

December Board Meeting Notes

4c. A few comments on the financials. First, we are running almost \$100,000 ahead of last year in expenses compared to last year. Much of the difference in salaries and benefits will catch up when we bill Turkey Valley and Charles City for the shared positions. The AEA difference is because of an auditors adjustment from last year and the balance is basically in purchased services. Bob is checking on what the difference is in that area. Second, tax collections are down about \$150,000 year to date. We expect them to be down about \$12,000 for the year as that is what we budgeted. I'm guessing some tax payments are running late to the county so they don't have the money to forward to us. Cash balance is good. We did do less cash reserve this year—so it may decline some as the year progresses—especially if tax collections continue to run behind. Nutrition fund is down some—but I believe we are waiting for a state reimbursement payment—so look for this to improve next month. Activities is down from last year and much of that is related to not hosting state playoff games—though notice the two year trend. We need to keep an eye on this. Local Option is back over 1 million and ISL looks good. We will be looking at summer projects over the next few months.

4d. No Personnel recommendations this month.

6. Because of the limited time, we won't have any student achievement this month.

8. I recommend we approve the second reading.

9a. I recommend we approve the first reading.

9b. We need to approve the School Budget Review Committee's Application for Dropout prevention for \$308,846. You should be aware this is all local tax dollars and is used to fund our Alternative School, at-risk teachers at all three buildings, some is used in our 3 year old preschool, and part of our counselor pay is out of this as well.

9c. We will take a few minutes to allow each of you to share what you learned or found interesting at the school board convention.

9d. I want to talk about changing the format of the school board meetings. Specifically, I want to talk about shortening the time we spend on management issues and devoting more meeting time to student learning. I will have a sample meeting agenda for you and will discuss this with you at the meeting.

9e. This year we are up for our 5 year site visit. I will have some information to share on the visit and some things you can expect. We will have a special work session during the site visit so the representatives from the Department of Education can meet with you.

12. We need to complete my mid-year evaluation. We will go into closed session for this. If we don't have time, we can hold a special meeting or complete it at the January regular meeting.