

October Board Meeting Notes
Note Location Change in new cafeteria

If we could move the administrator reports to the beginning—right after the approval of the agenda—then the principals could get back to parent/teacher conferences.

4a. General Fund Expenses were up this month. I mentioned this last month as we had some additional things related to moving to the new building.

4e. Dr. Updegraff recommends Lisa Roberson as the half-time ELL instructor.

8a. We need to do the second and final reading of updated policy 707.6.

9a. We need to approve the pay applications for the building project. They are \$145,311.41 to Cresco Builders, \$27,075 to Young Plumbing and Heating, \$31,014 to Schammel Electric, and \$44,820 to Wisconsin Terrazzo.

9b. We need to approve the substantial completion certificate for the academic portion of the middle school. I will draw your attention to the note that Rooms 211 and above are not approved yet. This is basically when we took possession and the warranty started for this part of the project.

9c. We have some change orders to review and approve. We have previously discussed these and this is just taking care of the paperwork.

9d. and 9e. We have two students who need board approval to attend our district. I will have more explanation at the meeting.

9f. This year we overspent our Special Education funding. So we can ask for the Allowable Growth back for the amount we overspent. This is not money, but spending authority that adds to our Unspent Authorized Budget. This year we overspent it by \$325,764. To give you some history—in 2018 we overspent it by \$293,852; in 2017 we overspent it by \$410,517; in 2016 we overspent it by \$432,712. I recommend we request the full amount which is \$325,764.

9g. We can also request Allowable Growth for New Open Enrolled out students who were not counted last year as we didn't get any funding for them. In addition, we can ask for allowable growth for students who have had 5 years of ELL instruction and are still receiving services. We can request \$33,680 for the new open enrolled out students and \$31,786 for ELL instruction past 5 years. I recommend we request the total of \$65,466. Again, this is not money, just Allowable Growth to benefit our Unspent Authorized Budget.

9h. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Russ would like to start a new club called Interact. This will take the place of the IMPACT Club. The Interact Club is a high school Rotary Club that

is sponsored by the New Hampton Rotary Club. There will be no cost to the district with this club as they will be responsible for any costs they may incur.

9i. The wrestling team would like to participate in a wrestling tournament in Stewartville, Minnesota on Saturday, January 11, 2020. Since it's outside the state of Iowa, our insurance requires board approval for all trips out of state. I recommend we approve this.

9j. The Activity Director, Board President, and I met with a couple of members of the wrestling community to discuss the wrestling room issues. I followed up that meeting with Coach Paulus to make sure he is okay with this as well. After the discussion, the best option to address all issues with the wrestling room being at the CWC is to bring it back to the high school. With that in mind, we would like to convert the old woodshop area and adjacent classroom into the new high school wrestling room. We want to make sure we do this right, so we won't be in it for awhile and may not be in it at all this season. We want to take the time to make sure we have all concerns addressed and also that we have a room that will show the pride that exists in our wrestling program. In the big picture, we plan to take out all the walls that are currently between the classroom, shop, office, and old wood storage areas. That will create one large space. We also plan to enclose the concrete area just outside the back doors of the area to create a space for exercise equipment. We will need to bring in a heating contractor to install a ventilation system that is appropriate for this wrestling room and add a wood subfloor to get the mats off the concrete floor. We will have some graphics and signage to show the history and legacy of our program. That's the big picture as there are a lot of details to work out with that. I've asked Mr. Schmitt and Coach Paulus to work together to create a plan to make this happen and make sure it meets our needs. At this time, I'm looking for you to authorize us to move forward with this and begin looking for contractors to get the demolition process started. I recommend we do this.

9i. All districts must now have a seat belt policy in place. Since we will have a bus with seat belts coming shortly, it is very relevant to us. This is the recommended policy from IASB. If we have the belts present, it makes sense to have everyone use them. I recommend we approve the first reading.

9j. I will have an update on certified enrollment at the board meeting.