

January School Board Notes

4c. Year to date General Fund expenses are running 1.6% ahead of last year. However, you will notice Purchased Services is up \$90,000 for the month of December. This is because we paid some of our open enrollment early this year. We should see it come back next month. All other general fund areas look good. Lunch and activities are below last year this month-something to keep an eye on. Other areas look good.

4e. Mr. Manson recommends Trevor Sittig as a middle school associate and Mrs. Roethler recommends Chris Zmoos as a new bus driver. Mr. Schmitt recommends Kayla Flick as a Volunteer Cheer Coach.

8a. We need to make a decision on soccer. Please check the attachments for the questions and answers that most of you have sent me. I know each of you has received many letters supporting the programs. Feel free to share any thoughts from them at the meeting. For me, these are the big considerations: will this be good for students? Will it harm our other programs? Can we manage this financially? Can we manage this logistically? I will have more to share by the time of the board meeting.

9a. We need to approve the monthly pay applications for the building project.

9b. We have some change orders to approve for the building project. We will have the consultant review them during the work session.

9c. The ELP program would like to do a fundraiser yet this year. See the attachment for details. There will be someone from the class here to speak on it.

9d. We normally purchase a class set of Chromebooks for freshmen each year. I would like to purchase them now so that we can use them to complete the new Iowa Assessments online.

9e. We always start our school calendar discussion in January with the goal of having the final calendar approved at the April board meeting. At this time, I'm looking for your thoughts on a couple of things. First, is the start date, we can legally start on the 23rd of August, but that is a Friday this year. Also, with Christmas falling on Wednesday, we could bring teachers back

on the 2nd (Thursday) and start kids on Friday. Even if we do this, we are still ending school after Memorial day—so that puts graduation on Memorial Day weekend. Not looking for any final decisions—but look over the draft of the calendar and be prepared to share any thoughts you may have.

9f. I'm looking for some direction on the food service program for next year. We've talked about changing to a private service in the past and I'm wondering if you would like me to pursue this for next year with the new building. I have some information to share and we can set up presentations as well. If you want to pursue this, I will prepare RFPs and presentations by the vendors next month or in March. I have attached some of the information I've received.

9g. We need to appoint someone to the Chickasaw Conference board. I believe Joe has done this in the past.

9h. I will have a five year projection to share on our Unspent Authorized Budget. The big unknowns that could most effect it are school enrollment and the amount of Supplemental State Aid given each year.

10c. It's that time of year to have our joint board meeting with Turkey Valley to discuss how things are going and if there are any other opportunities to expand sharing. I would suggest February 4th or 25th as Monday's seem to work. This meeting will be held in New Hampton. Please bring your calendars so we can set an actual date.