

## November Board Meeting Notes

4b. Nothing major in financial reports. We're ahead of last year, but we expected that so no concerns with this.

4d. We have a resignation from Pat Praska effective at the end of December. Request for Peyton Anderson as a volunteer wrestling coach—pending obtaining coaching certification. We also need to approve contracts for our Career/Technical Student organization sponsors. Mrs. Schmitt will be the sponsor for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Mr. Spratt will be the sponsor for the Skills USA organization, and Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Farrell will be the cosponsors of Future Business Leaders of America. These organizations are similar to FFA in the vocational Agriculture area. Since they have been working on these since the start of the school year, they will receive the full contract this year—this is the same as the FFA advisor and starts at 5% of the salary schedule.

6a. Christy will review the treasurer's report with you.

We will convene the board and issue the oath to the two re-elected and vote for president and vice-president.

8a. We need to do our committee assignments. Here is last year's assignments: Negotiations committee was Matthews, N. Schwickerath and A. Schwickerath; Facilities committee was Ayers and Denner; Transportation committee was A. Schwickerath and Denner.

8b. I recommend we continue with Steve Weidner as our school attorney.

8c. I recommend we appoint the superintendent as the chief negotiator.

8d. We normally purchase Chromebooks in the winter so they are used for ISASP testing in the spring and are then distributed to the 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the fall. The quote is for \$27,700 for 100 chromebooks plus Google management software for each one.

8e. We would like to offer a registered apprenticeship in Combination Welding to our students. This will start second semester and potential students will work through the program and end up with entry level welding skills that will transfer to any employer. We are partnering with Afnitas to provide this opportunity to our students. Our plans are to start during the second semester and then we hope to add other programs next fall. We are hosting this program and Afnitas is the work experience provider. You can see the materials for more information.

8f. We are looking to start using our electronic time clock software after the first of the year. We will need hardware to operate their software. We could go with Ipads and scanners which would be about ½ the cost; however, we have concerns of the scanners reliably working with the Ipads, so we are asking you to approve the actual items. During our staff meetings last year,

we heard the concerns with time cards so we want this transition to go as smooth as possible and this will make that happen. The cost will be \$14,867.04 and come from SAVE.

8g. The CWC had a light pole break off in a recent wind storm. We've agreed it's best to use money from the maintenance fund to repair it as our insurance deductible is too high to cover it. It looks to be around \$2,000, but I will have a firmer number at the meeting. The CWC took care of having it repaired.

8h. I need your approval to request \$309,981 in modified supplement amount from the School Budget Review Committee. This is for our increased enrollment this year. We have increased enrollment by 40.6 students. This is two more than we previously thought as we had students move into the district and open enroll out, but we weren't aware on count day and there was dispute in the other districts. This is not for cash, but for spending authority that will be added to our Unspent Authorized Budget next year.

8i. I also need your approval to request \$30,845.50 in modified supplement amount from the School Budget Review Committee for LEP instruction past 5 years. Our Limited English students are funded for 5 years. After 5 years of instruction, if they are still not proficient in English we can seek additional authority for them. This is not cash, but spending authority that will be added to our Unspent Authorized Budget next year. If we want the cash, we would have to levy cash reserve for it in the spring when we do our budget.

8j. Eventually we will need snow removal services. We received more bids this year. I haven't talked to anyone but I wonder if the paved lot has something to do with it. In looking at the bids, it looks to me like Brett Ohm will be the low bid option based on our needs. You can review all bids below.

8k. I received a request from the Ministerial Association to expand our policy on gym usage on Sundays. Currently our policy states no youth activities prior to one o'clock in any school facilities. They are asking for 3 exceptions to be made so that youth activities can happen on Sunday morning at least 3 times. Since this is out, I've already had two requests for Sunday morning activities if this passes and this doesn't count the activity that prompted this request. I'm not comfortable being the judge on what activities should be given the exception and which ones shouldn't. My recommendation is to either leave it the same with no access—per the original request or simply open it up to everyone and let parents make the final decision if they want their children to attend a youth activity on Sunday morning or not. Having 3 exceptions and getting 4 or more requests will create problems down the road.

8l. We need to get a school bus purchased. We are having some issues and need to purchase one to stay on track with them. We have one bus that may not pass inspection and we need to be proactive and get one ordered. It will likely take 10 to 12 months to get if we order a new one. We asked the three companies for bids on propane, gas and diesel. Neither Thomas nor IC submitted any bids as they do not have propane or gas available until late next year. They are waiting for Cummins to release a new engine that will run on gas or propane so neither of those

companies are manufacturing gas or propane buses at this time. As mentioned previously we've had some issues with our propane buses as we are limited in where we can get them repaired. School Bus Sales, where we purchased them, is not allowed to work on any fuel system issues on propane buses. So we've taken one to Algona, one to West Union and most recently to a mom and pop shop in Waterloo. Of course, we're not the only district with these issues so these places are busy. All the buses have a fuel line recall that we are trying to get them taken care of but the parts are hard to come by. We were thinking of trying a gasoline bus to see how they go. We'd like to forego a propane at this time until we hear better things on their quality. Our bus mechanic would like to see us stay with Bluebird as they have computer software and spare parts to match their needs. Hoglund did send me quotes for used gasoline buses for \$70,000 each. They are both 65 passenger, 2020 models. One has 67,506 miles and the other has 63,195 miles. They have air brakes with 100 gallon tanks. This would be a different brand—but I wanted you to be aware of all options.

8m. We need an additional vehicle in our fleet. We have a number of vehicles used every day to transport students to and from school as we only have one handicapped bus, plus we have a vehicle that goes to Decorah, plus we transport students to work places and we have a custodian take a vehicle to Turkey Valley every day. I'm looking for a basic used vehicle my custodian can take to Turkey Valley every day and free up the current vehicle for other use. We should have a quote for you at the board meeting.

8n. We have three requests for early graduation. They are on track to have all requirements complete at the end of the semester. The requests are from: Hailey Knock, Ricky Pauley, and Dakota Thiele.