

November Board Notes

4b. Nothing too big to mention in the way of finances. We have the Black Hills Energy listed.

4d. In personnel items, we have recommendations from Mrs. Steele for Sarah Campbell and Abbigail Mizer as elementary Special Education teachers. Mr. Manson recommends Damian Spratt as high school Industrial Technology and Reece Reams for high school Biology/Science. All of these will be pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Also, we have recommendations for Caleb Ciavarelli for girls wrestling and Alex Gisleson for 7th and 8th grade girls wrestling.

5a. We have the second reading of the attached board policies. These are required policies before our December desk audit and come from the Iowa Association of School boards.

7a. We need to complete our committee assignments for the year. This past year we had the following: Negotiations—Matthews, N. Schwickerath and A. Schwickerath. Facilities—Ayers and Denner, Transportation—A. Schwickerath and Denner.

7b. I recommend we stay with Steve Weidner as our school attorney

7c. I recommend myself as the chief negotiator.

7d. We need to approve the purchase of programs for next year's ninth graders. We purchase them now so we can use them for ISASP Testing next spring. The total cost will be \$33,100 for 100 Chromebooks and management licensing.

7e. Mr. Monteith would like to purchase two new 3D printers for the ELP program. The cost is \$9,652.42 and will come out of ELP funds. There is currently \$39,000 in ELP funds.

7f. We have 1 final change order for the track project. It's reduction in cost of \$100 related to the removal of the silt fencing. I recommend we approve this.

7g. The Track Project is complete to our specifications. I recommend we accept this as a finished project.

7h. If we accept the Track Project as complete, then we need to pay the final pay application of \$95 and also pay the retainage of \$16,160.86. Of this amount, the track committee owes \$6,259.76.

7i. We've talked a lot about the parking lot and paving it. If we're ready to move forward with it, I have an agreement with Fehr Graham to begin the process. It will cost \$42,000 for design services and an estimated \$9,000 for construction related services. They will be preparing specs for an asphalt parking lot with an option to make it concrete. The big unknowns are tiling and what the city may require for drainage. I estimate that doing this in asphalt will cost somewhere

around \$450,000. We can make this work—unless some other roof or other repairs come up. We already know we are tuckpointing downtown and doing some roof work adjacent to that.

7j. We need to formally approve the continued use of the current director districts as outlined in the director district map.

7k We need you to authorize the administration to apply to the SBRC for Modified Supplement Amount for increased enrollment. This is not money, but spending authority that will help our Unspent Authorized Budget. Here's the resolution: **The district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$57,821 for increased enrollment in the district.** Ayes _____ Nays _____ The motion _____ by a vote of _____

7l. Same as above but this is for students who open enrolled out who were not on last years head count. Here's the resolution: **The district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$10,841 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment.** Ayes _____ Nays _____ The motion _____ by a vote of _____

7m. Same as above for LEP instruction past 5 years. LEP means Limited English Proficiency. Here's the resolution. **The district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$26,835 related to the English language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2022 certified enrollment headcount.** Ayes _____ Nays _____ The motion _____ by a vote of _____

7n. We use Edgenuity Software in our Education Options program for students who are making up credits or are in our At-Risk Program. This is software that allows them to work online at their own pace to make up or earn credits for graduation. The cost for three years will be \$36,000. We will use ESSER funds for this and it will meet part of the requirement to spend 20% of the ESSER funds on lost learning.

7o. I've had a request from a parent to allow youth groups to use our facilities on Wednesday nights before 5:30. It would mainly be the gym downtown. Several years ago, the board was asked by the Ministerial Association to pass a resolution that prevented any use of our gyms before 1 p.m. on Sundays and anytime after school on Wednesdays. This was because we had Sunday basketball tournaments starting before noon that was interfering with Sunday Church services and parents were practicing with youth groups on Wednesdays after school and in the evening on Wednesday which interfered with religion classes. In response, the board at that time passed such a resolution. In looking at the notes—Tim is the only one who was on the board at that time. We now have a parent request to allow gym use prior to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for youth of all ages. I also have an email from Cory Orr representing the ministerial association giving their blessing for such a change.

7p. We have requests for early graduation from 4 students. Jenna Tank, Ethan Wilson, JT Soltero, and Maleah Short. They are all on track to have enough credits at the end of this semester to be eligible for graduation.

7q. The trapshooting team would like to go to a competition next July in Ohio. They would like to have approval now so that they can begin making preparations. They are asking for the use of school vehicles to go there. They will transport the guns in another vehicle (parent vehicle). Since it's out of state, it needs the boards approval.

7r. I've been in communication with Little Sprouts Children's Center (Formerly Great Plays Daycare) about providing before and after school care for our elementary school. They are interested in doing this. It could provide a great benefit to our families if they could drop their students off as early as 6:30 in the morning. They could then eat breakfast and head to their classes at 8. They would also offer daycare in our building on Wednesdays for our 4 year old students and on the off days for our 3 year olds as well. They are also willing to offer care for our students on inservice days. However, it would require an investment on our part. We are looking to allow them to use the old middle school weight room. Currently baseball uses it for batting practice, but I've talked with Coach McDonald and I believe we can find alternatives for him. We would need to add a bathroom, some counter/cupboard space, redo the flooring and paint the room. There is a closet in the room that has water and sewer right next to it in a custodial closet, so that would help. I will share more at the meeting.

7s. I will share information on the School Performance Profiles (Iowa School Report Cards). You can preview them here:

<https://www.iaschoolperformance.gov/ECP/StateDistrictSchool/DistrictSummary?k=8420&y=2022>

7t. The Boys and Girls Athletic Associations are really promoting and taking a stand on Sportsmanship this year. There is a concern that we are losing many officials because of the poor sportsmanship and bad behavior at high school events. I will share some of the things they are promoting and share more at the meeting.