

June Board Meeting Notes

Notice it's in the cafeteria because of library renovation.

IV. Consent agenda items

b. Activity fund balances will have to be moved and adjusted to zero out by the end of the month. General fund expenses were down about \$85,000 for the month—we're still up about \$173,000 for the year compared to last year. Cash balance is \$60,000 ahead of last year—other balances look good.

d. I have a resignation from Kathy Marth from her position as Special Education Teacher. Mrs. Anderson recommends Kayla Christ for our K-7 General Music Position. I will have some other new hires by meeting time as well.

VIII. Old Business

b. We need to finalize our Legislative priorities for next year

IX. New Business

- a. Estes Construction will be here to present their findings on the downtown building.
- b. Our Instructional Support Levy will expire at the end of next year. We need to reauthorize it for another five years in order to keep it in place. I recommend we do this at the July meeting so we are sure it is done. I will also have some suggestions to do some slight revisions. Since we have SAVE funds, it doesn't make sense to continue to use it for buses and vehicles. It expires at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. I have attached the current language and the proposed language. Basically, I'm recommending we put down any legal general fund expense. The General Fund is where we need the support and this will help that.
- c. I will have recommendations for salary increases for the district administrators.
- d. We need to approve contracts with the Howard Winneshiek district for the classes we are providing them. I hope to have that finalized with them by board meeting time.
- e. We will do contracts with Turkey Valley for .2 time Maintenance Director and .2 time Transportation Director as we've done this year. It will state "...or designee."
- f. We need to approve our contract with Charles City for providing half time Spanish to them.

- g. Since we are sharing Mrs. Ayers with Howard-Winn we will need to replace the periods she is teaching there with a part-time person here. I will have more details when the final contract is prepared with Howard Winn.
- h. In doing a survey of conference fees and the increasing cost of materials and supplies, we need to look at increasing our school registration fees. Currently we charge \$35 for grades 9-12 \$33 for grades 1-8 and \$25 for Kindergarten. Here are the conference schools
 - a. Waverly-Shell Rock \$64 for high school; \$47 for middle school; and \$39 for elementary
 - b. Oelwein \$45 for high school; \$45 for middle school; and \$35 for elementary
 - c. Allamakee \$95 for high school; \$85 for junior high; and \$60 for elementary
 - d. Decorah \$53 for high school; \$49 for middle school \$34 for elementary
 - e. Charles City \$50 for high school; \$45 for 6-8; and \$30 for K-5
 - f. I recommend we go to \$45 for high school; \$40 for 5-8; and \$35 for K-4—we will still be one of the lowest in the conference so we may want to revisit next year as well. We also have technology fees on top of this—which I may have a recommendation to change this as well.
- i. We need to approve our membership in IASB for next year
- j. The same for ISFIS
- k. We would like to use some activity funds for some extra weight room supervision that occurred this year. The board needs to approve this transfer.
- l. We need to approve the handbooks for the coming school year.
- m. We need to approve a contract with R5 productions. They do a presentation each fall at the high school. It is well received. We will use At-Risk funds to pay for this.
- n. Mrs. Ferrie will have some information to share on upgrading some copy machines for the downtown building. I'm looking at leasing the machines instead of purchasing them. The entire lease payment is able to be taken from PPEL—normally, we would take the purchase price out of PPEL but still have the service agreement to take out of the General Fund. This will help preserve the general fund.
- o. At the end of the year, Tom and Bob meet on June 30 to pay all bills at the end of the year. You will still see them at the July board meeting.
- p. I will do an update on the district for the year—then we will go into closed session for my evaluation.