

## January 2024 School Board Notes

4b. Nothing to note in financials. We're on track as expected. Note our cash balance is declining, but we expected and planned for that.

4d. We have a resignation from Tate Hofmeister from his high school P.E. position effective at the end of the current school year. Derek Wight will be transferring from a part-time cook to the full-time (6 hours per day) cook position and we recommend Lois Pickar be hired to fill the part-time position (5.5 hours per day) previously held by Derek. I also recommend we offer a contract to Trever Sittig for the remainder of the year to teach high school biology.

9a. We had one person submit her resignation for the Early Notification Incentive. Kristie Brincks will be retiring at the end of this school year and submitted her resignation in a timely manner for this incentive.

9b. You may remember we agreed to pay \$100,000 toward the costs of remodeling the downtown building for the daycare. We said we would pay \$20,000 per year for 5 years. We are in a good position and I would like to get this off of our books sooner to minimize the impact on future school leadership. So, I'm recommending we pay \$33,000 per year for 3 years. This would speed up the payment and get it off of our books for any future leaders.

9c. Several years ago we started a soccer program. We have been running a co-ed boys program as we haven't had enough girls. This year I heard from a couple of parents that their daughter would play soccer if there was only a girls team. I asked our coach to conduct some meetings to gauge interest in a girls program and also what to expect with our boys program. After the meetings, he tells me he has 22 girls who have said they will go out for soccer if it is offered separately and 16 boys who will go out on a boys team. This data is enough to justify advertising for a girls coach.

9d. We heard from FFA last month that they would like to do the meal packing fundraiser. They would ask your approval this month and will be present to provide some additional details.

9e. We need to approve our At-Risk Plan. It is similar to last year, except I've added some funding to be used for our counseling services that we provide through our local provider. This is important and has previously been paid using ESSER funds, now that they are fully expended, we will use At-Risk funds to provide this service.

9f. I need your authorization to apply to the School Budget Review Committee for \$370,527 in modified supplement amount. This is how we pay for our At-Risk plan. This is not money, but only spending authority. To receive the money, we will tax for it during our budget time.

9g. This is our first discussion on the school start date. The first legal date is August 23<sup>rd</sup> which is a Friday. There is legislation that has been introduced that will move the first day of school to

the first Tuesday after the last day of the Iowa State Fair. If that passes, it will make this point moot. We will keep an eye on that as it will make it easy to create our calendar.

9h. We need to appoint a member to the Chickasaw County Conference board. I believe Tim has held this position in the past.

10b. In March we always hold our joint board meeting with the Turkey Valley School Board to review. It is their turn to host and they would like to meet before their regular board meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Turkey Valley. If this acceptable, I will let them know at their February Board meeting.