6c. Nothing remarkable in finances. With 3 months to go we're where we expected to be.

6e. Personnel recommendations. We need to approve Laura Schwickerath moving from 9th grade volleyball to JV volleyball coach, Krissy Anderson as our freshmen volleyball coach, Gannon Shekleton as our JJV baseball coach. I recommend Stefanie Thronson for the Literacy Leader position. We have a resignation from Chad Pemble from his middle school musical director position and Karen Kayser-Kemp from her position as curriculum/professional development leader. I may have a transfer or two by the time of the board meeting.

11a. Future Business Leaders of America will be present to ask about attending their National Convention in Orlando Florida in June. They've had a student qualify to compete there. They will also be asking permission to do some fundraising to get the money to attend.

11b. PE is on the curriculum cycle for next year and they would like to purchase a few things for this. The big one is heart rate monitors and related software. This will allow the instructors to track how much the students increase their heart rate and for how long. This will help instill the importance of getting your heart rate up related to personal health. There is also some health books with this purchase. Next month, math will be presenting on their curriculum cycle.

11c. Powerschool is our student information system. We need to approve our contract for next year.

11d. Turkey Valley has asked if we could share a math teacher with them for two periods a day. With Mr. Frerichs returning to the math department full-time we have some excess time available and one of our staff members is willing to do this. This individual will teach 2 periods per day in Turkey Valley, have one period to travel and then be here the rest of the day. Turkey Valley would pay 3/8th of this teacher salary and benefits plus the mileage.

11e. We need to approve our agreement with UNI to allow student teachers and student observers in our classrooms.

11f. The trap team will once again be attending the National Shoot this summer. Since it's out of state this needs board approval. They've always covered all expenses.

11g. We have to create a District Career and Academic Plan and then review it each year. It does need board approval.

11h. We need to approve our membership in ISFIS for next year. We use them throughout the year for budgeting and to keep up with ongoing legislative needs. This will cost approximately \$1,608.

11i. We need to approve our IASB membership for next year. This will cost \$3,641.

11j. We need to approve our RSAI membership for next year. They work on behalf of rural schools and we use them a lot during the legislative session. They cost \$750 per year.

11k. We need to approve our 2024 graduates. A reminder that our May meeting is after graduation.