

January 20, 2020
School Board Notes

4b. We finally have a month with our expenses are below last year. I anticipate continuing the trend of exceeding last year through the end of the year.

4d. Brad Schmitt recommends Amanda Husak as the assistant Large Group Speech Coach. We have 55 participants this year and we generally hire an assistant when we get over 30 participants.

8a. Last month I asked you if you were interested in allowing us to act as the Fiscal Agent for the Great Plays Daycare Director. I will have some information to share at the meeting, but I'm not sure I will be ready to make a recommendation or we will be ready to make a decision. I will share more at the meeting.

9a. We need to approve the pay applications for the building project. I don't have any yet, but will add them to the notes when I get them.

9b. By the time of the board meeting, I am expecting some bids for removing the block walls in the old shop/new wrestling room area.

9c. We have some excess items from the shop area, Family and Consumer Science area and some miscellaneous items. I have attached a list for your review. Some of the items on the list may not be sold as I've John Bear and the principals to take a look and make sure there is nothing that we have a need for now or into the future. A couple of things I see changing are the custodians could use a welder out in their new shop area. We may use the fridge to replace an older one in one of the lounge areas, and some other tools may be useful for the custodians. In other words, there won't be more items, but some of these items may be taken off the list.

9d. I would like to raise our substitute custodian pay to \$12 per hour. We only have 3 subs and they've been working a lot this year. If we don't raise it, I'm afraid we will have less than 3.

9e. We buy our freshmen new Chromebooks each year. Starting last year, we purchased them in the spring to use them in taking the new statewide assessments. We would like to purchase them again this year. We have a quote for 100 Chromebooks for \$26,643. We also have a need for 30 additional Chromebooks to be placed in a cart for the use by Middle School Students. This will cost \$8,427.47. Total cost will be \$35,070.47 from the SAVE/PPEL Funds.

9f. We need to approve our At-Risk/Drop Out Prevention Plan. We will use a similar plan to in the past with a full time At-Risk person in each building, our alternative program at the high school, and some counseling and building security costs throughout the district. I will present the complete plan at the meeting on Monday night.

9g. We need to approve our request for \$314,752 for Modified Supplemental Amount for At-Risk/Drop-Out Prevention. As I've mentioned before, this is not money, but rather spending authority. To access these funds we will need to levy local taxes for it.

9h. This is just a discussion item. I will review start date options for next year and gather your feedback. We will also look at Christmas Break options and take a look at the whole year. We will continue to review the calendar in February and March with final approval coming in April. During that time I will gather staff and community input and provide that to you as well.

9i. We need to appoint someone to the Chickasaw County Conference Board. Joe has held this position in the past.

9j. I will share an update on the district's financial condition and share some forecasting models of our Unspent Authorized Budget.

10b. We need to discuss Mason City's request for admittance into our conference. We will only be discussing it at this time. My plan is to have you vote on it in February to give us time to gather any necessary information you may need to make a good decision at that time. I will share more at the meeting.