

## December 2024 Board Notes

NOTE: Early Start Time

4b. Nothing extraordinary in financials. We're running about \$280,000 ahead of last year, but that is what we expected so no concerns here. All other areas are as expected.

4d. In personnel items, we recommend Caroline Laures as a high school business teacher beginning the second semester. Also, Brad Shatek as our boys golf coach. We have a resignation from Jordan Rommes as Assistant Track coach—this is for the 25-26 school year.

8a. We need to do the second reading of our entry policies for downtown. No changes and a reminder that this will go into effect when Mrs. Steele returns from leave. We will notify parents in early January of the upcoming changes.

9a. Colin Larsen, from Larsen Landscaping, will be in to discuss a proposal to irrigate our football field and also regrade it. He has found enough donors to fund this project so there will be zero cost to the district for this work. This will involve removing all of the grass from the game field, regrading it to eliminate the low spots and making sure we have a 1% graded crown the length of it. They will then install irrigation and reseed it. Mr. McDonald and I met with him on this project and our only concern is the guarantee that the field will be ready in mid-August for our first football game. He is planning to start in Mid-May after the last home track meet and is confident the field will be ready. He will handle all watering, mowing, and fertilizing of the game field next summer to be sure it's ready. With the new irrigation system watering will be automatic and the biggest thing. If I get any documents or drawings, I will upload them before the meeting.

9b. The Future Business Leaders of America Club would like to do a fundraiser for their program. It involves selling bandanas for dogs. I would recommend we do this.

9c. We currently have a 2017 MV-1 that we use to transport our students in wheel chairs. It is starting to have some issues and it is getting harder to find parts for it. When it breaks down, it usually takes some time to get repaired as parts are hunted down for it. We currently use it for two students, but it only hauls one student at a time so we have to stagger pick up and drop off times. We would like to purchase a new van with a ramp to handle this. At this time, the Chrysler Pacifica is the only new one a public school in Iowa can purchase and use. School Bus Sales is the state vendor for this product. We would keep the MV-1 as a spare or to assist with getting both students to school at the same time. If approved, we should have it by the time the second semester starts as School Bus Sales has them in stock in Waterloo. It will cost \$84,400 for this van and it is the only option for a school to get a handicapped van. We do have our handicapped bus which is used for other students—but the bus doesn't meet the needs of all students. I recommend we make this purchase out of special ed funds.

9d. We currently have 3 Suburbans. The oldest is from 2012 when I first started here. It is beginning to show some rust. It did pass inspection this fall, but that could change at any time. In addition, we are finding that we regularly need an additional vehicle so it makes sense to buy one at this time. This would come out of PPEL funds. Karl Chevrolet out of Ankeny has the statewide contract for these vehicles. Vern Laures in town will work with them to get one for us at the state contract pricing which is \$63,785.50. I recommend we do this.

9e. We need to do a request to the School Budget Review Committee for our At-Risk/Drop out prevention funding for next school year in the amount of \$349,769. This funds an interventionist position in each building, covers our Title I reading costs that isn't covered by Title and also pays for our outside counseling. This is local tax dollars, but is something we've done every year and I recommend we do it again next year.

9f. You need to approve your hiring committee for the new superintendent.