

MAY BOARD NOTES

IV. We will start with our budget amendment for next year. We will do this to keep from having notices in our audit.

V. Nothing too major to discuss in financials. We're down to the last two months of the year. I will point out our cash balance—it is down to last year which is why we levied for additional for next year. Also, management looks to be in a good spot; however, I've been notified from EMC that we are being conditionally renewed in some areas because our increase will be greater than 25%. So, we are \$100,000 ahead of last year, but that likely won't be enough to offset the increase. We usually find out our final number close to or shortly after July 1st.

V.f. In personnel matters we have Kael Myers as a volunteer baseball coach, Jessica Nelson as our Special Education Director and resignations from Steve Pfaffle as Ag Instructor and J Hackman as custodian.

Xa. Mrs. Walz and Mrs. Bercik will be here to give you a brief overview of our preliminary ISASP results.

Xb. They will also review our curriculum review and purchase request for next school year. We have a variety of areas purchasing this year. This includes some remedial materials for literacy. The total will be for \$69,026.14 and this will come from the general fund.

Xc. Jodi Cerwinske has gotten our free/reduced lunch numbers to 51%. Because of this we can offer free summer meals to all students. She will use the downtown kitchen for Little Sprouts Daycare and summer school students and she will serve all other meals from the high/middle school kitchen. She also will be delivering meals to North Washington and Alta Vista. If a student receives free meals because of summer school or daycare, then they would not be eligible for free grab and go meals. Basically, every student receives 1 meal.

Xd. We need to approve our service agreement with Keystone AEA next year. With recent changes we are required to sign up for specific services. We will receive \$146,640 in state funding to pay these costs. The remainder may be used by the district for other services that may come up during the year or with other providers of these services.

Xe. In the past, the AEA received their funding directly from the state. Starting next year, it will be given to the districts and then passed on to the AEAs. This contract will ensure they receive their funding in a timely manner.

Xf. We need to approve fees next year. Driver's Ed is going up \$5 and most meals are going up 10 cents with adult meals going to \$5 which is a state requirement. You will notice the question marks on milk. Jodi asked that we wait on those until after she receives her milk bids as she believes prices may be increasing more than these amounts.

Xg. We have an additional fourth grade classroom next year. We are requiring some additional furniture to properly outfit this classroom. The total is \$7,178.41 and will come out of SAVE funds.

Xh. Our football scoreboard is quite old. Last fall we were working on it up until about 10 minutes before kick-off of our first football game. Mr. McDonald would like to purchase a new one because of its age and reliability. In the past, we approached banks and local businesses to make these purchases and then placed their name as recognition for their contribution. We can no longer do this as they are for profit entities and we are doing advertising for them. The result is that could make our bonds we have issued taxable—they are currently tax free for our lenders. This would have a negative impact and could make our bonds callable. So, Mr. McDonald has \$21,500 in outside funds from the booster clubs, camp accounts, etc. He's looking at the first scoreboard in the attached quote. He is recommending we go with the quote (\$67,883) less the cost of the ad panel (\$2,989) and the Play Clocks (\$7,561) for a net cost of \$57,333. It will also include costs of \$5,000 for I-Beams and \$3,500 for concrete work. He is working to get some of those costs donated. After the fundraising amount, we have up to \$44,333 left to pay. He is asking for the district to cover that amount using SAVE funds. We need a reliable score board and because of its age parts are not easily available and reliability is a concern.

Xi. We need to approve placement agreements with Morningside College and Upper Iowa University. This is so they can place student teachers and directed observation students with us. I recommend we approve this.

Xj. We need to approve the AEA purchasing agreement. This agreement allows are food service program to purchase items at a reduced price as the AEA has negotiated a bulk buy price for all schools. I recommend we approve this.

Xk. We need to approve our District Career Academic Plan. Mr. Manson will present its contents for your review.

Xl. We need to approve our sharing agreement for swimming with Decorah. We do this every year in case we have students who want to do swimming. There is no cost unless we have a student participate. The students are responsible for getting to Decorah.

Xm. The trail committee is looking for an easement to place a drinking fountain/water bottle filler next to the trail near the Southeast corner of the CWC. They plan to run a line across the vacant lot to the East of the CWC to get a water connection. They will maintain it and update/repair as needed. They will pay for all installation costs. They will prepare the easement paperwork after installation so they know the exact location for the easement.

Xn. If you approve item Xm., then this request will follow. We've had our soccer fields for several years. They've been working well, but we haven't had the opportunity to water as needed or provide water to our students during practice. Since the trail committee is installing a fountain and running a new line, I asked if it would be possible if we could upgrade it to a 4 inch

water line and continue it out to our soccer fields. Then we would have water to irrigate the field and provide an option to provide water during soccer practices. They are willing to do this if we pay for the additional costs. I've attached a map to show where the hydrant would go if this is approved. The estimated cost is \$29,000. That's a lot for water to fields that are used in the spring for soccer practice and the fall for football practice. This year we played soccer games on them, but with the newly planted game field, that shouldn't be needed going forward. If you approve this, the cost would come from SAVE funds.

Xo. We have an old 2003 Ford Van. It was last used by the custodians but hasn't been used for a number of years. It's in poor condition and is not currently road worthy. We would like to offer it for sale via sealed bids to eliminate an unused item from the bus barn.

Xp. We've approved raises for teaching staff and the support staff. We now need to approve raises for our other staff members. Many are new so they won't be included this year. However, I recommend 4.85% raises for Jeremiah Cantu and Jodi Cerwinske. I recommend moving Emily Hemesath to \$60,000 per year commensurate with her added responsibilities of human resources, insurance, etc.