

December, 2013 School Board Notes

I. Note the different start time of 5:30 because of the elementary concert.

IV. b. Financial reports---Note that expenses are running \$73,829 below last year. The savings is mostly in supplies and purchased services and could catch up some with special ed billings from other districts. Note revenues are up \$164,890 this year compared to last year.

Our cash balance is now ahead of last year—which is good to help us not have to borrow next fall. Please note that the lunch account balance is improving each month and Ms. Hollister’s actions are working to improve this area. The same can be said with Activities as well. It is improving.

Notice the debt fund has over a two million dollar transaction this month. That is the refinancing of the bonds from August.

The SAVE fund is still over a million dollars. We may dip a little below that but it will quickly come back. The other funds have nothing remarkable to note.

d. Several personnel items to address. We have an employee separation with Jackie Andera as a bus driver. Sandra Bohach resigns her position as a part-time cook. Leonard Benson resigns his position as a part-time custodian. Mrs. Kennedy recommends Sheryl Bruch as an elementary secretary, Susan Anderson recommends Paula Gorres be recalled to a part-time para-educator position, and Brad Schmitt recommends Danielle Day as the middle school cheer/dance coach for the remainder of the year while Nicole Rethamel is out having a child. I may have a recommendation for a bus driver by meeting time as well.

VI. Because of the short meeting, we won’t have any student achievement items.

IX. b. We need to approve our application for modified allowable growth for dropout prevention for next year. This will be in the neighborhood of \$308,000. I will have the exact amount by board meeting time. We use these funds to pay for our Alternative school and at risk programs throughout the district. Please note, this is local tax dollars. I recommend we approve this to continue these programs.

c. Our camera system at the elementary/middle school hasn’t worked most of this year because it was struck by lightning. We have earlier approved a system for the high school and he can do both over Christmas break. The cost will be \$16,992.75. I recommend we do this.

d. In preparation for additional devices at the high school, we need to upgrade the wireless network there. This upgrade will allow nearly every teacher to have a classroom set of computers on at the same time. Almost every one of them will have

a wireless radio in each of their classrooms. The cost will be \$19,330 plus some costs for additional wiring runs. I recommend we approve this.

e. Our TLC committee is working hard on our application and I recommend we approve the members.

f. We need to discuss an amount that we would be comfortable setting aside from our SAVE funds for a potential building project. I will have a recommendation and details at the board meeting.

g. It has been recommended that Kim Boos be given a raise from \$15 to \$15.50 per hour. It will be effective October 2, 2013. This raise has no impact on district cost as we are reimbursed for all expenses related to administering this program.

h. See that attached letter related to a pennies for patients fundraiser to be conducted next spring at the high school.