

May 2024 Board Meeting Notes

4. We need to do our budget amendment. You will notice we increased instruction by \$350,000 and other expenditures by \$450,000. We're likely plenty high in both areas but wanted to make sure we are covered. In instruction, we had 40 additional students at count time and about half that amount again since count date. We've had to purchase additional materials and software to accommodate these additional students. In the "Other" category we had a bus show up earlier than expected and we've began remodeling our first-grade classrooms downtown. All of which were not planned a year ago when we did our budget. This amendment should prevent us from having a mark on our next audit about exceeding our budget.

5c. Nothing too remarkable in the financial reports. We have two months to go and things are looking okay across the board.

5e. We have the following personnel recommendations: Kristina Anderson as Varsity Softball coach for 2024-2025 school year. I may have more by the time of the board meeting.

10a. We will have some staff here to present the K-8 math curriculum requests for next year. They've spent a lot of time on this and feel they've truly found the best to meet the needs of our students. We also need to approve some additional materials for the additional sections of 1st and 3rd grade. That's the "Wonders" PO. K-5 math is \$83,847.23; 6-8 math is \$45,585.36; and the additional items for the additional sections is \$6,490.23. This will come from the general fund building level supplies.

10b. Elementary Playground hours during the summer. I met with representatives from Little Sprouts Daycare. They will have groups of students on the playground pretty consistently from 10:15 to 4:30. Any closure or signage that we do will not impact our needs at all. We will have summer school going on and can use it as needed. I visited with them about their biggest concerns. One is they've had kids riding around the playground on bikes while they've been out there with children as young as three. That creates a safety hazard for anyone at anytime so I recommend we put up a sign not allowing bicycles to be ridden on the playground. I would recommend we close it from 10:15 to 4:30 and prohibit bicycle riding at all times. The brand new city playground is just 4 blocks straight north of our playground. I don't believe it's unreasonable to ask people to use that one during the day.

10c. We need to approve our placement agreement with Luther college. This allows them to bring in student observers and student teachers during the year. I recommend we approve this.

10d. We need to decide if we're going to continue with the Local Government Risk Pool for Natural Gas or LGRP. We've done it the past two years. This year we ended up with what we thought was a good rate, but it was a mild winter. When we started we paid \$217,018 for it. This year we paid \$143,833.70 and next year they are proposing \$138,747.30. This locks in the price for the year and even with a mild year we know exactly what are bill will be.

10e. As we remodel our new 1st grade classrooms, we are taking carpet out of two of them and would like to put down epoxy in them. The carpet in the Head Start classroom is also getting really bad so we would like to replace it as well. We have a quote for \$13,981 to do all three rooms. This would come out of SAVE funds.

10f. I will have a recommendation for principals, my office staff, and the directors— Maintenance, Food Service, and Technology at the board meeting.

10g. Schoology is a learning management system used by staff members to manage classroom assignments and other areas with their students. I recommend we renew this for next year. Cost will be \$7,089.44 for next year.

10h. We need to set the date and time for my annual evaluation. I recommend we do it at the end of the June board meeting and I request it be in closed session.