

## March Board Notes

4—We need to hold our public hearing for our 2019-2020 budget. Nothing has changed since I presented it to you at our special meeting. As mentioned in the meeting, I expect our tax rate to drop a few more cents after the state receives it. After we close the hearing, we need to approve our budget for next year.

5d. Finances are looking really good right now. We have 4 months left in the school year. I expect things to catch up and still see an increase in overall expenses, but we should feel good where we're at right now. Nutrition and Activities are down a little from where they've been, but no real concerns from my end.

5f. We have a resignation from Sheryl Bruch effective at the end of the year. We have several coaching positions to fill. Maggie Konecne-Varsity Cheer for wrestling, Savannah Anderson for JJV softball, Anthony Hable moving from JJV Baseball to JV baseball, and Amanda Husak as 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls track.

9a. We will take another look at the school calendar. After consulting with our District Leadership Team, we have moved some additional Inservice days to the start of the year. This will have the effect of ending the school year earlier and allow us to devote some extended time to PBL training and work.

9b. It's time to make a final decision on Headstart for the 2019-2020 school year. I know Mrs. Lansing has several options in mind for them and also for the music program, so I'm sure we have adequate space. Also, the AEA has asked about moving their offices to our building as well. I have Mrs. Lansing looking over some options for that as well. I've mentioned to Mrs. Lansing that we cannot maintain the entire downtown campus for the elementary as we will have considerably less custodial staff than we do now. If we can rent out parts, this would help with that. We won't worry about the AEA at this time.

10a. We need to approve the building project Pay Applications for this month.

10b. Mrs. Ohrt would like to take her Physics students to Valley Fair in Minneapolis on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Since it's out of state, it needs board approval. The University of Minnesota will be doing a "Physics Force Live Show" and there will be some other Physics related activities that day. I recommend we approve this.

10c. We have placement agreements with most of the area schools. We need to approve this one with UNI.

10d. The lunch program would like to once again hold their cinnamon roll fund-raiser later this year to help with unpaid lunch accounts. This was very well received last year. I recommend we approve this.

10e. We have started gathering bids for some items for the new building that are not part of the regular contract. In item 10f, I will be explaining more of this. This is for the wiring trays to hold all of the network cables above the ceiling in the new addition. Schammel is the low bid at \$17,160 to install the

cable trays. We had one other bidder who is about \$2,000 higher. I will have the quotes for your review at the meeting.

10f. Based on the latest report from our consultant we still have a little over one million dollars in what we've called our contingency fund. You may recall that we've been told there may be \$500 to \$600 thousand available when the project is completed. We called it our contingency fund, but really part of it is needed for some required items we have known about that were left out of the contract. I will do a presentation on the things that still have to come out of this funding. Specifically, things that were left out of the contract for a variety of reasons. For example, computer networking and wifi access was left out because we can receive a large discount through the government program known as E-rate. In addition, we wanted to choose our own score boards, scorer tables, phone and intercom systems so we get what is compatible with our existing equipment. Also, by doing these things ourselves, we save some money from avoiding the overhead of the contractors. Finally, we have some furniture items we need to purchase. I will have some information on this during the meeting to give you some more specifics.