

August 2018 Board Notes

4b. With only one month into the year, not much to say on finances.

4d. Mr. Schmitt recommends Theresa Havlik as football cheer coach

6—Mr Russ will be sharing some information on one of his students and the National FFA convention.

8a. We need to appoint a student board member. My recommendation is Cameron Maas.

8b. Things have changed with the inoperable school bus. It now looks like it will likely cost \$25,000 to replace the engine in the bus. I will have some more information at the meeting, but you can look at the bids for used ones and a new one.

9a. Representatives from NICC will be here to do a short presentation on what they do for us and their upcoming bond election. It is important to note this is not a tax increase, but a continuation of a tax that has been in place. They have become great partners including the \$100,000 they have contributed to our AG/IT center.

9b. We have some pay applications to be approved for the building project.

9c. Dollars for Scholars is looking to do an ongoing fund-raiser with engraved bricks. You may see the flyer for more information. This is just a draft—but you can see what the intent is. We can talk more at the meeting.

9d. We have 1 bid to seed the 13 acres out back. The bid has two options. One is planting the entire thing to grass and will cost \$32,200. The second option is mostly grass, but has 3 acres of a CRP mix in the northwest corner that is wet. The cost for this is \$28,800. I recommend we go with the second option.

9e. We need to approve fuel bids for the year. Right now it works well with the gas purchased at Kwik Star as it's on the way to the bus barn and the diesel at Five Star as we've never had issues and the drivers are most comfortable there. I will have other thoughts at the meeting.

9f. We need to approve two foreign exchange students. Silje Soreson is from Norway and Viki Izdebska is from Austria.

9g. We have an Opera Iowa contract to approve. \$1,000 of this is paid through a grant and the rest will be paid from Middle School Kwik Star Funds.

9h. When open enrollments into our district meet the deadline or are able to be approved, I simply approve them to not delay anything in the process. If an applicant misses the deadline (March 1st) or doesn't have a good reason to open enroll late, then we must deny the application. Only the board can deny an application. If we deny the application, but

the home district approves it, we will reverse our decision and approve it as well. I will have 5 applicants to present to you to be denied. This is a good problem to have as we do have a few open enrollments coming in this fall.

9i. We need to decide what we would like to do with our school attorney. Beth Hanson has retired effective immediately for us. We have several options. First, we could stay with the firm and work with Steve Weidner on all school related issues. We currently work with him on negotiations issues and he also helped with our building project contracts. Second, we could go out and look for a different firm. My recommendation will be to stay with the firm and Steve Weidner at this time, because he has given us the opinions on our building contracts and those will continue. If we decide we want to change later, we can start the process early in 2019.

9j. Our van we take to Decorah is getting in very poor shape and needs quite a bit of repair. With the age and condition of it, I don't believe it's worth it. I have attached a van bid, but will also have a suburban and Yukon bid by the time of the board meeting. We have a 2017 Silver mini-van that can be used to haul students to Decorah. The Suburban and Yukon get a lot of use and are valuable when taking groups to events/conferences. I will have a recommendation by the time of the meeting.

10a. We will discuss the video Most Likely to Succeed.