

November School Board Notes

4d. Financial Reports—General Fund expenses still running somewhat ahead. Other areas look good.

6a. This is our first meeting after the election, so we have some things to wrap up and do. One of them is approve the Treasurer's Report from 2018-2019. Bob will take some time to explain it at the meeting.

6b. We need to accept the abstract of election results from the recent election.

New Board of Education

1. Bob will start the meeting and administer the oath to those reelected.

3. We will then need to elect officers.

7a. We need to approve the pay applications for the project—

7b. We have a first reading of policies here since it's a new board. We don't carry business over from the old board to the new board.

7c. We need to decide our committee assignments for negotiations, facilities, and transportation. Last year negotiations was Baltes, Matthews, and Schwickerath. Facilities was Rosonke and Denner. Transportation was Matthews and Denner.

7d. I recommend we go with Steve Weidner as our school attorney.

7e. I recommend that we stay with me as the chief negotiator.

7f. We need to approve snow plow bids. We only had one response to our requests.

7g. We need to approve our Early Graduates.

7h. Mr. Russ wrote a STEM Best grant for a UTV to be used by the AG department to teach precision agriculture with. He is looking at the Kawasaki model. Grant funds and Perkins funds will cover all but \$500 of the cost.

7i. We've previously talked about ways to improve our communication with our parents and patrons and how we can better get our story out to the community. Apptegy was recommended to me by the Superintendent at Central of Elkader. They create an app that our patrons, students, and community members can download to their phone and have all the information they need about the district. It also allows our principal and/or staff to post things to our Website, Facebook, Twitter all at the same time with one app on their phone. I will share some data at the board meeting about cell phone use and our Facebook pages and also some other information on the app. It is quite expensive, but

the schools I've talked to who are using are clearly in favor of it. Here's a video link to let you look at the back end of it. <https://apptegy.wistia.com/medias/dc78yuufj8>

Also, you may want to check out the Central Webpage as a webpage comes with the app: <https://www.central.k12.ia.us/>

You could also go to the App store on your phone and install their app as it doesn't cost anything and you can learn more about it.

7j. Fidelity Bank would like to put our logo on their customer's debit cards. They are willing to give us \$5 for each logo they put on. I recommend we do this.

7k. We had previously committed to purchasing new musical instruments for the middle school band program. We committed to \$25,000 per year for 4 years. Last year was the fourth year, but with the new building, Mrs. Adam asked to postpone to this year until she saw the space she had available. Now that she knows the space, she is asking for the attached items for this year. This will be the final purchase.

7il Our new classroom windows can be extremely bright which can create some issues when teachers are teaching. I will have a quote for some window covers to help with this.

7j. We finally received our Iowa School Assessment of Student Progress or ISASP results from last spring. I will present some results at the board meeting.