

June School Board Notes

IV. E. With one month to go we are running about 1% ahead of last year in expense. Two notes to this—first, I had planned a 2% increase from last year so we look good there. Second, the support staff had three pay periods this month, so will have two next month so we will capture most of that back. Other areas are looking good. We are going to see a \$20,000 reduction in our EMC insurance premium for next year, so our management will be a little better than originally planned. This is because of our lower Worker's Comp costs. Our casualty actually went up quite a bit, but the worker's comp went down enough to offset it.

IV. G. We need to approve Kelly Hoskins as a third grade teacher, Amanda Kleespies as a third grade teacher, Shannon Stewart as high school guidance counselor and soccer coach, pending obtaining suitable certification, Stefanie Thronson moving to PK-12 Librarian pending obtaining suitable certification, April Schmitt as high school FCS instructor—shared with Turkey Valley next year, Chris Paulus Assistant Wrestling, Morgan Renfer for 7th grade boys track, and a resignation from Chad Pemble for assistant boys track. I anticipate some additional positions by the time of the next board meeting.

VIII. a. We need to approve the pay applications for the building project. Cresco Building Services--\$529,900.50; Young Plumbing--\$257,034.85; Schammel Electric--\$72,200; Iowa Prison Industries; \$158,067.07.

VIIIb. We need to approve student handbooks for the coming year.

VIIIc. We need to approve student fees for next year. There will be some minor increases I will discuss.

VIIId. Last year we got rid of PayForIt as our online payment processor as we had some major problems with them. REV TRAK is used by 70 other schools in Iowa including many that use Powerschool. They have a good front system for parents and an easy to use back end for our office staff. They charge a monthly fee of \$49.95 and a 3.49% transaction fees. It is relatively expensive, but in talking to other schools—this service is worth it. We went with the cheaper option with PayforIt and had lots of problems. Schools using this service say it's very smooth and integrates well with our Powerschool program. I recommend we go ahead with this and the district cover all service charges. I will share more information at the meeting.

VIIIe. Each year we need to make sure all Activity Fund accounts are at zero or have a positive balance. Mr. Schmitt will have a list of transfers to address them. One note, the FFA account is negative and is waiting some grant funding. He will zero that account out by transferring from General Athletics, but he will transfer the funds back when the grant funding is received.

VIII.f. We need to approve our shared positions for next year. These include Superintendent, Business Manager, Transportation Director, Maintenance Director, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Band Instructor, Family and Consumer Science Instructor. We may also be looking at purchasing some ELL time from Turkey Valley as well.

VIII.g. First reading of board policy 507.3 “Communicable Diseases”. We are updating this policy to bring it in line with the Athletic Association. Essentially, if a student athlete is suspected of having a communicable disease, they are immediately removed from practice and competition and may return when a doctor’s note is presented to the Activities Director that they are clear and ready to return to practice/competition. We will apply the same standard to classrooms. If a student is suspected of a communicable disease, they will be sent to the nurse who will then refer the student to the Dr. who will be allowed back into classes after the Dr. clears the student.

VIII.h. We received a bus grant of \$23,750 for a new bus. Some things have changed since we applied for the grant, primarily our handicapped bus is not in very good condition. I plan to have a quote for a new handicapped bus at the meeting—but we haven’t received the paperwork with the timelines for purchase yet, so we change to a regular bus if they won’t allow us to change our request. I’m asking for your authorization to purchase a bus when the guidelines are released.

VIII.i. With the new building coming online and our choice of materials, we’re going to need some additional equipment. The big ones are large area carpet sweepers, classroom vacuums for custodial use, and a carpet scrubber to keep the floors clean. We have several quotes uploaded, but would like to purchase the Advance ES400 XLP from Office world for \$3,707.29; 2 of the Tennant Dual Motor Vacuums at \$499 each; and the IPC Eagle 24” Smartvac at \$2,029.33 from Martin Brothers.

VIII.j. Now that we have the lunchroom area taken care of, we will have a quote for some furniture in that area. We’re trying to make it a welcoming area with multiple uses. In that light, we are looking at a combination of tables and chairs and traditional folding tables to create a better atmosphere while being mindful of the custodian’s work load. It will be for \$47,930.

VIII.k. The AEA is looking at renting some space from us at our downtown building. No one is going into the parts of the 1913 building that were not remodeled and don’t meet fire code. They will be using the middle school office—which was new in 2000 and they will use one classroom that was remodeled in 2000. We are extending the investment the taxpayers made by using the remodeled parts of the facility. They will pay \$700 per month for rent for the space. Having them in the building will be advantageous as we start our therapeutic room as their staff will be more available to assist us as we work with these special students. This is a big win for the district as it provides this very needed service directly to our students.

VIII. We are doing some work in the high school rooms to prepare it for ms music and the ms wrestling program. John had a couple of local contractors look at it, but only one submitted a bid.

VIII. Student Board Member applications are due by this Friday. I don't have any yet, but have been told there are several students completing them. I will have copies of any I receive for you at the meeting.

VIII. We do this each year. We allow Joe and Bob meet to approve any bills to be paid to keep our books clean. The bills are still presented at the July board meeting for your review, but this allows us to get them paid by the end of the fiscal year which gives us much cleaner books.

VIII. I will do a short presentation on the year.

VIII. We need to go into closed session to review our Emergency Operations Plan. Per Iowa Code this is a confidential document which requires the closed session. We will have the administrators and a member of the crisis team present to explain the plan and answer any questions you may have.

VIII. We will come out of close session to approve the District's Emergency Operation Plan.

VIII. We will complete our Book Study.

IX. I will give you a copy of the legislative priorities for IASB. Please review and have your top four selected by the July Board Meeting.

X. It is time for my annual evaluation. I am requesting that it be completed in closed session.