

August 2022 Board Notes

4c. Not much to say about financials as it's the first month of the year. They really don't show the new year until the October board meeting.

4e. We need to approve Barb Havlik as a temporary special ed teacher for the first semester and Linda Wright as a temporary high school science teacher for the first semester. We also recommend Gretchen Johnson and Rick Kemp as elementary paraeducators and Allison Mai as a middle school paraeducator, and Trista Hackman as a part-time paraeducator (4 days a week) in the three year old preschool program and to cover other coverage needs.

8a. We need to finish our discussion and choose our financial institution. I will share some thoughts at the meeting. Right now, I would say if the board chooses to switch, please know it may take some time to make it all happen.

8ai. If we change institutions, we need to appoint the individuals who will have access to the accounts and those who will be able to sign for the account. I will share that information at the meeting.

8b. I will have an update on some of the questions that came up about the CWC.

9a. We need to select our student board member.

9b. At the work session, I presented information on the Local Government Risk Pool for Natural Gas. I will have a quote for your consideration at the meeting along with some additional information. Last year we paid \$140,221.62 to Black Hills Energy for Natural Gas. Our range was a low of \$1,363.43 last July to a high of \$30,353.37 in January. They will analyze our usage over the last several years and then provide a contract for a set amount based on that usage. It will be actual cost of the contract plus 25%. If Natural Gas prices increase it will be a good thing. If prices stay the same or decline, it will be a cost to the district. I've received the quote and it has a total cost of \$217,018.04. This includes an additional 34 cents per therm Polar Vortex Fee which comes to \$35,480.54 of this fee. We will be paying that no matter what we do. There is no surcharge on the Polar Vortex Fee. If you subtract the \$35,480.54 Polar Vortex Fee from the \$217,018.04 premium, you're left with \$181,537.50---with the 25% markup gets you pretty close to the \$140,000 that we paid last year. As mentioned at the work session, this is considered "insurance" by the state so we could use our management fund for this if we choose to, but we don't have to. This is a one year agreement that must be renewed each year if we choose to do it. The bottom line is—if we think natural gas prices are going up, we should probably do this. If we think they're staying steady or going down—it would be best to skip this. Bring your crystal balls to the meeting—though I don't think I've ever seen Natural Gas go down in the winter.

9c. We need to approve our fuel bids for the year.

9d. We need to approve our Propane bids for the year.

9e. The cheerleaders would like to do a cheer camp for the young girls. I recommend we approve this. I'm not sure this is a fundraiser as they are doing this to promote cheerleading to the younger girls. They will be charging a fee to participate. Each participant will receive a t-shirt.

9g. We need to appoint a delegate to the special delegate assembly coming up. Tim has always been our delegate in the past. This will be a virtual delegate assembly and takes place on Tuesday, September 13th at 6 p.m. I've included the background information for your review and placed discussion on the agenda if you want to give your delegate any thoughts.