

SEPTEMBER 2014 BOARD NOTES

4 B. A couple of notes on financial statements---supplies is running about \$25,000 ahead of last year. As mentioned last month I kept most of this year's purchases in this year. Last year I did many purchases in June. Cash is in good shape to get us through to the first aid payments. Food service is back to a more appropriate level. Local option is where it's expected. We've done a lot with that this summer. ISL—I've taken a lot of our supplies out of this area.

4 C. There are a lot of bills this month. That's fairly typical as we start the year.

4 D. We have resignations from Alona Knutson as a middle school paraeducator and Bob Vorwald as assistant girls basketball coach. John Bear recommends Cody Wilker as a middle school custodian pending him getting his bus driving license. Kelly O'Donnell recommends Emma Pitzenberger as the dance coach. I may have a recommendation from Susan Anderson for a paraeducator by meeting time on Monday evening.

9 B. Some boys will be requesting permission to restore one of our extra tractors. We had them on a garage sale last spring, but they didn't bring the minimum bid. The students would like to restore one of the tractors and make it an FFA tractor for the district. It could be used in parades or possibly have a mower attached to be used in the vineyard.

9 C. We need to approve the treasurer's report. Some highlights to note. 1) General fund balance grew from \$841,585.80 to \$1,077,449.37. This change is primarily because of the cash reserve levy to improve our position. Of course, the Statewide sales tax account has declined, but we've done a lot with it and it's still healthy.

9 D. We need to appoint a Legislative Action Network Representative. Last year it was Joe Rosonke.

9 E. We need to appoint a Delegate Assembly Representative. Last year it was Tom Rasmussen.

9 F. I recommend we appoint Beth Hansen as our school attorney. This will continue as in years past.

9 G. I recommend that I be appointed as Chief Negotiator for the district. I will likely come back later to ask for another individual to be the assistant or back-up person. This person may be an attorney.

9 H. We need to assign our committee members for the year. The big one is always negotiations; however, we will likely need the policy committee to be active with a couple of upcoming policy related items we are looking at. We need to make the following committee assignments. 1) Negotiations, 2) Policy, 3) Transportation, 4) Facilities, 5) CWC

9 I. We need to approve the FFA trip to the National Convention. Either myself or Mr. Russ will have more information at the board meeting.

9 J. We need to approve the request for Allowable Growth to cover our Special Education Deficit. The deficit is \$271,168.74. I recommend we request the allowable growth. \$212,096.81 is tuition paid to other schools for our students.

9 K. We have nearly 50 students in cross country this year in grades 7-12. That is a lot of students for 1 coach to deal with, so Kelly O'Donnell recommends we hire Jenn Gilbert as an assistant cross country coach.

9 L. I will have update on enrollment in our district.

9 M. We will discuss the results of the referendum and talk about where to go from here. At this time, I'm leaning toward taking some time to set up some focus groups of individuals who were opposed to the project to verify if this overall project was too large and they would favor something smaller such as a phased approach or if they want us to simply fix up the downtown building. As we said from the start, this is the community's decision and they have made it. I just want to make sure we're getting the correct message.

10. A. The school board convention is coming up in November. The pre-convention is Wednesday, November 19th; the convention is Thursday, November 20th; and this year there is a board president's workshop on Friday, November 21st. The last two years we have gone down on Tuesday night and attended the preconference on Wednesday and stayed Thursday for the conference. Wednesday's preconference items are three sessions on school finance—basic, intermediate, and advance and one session on Managing Difficult Situations Successfully. Be prepared to let Bob know if you plan to attend so we can get registrations complete and rooms finalized.