

FEBRUARY 2015 SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

4. d. I have a resignation from Nicole Rethamel as middle school cheer/dance sponsor. We plan to fill in with Nicole Avenson for the rest of the year. We will pay her on an hourly basis since it's only for a couple of weeks. I also have a resignation from Scott Frerichs as the J.V. Baseball coach. Mr. O'Donnell recommends Jason Speltz as assistant Individual Speech Coach.

4e. We need to approve the contract with Jostens. We have been using them this year and it is going well. The yearbook cost will be \$45 and we pay \$39.

8a. I have the first reading of the policy on the Student School Board Member. Any changes can be made at this time.

9a. Last month we heard from two patrons concerned about the lack of diversity in our Coffee House program in the spring and in our Christmas program and church tour in December. We will likely have some members of the community present who will want to speak on the topic. Everyone who wants to speak will be given 3 minutes to speak. A reminder that once they've said their part, they are now audience members and should not comment or interact during the board's discussion unless the board has a question for them. I will share my recommendations at the board meeting.

9b. The FFA would like to change the use of their funds they raised with the soup supper on January 23rd. Originally, they were going to do the food packaging for the food bank; unfortunately, they didn't raise enough money. They would like to do a hunger banquet instead to raise awareness of hunger issues and donate the remaining funds to the food bank.

9c. One of our compliance issues with the site visit involved our Multicultural/Gender Fair Education policy. We have added the words European American and Native American to the policy.

9d. We will need to pass a resolution requesting participation in the budget guarantee for the 2015-2016 school year. We are doing this because of the low funding amounts that may be coming to us from the state.

9e. I will have a variety of summer project bids for your approval. Some will likely be coming in right up to the board meeting time, so I have them in this part of the meeting.

9f. We need to approve a contract with our soft drink company. We are currently with Pepsi; however, based on the current bid documents I will likely be recommending we go with Coke.

9g. I will present a table showing the amount of expenditure reductions we will need to make for next year based on different negotiations settlement rates and different

Supplemental State Aid rates. None of these expenditure reductions take into account increases in fuel and supplies that may happen because of inflation.

9h. We will need to hold a public hearing next month on our school start date for next year if we start before the legal start date of August 31st. I will be attempting to get a waiver to start on August 24th.

9i. I will have some information to share on the site visit.

10. With budget time almost upon us, I will do a presentation on school district finance.