

September School Board Notes

4c. Not much to mention in the financial reports. This is only after the first two months. September is when most salaries start coming out for the current school year. I expect a large increase in salaries in September, because of extra time spent by staff over the summer getting moved into the new building. This should be a one time hit and we will get back to normal in October.

4e. At this time, we need to approve Bob Vorwald as the assistant cross country coach. This is a year to year position based on the number of participants at the time of the first meet. We have 32 participants and 30 is the threshold for adding an additional coach.

8a. Last month we took out policy 707.6 to update it to how the audit practice currently works. Currently, the auditors reach out directly to each of you to get your direct input on our practices. In addition, on the last day of our audit, they always conduct an exit interview to let us know of any concerns they have found. This policy creates an audit committee among board members that has at least one board member attending the exit interview to hear directly what is said and also has the opportunity for any questions about anything related to the district finances. This policy makes more sense when you consider how the current audit procedure works.

9a. We need to approve our pay applications for the building project. \$545,700.02 to Cresco Builders, \$46,958.02 to Young Plumbing, \$168,805.17 to Wisconsin Terrazzo, \$159,115.13 to Iowa Prison Industries, \$15,485.64 to Baldwin Carpet, and \$30,891.15 to Anderson Ladd. Anderson Ladd is the gym floor contractor.

9b. There will be representatives from the Spanish Department requesting permission to take a trip out of the country in the summer of 2021. They will also be requesting permission to fundraise for this trip as well.

9c. Kindergarten is doing a small fundraiser related to their Project Based Learning. A representative from Kindergarten or Mrs. Lansing will explain the details.

9d. We still have some additional furniture items needed for the common areas. This is some collaboration furniture for the common spaces. The only remaining items will be some high top tables that we are still looking at for those spaces.

9e. We have some equipment needs for the new shop space. We are looking at an air compressor, dust collector, and welding equipment. Some will be posted Sunday night and some will be presented at the meeting. These are items that current equipment will not meet our needs in the new shop.

9f. We sent out requests to repair the trail behind the wellness center. Per the discussion at the last meeting, we went with concrete with a thicker area where we will be driving over it. We only received one bid back from L & C Builders for \$6,450.

9g. Last month I mentioned we may be looking at Health Insurance for bus drivers. I met with most of the drivers and they did agree this would be a good way to attract more drivers. We talked about a lot of things including student behavior, pay, etc. The biggest concern they expressed to me was last spring when we extended the school day so we didn't have to make up as many days, that reduced the number of days that they drove, so that cut into their total salary for the year. I will have more information at the meeting related to this.

9h. We need to approve the FFA's trip to National Convention. It's in Indianapolis, Indiana this year and runs October 30th to November 2nd

9i. We need to approve our IASB Delegate Representative. Tim has held this position in the past.

9j. Our English Language Learner Program has seen an incredible increase in size from last year to this year. In the past, our ELL student numbers have been in the mid to upper 20s. This year we have well over 40 students in the program. I have surveyed the other conference schools and last week met with the AEA representative to discuss what level we should be at. A lot of factors go into this decision. Mainly it's related to what their level of English proficiency is. I'm still waiting for some follow up information from the AEA and will share what that is at the meeting.

9k. We need to approve our district's LAU Plan which is our plan to educate ELL students. This needs to be updated and approved each year.

9l. This is an informational item. I will be sharing our plan to address the skin issues in the wrestling program for the coming year. We've reached out to the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Department of Public Health who also included the University of Iowa staff to make sure we are covering all of our bases. I will also talk about the background of the current wrestling room and other things we've done up to this point.

9m. I will be sharing some information on the district's finances with a focus on the Unspent Authorized Budget. The CAR will be certified by then.