

## September Board Meeting Notes

4b. It's still early in the year, so nothing remarkable in finances. The new year really starts with September. What we have looks good.

4d. We have over 30 Cross Country Runners so we need to approve our assistant cross country coach, Bob Vorwald.

9a. Mrs. Ward would like to bring her pet dog, Izzy into her classroom. You can see the attached letter and she plans to be at the board meeting. This would be similar to what was done at the elementary with Ms. Good.

9b. We have a late open enrollment request, received August 20<sup>th</sup>, for your consideration. I do not have any details at this time. I will share what I know at the meeting.

9c. The NICC health consortium contract will allow our students to take additional classes in the health careers area. We have a lot of interest, so I recommend we move forward with this.

9d. We need to approve our LAU plan each year. This is our plan for how we will deliver instruction to our English Language Learners. It doesn't change much, but it does require your approval.

9e. I'm asking for your consideration to hire an additional nurse. This would be a two year position paid for out of ESSER funds. We find we still have a lot of needs in this area. Currently secretaries handle these duties when the nurse is in the other building. This creates a number of issues throughout the day, and we have a number of students with some serious health needs.

9f. In the past, we've paid \$500 per month to the CWC for rental of the wrestling room and also other athletic uses. They are proposing reducing it to \$300 per month. In the past, it had been primarily the wrestling room, but we also used it for track in the spring and baseball did some hitting. Baseball has their own hitting space in the downtown building, but track will likely still use it in the spring before they can get outside. Some times the grades will use it as a reward or celebration. During those times, they charge an additional fee for using it.

9g. A part of our ESSER plan is having mental health counseling available at school at no cost for students who want/need it. We will start with a counselor here up to 1 day a week and will expand it as needed based on the number of students who are requesting it. Before a student can meet with the mental health counselor, the parents will be notified and must sign off that they are okay with their child receiving the counseling. The school counselors will be the gateway by making referrals, contacting parents, and handling the schedule. This is a big need and is a part of our ESSER plan.

9h. We need to select our delegate to the School Board convention Delegate Assembly. In the past, this position has been held by Tim.

9i. We ended fiscal year 2021 with a special education deficit of \$342,732. We need to ask the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for that spending authority back. A reminder that this is not cash, it simply adds it back to our Unspent Authorized Budget. If we want the cash, we would need to tax for it using our cash reserve levy. Because of the level of our cash, we will not be levying for this in the near future. For your reference, last year our deficit was \$583,329. The primary reason for the drop in the deficit was how we used some of our ESSER funds to cover some costs. For example, ESSER paid for COVID days and substitutes for all staff including special education staff.

9j. I will share with you our estimated Unspent Authorized budget for the year ending June 30, 2021. With the amount of ESSER funds we received, we saw it increase substantially. We had expected a substantial decrease in our Unspent Authorized Budget starting this year—but with ESSER funds that will change the trajectory by extending it out several years. We also have built our UAB up enough to act as a cushion is needed. I will discuss more at the meeting.