

## OCTOBER 2024 BOARD NOTES

### **NOTE 6:00 START TIME BECAUSE OF PARADE OF CHOIRS**

4A. Nothing too remarkable in financial reports. These fell back in line as expected after last month was higher than expected because of some bills that were paid early. I will also draw your attention to General Athletics in the Activity Report which is now positive.

4e. In personnel items I recommend Terry Sittig be approved as a high school paraeducator. We have the following volunteer wrestling coaches to be approved: Ryan Anderson, Caleb Fluggum, Cael Krueger, Tyler Boos, and Peyton Anderson. We also need to approve Logan Peterman as a volunteer boys basketball coach.

8a. We need to do a second reading of board policy 802.4.

9a. We need to review board policy 105. This is now an annual review requirement and only requires one reading.

9b. We need to approve the first reading of board policy 503.8. This is a new policy that follows the IASB recommendation.

9c. First Reading of Board Policies 104, 104.R1, 104.E1, 104.E2, 104.E3—we need to approve these so we have the latest changes in our board policy book.

9d. General Athletics within the Athletics Account started in the hole this year. It's currently \$799.89 to the positive but I would like to make some transfers that were missed over the summer. 1. I recommend we transfer \$10,000 from Activity Tickets to General Athletics and 2. I recommend we transfer \$6,000 from Student Senate Vending (Concession Stand) to General Athletics. This should be enough to create a cushion going forward until revenue comes in for the winter sports.

9e. Our gym sound system has been an ongoing problem for us. We sent our requests to four companies to submit quotes. Two of them came on site to evaluate our situation but only one of them submitted a quote. You will notice a first quote with more information and then an updated quote for less money. We were able to save some money on the quote as we have a lift so they took the rental cost of a lift off the quote. The cost is \$34,123.14 and will come out of SAVE funds.

9f. We partner with Iowa Voc Rehab in working with our students. We need to approve our plan on how that will work. This is a good program for our students and I recommend we approve this.

9g. The past couple of years we have offered an incentive to retiring staff who let us know by December 31<sup>st</sup>. This allows us to start the hiring process starting in January and helps us find the best candidates possible. Last year we did \$50 for each unused sick day the person has remaining at the end of the year. I would recommend we do that again.

9h. I need your permission to ask the SBRC for modified supplement amount or spending authority for our excess English Language Learner costs from last year. Our excess costs were \$91,769.58. Again, this is spending authority and not cash. We did our special ed deficit last month and next month we will do another request for our increasing enrollment. There is really no downside to asking for this as it adds to our Unspent Authorized Budget.

9i. I will have some information to share on the TIF of the new windmills the county is considering. The TIF will not impact our Instructional Support, PPEI, and Debt Service Amounts. In fact we will see an increase in those areas. When fully implemented the additional valuation of the windmills will generate an additional \$34,250 per year on our 33 cent PPEI and an additional \$166,228 per year on our \$1.60 debt levy. That's money the district could use to prepay debt and save the district patrons a substantial amount of interest. One other note—if they didn't do the TIF, we would see our overall rate drop considerably. I will have those numbers for you at the board meeting.

9j. I will have an update on certified enrollment for you at the board meeting. A couple of highlights to share. 1. Our certified enrollment (determines state funding) is up 22.76 students. 2. Our K-12 students served is up 32.76. 3. We are plus 13 for open enrolled in students and our 4 year preschool is plus 11 students. We're in a very good place.