

June Board Notes

4d. The only thing to mention on the financial reports is that the general fund is over budget this month. Much of this is related to paying out the salary of the early retirees for the rest of their salary for the year. Normally, this would happen in June—since it happened in May we should see a similar (\$75,000) reduction next month.

4f. We need to approve Kathy Marth as a special education instructor to take the place of Lynette Schwickerath who went to 4th grade. We need to approve Randy Nosbisch as a .25 time instructor. He will teach 1 period a day in Turkey Valley and then have 1 period a day to allow for prep and travel time. This will be pending signing the sharing agreement with Turkey Valley. We will need to approve Michelle Nystel as a STAR Mentor. We may have other personnel items by board meeting time.

9 a. We published \$10.58 as our tax rate. It looks like it will be 4 to 6 cents less than we published. This is related to changes in our student count audit adjustment since we published. Unfortunately, this also means we will receive less money next year than we thought when we published. I will share more information with you at the board meeting.

9b. We need to renew our membership with the Iowa Association of School Boards.

9c. We need to renew our membership with the Iowa School Finance Information Services. This is the organization run by Larry Sigel.

9d. We had previously approved carpeting and painting the high school library. With the latest building plan showing some remodeling in the library, it doesn't make sense to carpet and paint if we may be remodeling in several years. Instead of the carpet, furniture would be purchased to upgrade the library. It will be the same cost as the library carpet and paint would have been. I will have more details at the board meeting.

9e. Last week we approved a contract to share a maintenance director .25 time and a transportation director .25 time with Turkey Valley. I met with the interim superintendent and members of their staff last week and they may only need .20 time of each. I am asking your permission to change it to .20 time for each position if they determine that will best meet their needs. As long as it remains at .20 or above, we will still receive sharing funds from the state. They are supposed to be approving the sharing agreements at their meeting Monday night as well.

9f. I would like to approve a maintenance director position. As we look to move to one building, it doesn't make sense to have two head custodians. In addition, we have approved the sharing of a maintenance director with Turkey Valley. This will be pending the sharing agreement being approved by both districts. I will advertise internally for the position first and salary will be based on experience.

9g. Last year instead of the entire board meeting at the end of the month to approve bills for payment, Tom and Bob met and took care of it. If you're comfortable with that, we can use the same procedure. The board would be authorizing Tom to approve the monthly bills for the end of the fiscal year. You will still see the bills in July, but this allows payment to take place this year.

9h. We need to discuss which financing option we're looking at and I will have an update on the KIDS Committee and their plans for Heartland Days.

9i. I will give a presentation on the school year.

12. We will go into closed session to conduct my evaluation. Please be sure you get your evaluation documents to Tom or bring them with you to the evaluation meeting.