

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING NOTES

4b. Not much to note in the financial reports. This month we were below last year in costs, but we are fine with our finances and I expect to be about \$600,000 above last year. This will keep us in a healthy place with ESSER funding.

4d. We may have a para-educator to hire by the time of the board meeting. I have a resignation from Shirley Schueller from her position as a one on one para effective at the end of the current school year.

8a. As you know Iowa OSHA said they wouldn't be enforcing the vaccine mandate and the Supreme Court said it cannot be implemented at this time until the case works its way through the court system. With that in mind, we have two choices to make. We can reverse course and eliminate it at the meeting or we can complete the second reading and then suspend it indefinitely until it runs its course through the court system. I'm going to recommend we do the second reading and then suspend it indefinitely so that we have it ready to go in case other legal wrangling takes place or it works its way through the courts and needs to be implemented.

9a, b, and c. are related to refinancing of the bonds that we approved bids for at the special meeting. You can review the attached documents from our bond attorney at Ahlers and Cooney.

9d. We need to approve our district AT Risk/Drop-Out prevention plan for next year. It is very similar to what we're doing this year. I will have it for your review at the board meeting.

9e. We need to approve our request to the School Budget Review Committee for \$304,319 in Modified Supplement Amount for our At Risk/Drop-Out prevention plan. This is not funding but spending authority as these funds come from local property taxes. This is an important program that we've had in place for years and it makes quite a difference for our students.

9f. We need to approve a resolution for \$61,429.50 for a funding request to the School Budget Review Committee for \$61,429.50. This is actual money and we can receive this because we had an increase in preschool enrollment this year compared to last. This is a one time request related to COVID.

9g. It's that time of year to start the discussion of the calendar. We will discuss it each month between now and April and we approve the final version. The first day to legally start school is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. That is a Tuesday this year. Christmas is on a Sunday so we will also discuss do we end school on December 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. I will have a few other things to talk about at the meeting.

9h. We need to approve our member of the Chickasaw County Conference Board. This is an advisory board to the Assessor and meets once per year. Joe held this position in the past.

10b. During the month March we always hold our joint board meeting with Turkey Valley to discuss how things are going and if either board has any concerns or would like to do anything different. This year it is our turn to travel to Turkey Valley for the meeting. They would like to meet at 6 pm on March 14<sup>th</sup> at their place. If this is okay, I will take it back to them for their approval at their February meeting. If you would like another time, I can take that as well.