

February Board Notes

4c. January was the first month our expenses were less than last year. We are still well ahead of last year and expect to be through the end of the year. That is calculated in our budgeting.

4e. At this time, I'm have one resignation that will be sharing with you at the meeting.

8a. We will review the progress on the school calendar. Not looking for action, this is more informative at this point. We will review in March and do final approval at the April meeting.

9a. We have some pay applications for this month. These are closeout payments. We have \$5,836.50 to Athletic Seating for the bleachers and \$17,914.35 to Wisconsin Terrazzo. I have taken some items out of the bond fund that could come out of SAVE, but I want to make sure we spend all of the bond funds in a timely manner.

9b. Mr. Rude will like to take some 8th graders to Washington, D.C. in conjunction with his work with Ford's Theater. These students will be presenting their work to you during the student achievement part of the board meeting.

9c. The Spanish Department would like to start some fundraising for their trip to Panama. They are looking at selling Pizza's from M&M fundraising and Kwik Star Cards.

9d. Some students from Iowa BIG North would like to attend a Furniture show in Rochester, MN. We've had students attend this in the past and since it's out of state it requires your approval.

9e. Mrs. Ohrt would again like to take her Physics students to Valley Fair later this spring. The University of Minnesota conducts Physics related activities using some of the rides at the Amusement Park. They attended last year. Again, since it's an out of state trip, it requires board approval.

9f. I'm not sure how this got on here twice, but we only need to approve it once.

9g. Last month you asked me to revise these policies based on new technologies and also what we've been doing. I contacted the Iowa Association of School Boards and went with their recommended language. You can see the changes highlighted in yellow.

9h. We need to approve a resolution to participate in the 101% Budget Guarantee for next year. When we have declining enrollment and low supplemental state aid, we will receive less funding next year. Because of this, the legislature allows us to participate in the Budget Guarantee. This means we will be guaranteed a 1% increase in funding above what we were budgeted to spend this year. One note is that this funding is local property taxes. The caution is that we lose the funding the following year.

9i. I will have a short budget presentation. It may not be the complete presentation—but should give you an idea of where we're heading next year. This is one month earlier than normal because our April meeting takes place after the Budget Certification Date of April 15th.