

January 2023 Board Notes

4b. Nothing too major to note in finances. We have some open enrollment billings which are running late because of the law change, so they will catch up in January. Based on where we're at, this looks really good through the end of December. We're on track to have another good year. I will point out that the Activity Fund is down quite a bit, but would point out the Trapshooting account is ready for the coming year and has purchased quite a few supplies. A note that according to our accounting software, at the end of November the bank had \$687 more than we had on the books and at the end of December the difference was \$378. My office staff has spent considerable time looking for the difference and has worked with the software company, but have not found the issue. The software company has asked that we wait a couple of months and see if it works itself out. It did reduce by \$309 from November to December for no apparent reason—so I believe it may be a software issue. We will see what January brings, but wanted to keep you updated on the issue.

4d. We have resignations prior to December 31 for Bill Glenn from high school business and golf, James Russ from Vocational Agriculture, and Sandra Russ from high school special education.

8a and 8ai. I've attached the latest drawing from the engineer on the parking lot. The lot will have 238 total spaces including 7 handicap spaces by the new entrance. We are going with 10 foot wide spaces to give our students plenty of room to minimize door dings. You can see it includes the addition of several intakes for drainage to get rid of the surface water and it also includes some work on the ditch on the east side to get the water to flow south more instead of into the lot. We're looking to have bids due on February 16th with a public hearing and review of bids at the February 20th board meeting. We will need a motion to send this out for bids and to hold a public hearing on February 20th at 6:30 p.m.

8b. We need to approve the NEIC agreement. Waverly approved it on January 9th along with several other NEIC schools and the rest are scheduled to act on it on the 16th.

9a. There will be some information presented on a proposal for open campus during periods 1 and 8 for students who are taking college classes. The quick version is that if a student has a college class, they don't have to come first or eighth period study hall if they have it. They will have more details at the meeting.

9b. All of the other conference schools have raised their admission by \$1 to events. This will bring admission to \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. I recommend we do this at the beginning of the next school year to avoid any confusion.

9c. We've had issues with the Northwest corner of the downtown building for some time. The top of the wall is leaning back and has opened up a crack. We've caulked it several times, but after awhile it opens up and leaks into the wall. To repair this, we need to tear down the brick to the top of the window and rebuild it back up. We have always used Dave Randall for this.

He has given me a quote of \$110,000 to do this work. At the same time, we will need to redo the roof in this area as it has come loose, but is not leaking. We have also not tuckpointed in this area for quite some time. Tuckpointing the rest of the Northwest corner around to the loading dock has a quote of \$120,000. Dave Randall suggested that we may want to consider this as he will have his scaffolding set up from the bricklaying. I'm not sure we can as we will have additional costs related to the roof and potentially the parking lot. I will share more at the meeting.

9d. We need to approve our At-Risk/Drop out prevention plan. This is similar to what we've done in the past, but I did add some funding for our ELL program since we're seeing a growth there. We need our plan approved so we can apply for the MSA.

9e. If we approved the plan, we need to approve the Modified Supplement Amount (MSA) from the SBRC so we can implement our At-Risk/Drop out prevention plan. A reminder that this is local tax dollars. You're authorizing the administration to apply for MSA from the School Budget Review Committee for \$338,776.

9f. When we have students who attend the Lied Center in Waverly, they charge us Administrative costs for operating the Center. We can ask the SBRC for MSA for our share of those costs which is \$1,955.39. Again, this is not money, but spending authority. We have to spend it, so it makes sense to apply to get it back.

9g. This begins our discussion of the calendar process. It starts in January and will end in April with a public hearing and final approval of the calendar. I'm looking for feedback on having the first day of school on Wednesday, August 23rd and if we want to do an early out on any of the first three days. It's not an action item, just discussion.

9h. I've added this item to the agenda on Saturday afternoon. This is moving fast through the legislature and there are a number of concerns related to this. I thought I would add it to the agenda so we can discuss and possibly have a resolution related to this. It looks like this will pass, though with all of the outside money being spent on advertising, they must be nervous about it. If it does pass, my biggest concern remains the uneven playing field. We provide many services to them already, like Special Ed, Title I, etc. That will not change with this bill, but they will be receiving some of the funding we use for this. In addition, they have no requirement to share their student performance data, what they will spend the money on, etc. Finally, they retain the ability to refuse to enroll any students they don't want to educate and they will continue to kick out those that don't fit their model of their student. If they are going to receive the exact same funding that we are, then they should have to play by some of the same rules. That's my thoughts, as a board we can discuss more on Monday night.

9i. We need to appoint a member to the Chickasaw County Conference Board. Tim has previously held this position.

9j. It doesn't look like we will have the final audit by the time of the board meeting. I will have some information on where we are at with the audit and we can discuss if we would like to take any action.

10b. In March we always hold a joint meeting with Turkey Valley. This year it is our turn to host. I would suggest we do it prior to our March meeting on March 20th i.e. 6:00.