

## August 2024 Board Notes

4c. Not a lot to mention with the financial—we ended they year where we planned. We just started our Audit August 5<sup>th</sup>. Last month we discussed the increase in the district insurance premium. Our Local Risk Natural Gas Pool was also paid this month. Our Management fund is currently negative as we wait for tax money. We budgeted for this expense with our budget for this fiscal year knowing these increases.

4e. We have a few recommendations including Eric Olson as JV Football Coach and Kassie Bercik as Yearbook Sponsor. We would like to recommend making Emily Sanford .75. With increased 3 year old numbers and a waiting list we would like to add a Tuesday/Friday have day section to support our family needs. We would also like to recommend a teacher mentor stipend of \$1000 for the 24-25 school year for the following staff that will be working closely with our first and second year teachers. These staff include: Chad Pemble, Kristy Manson, Brian Schmitt, Erin Moorman, Amber Junk, Diane Ollendick, Lynette Schwickerath, Jamie Wickham, and Stefanie Thronson. We also recomend to pay our Mentor Match teachers \$250 for supporting our veteran teachers that are new to the district. These staff include: Chris Paulus and Jenn Gilbert.

8a. Christy will share the legislative priorities that were submitted to her and the board will make their final recommendations for schoolboard convention.

8c. We recommend the approval of the second reading of policies 501.3; 501.9; 501.9R1; 502.6; 505.2; 603.1; 603.12; 905.3. Note the 106 Policies will not go through a second reading at this time and we will follow current board policy due to a court injunction that Iowa is a part of currently.

9a. We support the Courtyard project that began as a PBL unit by Mrs. Ohrt and continued by Mr. Sittig and Mr. Montieth. Our next phase will be to install turf in the future. We support this fundraiser that will allow students and the community to support this project with no turf not being purchased until funds are secured. Ohrt's Smokehouse will be providing sticks, brats, summer sausage, and other meat bundles to be purchased. Prices are set with a 20% markup of cost that will go to the PBL fund. Mrs. Ohrt will have a flyer to show the board with prices at the board meeting.

9b. Our FFA would like to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness through a fundraiser at the October 11<sup>th</sup> football game. They would like to sell our Pink Mums and have the theme be "pink out". They will sell themed baked goods and other pink products to raise money for the Beyond Pink Foundation.

9c. We would like the authority to order additional iPads due to increased enrollment. We want to wait until the first day of school to purchase to make sure of the quantity of devices needed. We purchase iPads in quantities of 10 to receive a cheaper rate and expediated shipping. In addition to the iPads, we will also need to have protective cases (\$299.50-Amazon per 10) and management software (\$50.40 per 10). The total cost for 10 devices would be \$3289.90. We are currently looking at about 26 new middle school students, but that number could increase or decrease when students return for the first day of school. We would like approval to order up to 30 iPads to meet enrollment needs. We would purchase these devices from the SAVE fund.

9d. Every year we need to transfer monies in the activity account that are negative as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. We have a negative balance in the Baseball Camp (6934) for \$810.68. Our second negative account balance is in the Future Business Leaders of America (7466) for \$3,591.42. Activity Tickets (7461) will cover these accounts to close out the balances for the FY2023. We recommend the authority to make transfers from the Activity Tickets to cover these negative accounts leaving a balance of \$9,992.54.

9e. Each year we enter into agreements with NICC to provide Concurrent enrollment options for our students. We also use the Health Consortium to offer dual credit options for our students looking to go into the health fields. We recommend approving these contracts to provide further opportunities for our students.

9f. We have a student that would like to participate in swimming this fall with Decorah. In the past we have had students swim at Charles City, but they no longer have this program and share with Mason City. We would recommend approving this agreement to allow our student to have this opportunity.

9g. We would like to increase our substitute pay to remain competitive in attracting substitutes. Substitute teacher pay from \$150 per day to \$160 per day. Increase substitute para rate from \$14 per hour to \$15 per hour. Increase substitute nurse rate from \$125 per day to \$132.00 per day. Nurses that substitute in a 1:1 setting with high needs students will be paid at a rate of \$27 per hour.

9h. Hudl is how we are now required to share videos for our sports. They allow us to also stream events online as well. Many other schools are also doing this for their communities. We currently have individual sport subscriptions we pay for some of these services. This will make the entire package more cost effective and allow us to have a camera in the competition gym and also the football field. The Athletic Boosters have paid for half of the team subscriptions in the past and individual programs pay for any additions. We will be able to utilize our Coke contract money to help support our programs in addition to General Athletic Fund. We recommend approval of this Hudl service to help support our coaches and programs as well as our community.

9i. Due to increasing enrollment in the Middle School, we need to purchase two additional cafeteria tables to put in our space. We support the approval of this purchase and would take out of SAVE.

9j. We recommend ordering this additional check-in station for the High School and Superintendent Office. This was missed in the additional order and is needed to replace the current system we have that will have an expiring license shortly. With approval, we will take this out of SAVE.

10c. This will be addressed during the Delegate Assembly. Here's the link for review: <https://ia-sb.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e0acb6236d9a5dbd136a38ef4&id=54cf98c7a6&e=9d4af59add>

