

August Board Meeting Notes

Christy will be filling in for Bob this month as he will be out for awhile.

4d. Nothing much to mention in the financial reports as it's only the first month of the year, but we have planned for an increase in expenses over last year.

4e. We have resignations from Jack Seelhammer as high school softball coach, Denise Burrett as paraeducator, and Chris Zmoos bus driver. We are appointing the following elementary paraeducators—Sheena Balk, Sue Mahoney, Sara Brincks, and Elissa Bundy. High School At-Risk paraeducator and bus driver, Darla Popken. Retha Praska has middle/high school library associate. We may have some additional ones by the time of the board meeting.

8a. We will need to swear in our new student board member at this meeting.

9a. We need to approve the pay applications for the building project. Cresco Builders for \$515,301.85. Young Plumbing and Heating for \$45,220. Schammel Electric for \$36,381. Wisconsin Terrazzo for \$126,746.63.

9b. Heartland Asphalt will be starting our parking lot repairs this week and finish next week before school starts. We have already approved everything except the area near the new cafeteria entrance. There is some debate about who should/would be paying for this. Baker did most of the damage to the area. In the end, we need our parking lot repaired before school starts. I'm leaving this in the hands of FCMG to figure out who should pay. That's what we hired them to do.

9c. We need to approve our volunteer coaches for the year.

9d. We need to do our fuel bids for the year. You can see the bid forms attached. There are some significant differences in the bids this year. I will have more information and a recommendation at the board meeting.

9e. We need to approve our 3 foreign exchange students this year. We have Maruis Seminov from Moldova; Asta Nielsen from Denmark, and Simon Lindquist from Sweden.

9f. We received our bus grant and have a need for a new handicapped bus. When we wrote the grant, we weren't planning on a handicapped bus, but that is the greatest need at this time. We have contacted the DOT, they are administering the grant, and they are okay with us purchasing a handicapped bus, but we must get rid of and destroy the original bus we had in the grant. We will have bids for propane powered handicapped buses. Because we're purchasing them this month, we will not need to put seat belts on them. Any future bus purchases will need them.

9g. Finding bus drivers has become a real challenge for the district. We will be starting the year short 1 driver and we have a custodian permanently assigned to a daily route. In addition, our custodians regularly drive extra-curricular activities for us. Since they are hourly people, they earn a considerable amount of over-time when they drive these activities. I have been researching what other districts are doing and will have more information for you at the board meeting.

9h. Our soft drink contract is up at the end of this school year. Mr. Schmitt has approached Pepsi and Coke for proposals for the coming year. The Coke contract would start with this school year. If we go with Pepsi, it would start next year. They are pretty similar in what they offer. Coke does provide a \$300 scholarship for each year of the contract. Pepsi will provide \$500 of Gatorade each year, but coke already does this with Powerade, though it's not in the contract. I will have more information at the board meeting.

9i. We will hand out our book study books and set up our reading schedule for the book.