

OCTOBER 2015 SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

4c Monthly financial reports—notice supplies are up and salaries are up. We had a lot of salary cost carryover from summer PD work and we received our paper order \$12,000 and some text books \$38,000 that is adding a lot to it. We need to keep an eye on total expenses as we move forward as spending needs to end up somewhere where we were last year.

4e. Denise Siemons is resigning her position as food service worker. The following are recommended as STAR Mentors: Cora Glaser, Kimberly Rentschler, Katie Hoffman, Tim Wiltgen, Mary Wiltgen, and Cynthia Lantow. These have all had background checks done or they are in progress. We may also have a food service person to approve as well.

9a. Ms. Ferrie will be here to present the elementary SINA plan for your review. We will need to approve this next month.

9b. We need to have a representative on the STAR Mentoring board. We oversee the STAR mentoring program so we have had a board member on their board to act as a liaison between their group and us. I understand Tom has talked to Damian about this position. STAR Mentoring in New Hampton, currently has 17 matched mentors with 3 pending for matches. We currently have 4 boys and 2 girls on the waiting list.

9c. We need to have a representative to the Wellness Center board. The district owns the building and land and we control some of their funds, so we have a person to be a liaison to their board.

9d. Drones are taking off everywhere and now they are showing up at athletic events. The athletic associations have policies at their events and I think we should have policies for our events. It hasn't come up yet, but it will. I have attached proposed policy for your review. I would like to do a first reading this month and a second reading next month.

9e. We need to approve our district goals from our work session. I will get them posted to the website later on Friday.

9f. Last month we had a request to add a bus stop in the northeast part of town. We need to decide will we offer one and if so what guidelines will we establish when having bus stops? I have attached a map for your review. It shows the four current bus stops in town as black stars. There is a black circle around each one and that circle is approximately a one-mile radius. The blue circle is around the elementary/middle school building and is a one-mile radius. Finally, the red star and circle show the requested stop and the one mile radius around it. I can bring the bus that comes from East of town and have them turn up North Pleasant Hill to make the pickup. The bus that goes by that area is full. I would probably have them stop at the intersection of Foley and Milwaukee to make the pickup. I would have them block the intersection so no cars could go from any direction. We

looked at the old phone company building, but I would rather not have students crossing North Pleasant Hill to get on the bus.

9g. I will have an update on enrollment for the board.

10 b. I am looking for everyone's thoughts on offering early retirement this year. If we think we may want to offer this—I would like to get it approved earlier than we normally do. If we're not, we need to let the staff know that as well.

11. I have a 7:30 phone call set up with our attorney to discuss legal strategy. If we're not done with the regular meeting, we will move to my office for the closed session part and return to finish up the rest of the meeting.