

September Board Notes

Work Session

We will start with this at 5:30. I will share some information on past goals and then we will discuss some goals for the current year.

Regular Meeting

4b. The new year doesn't officially start until September when it comes to finances, so not a lot to note here.

4d. We have the following personnel recommendations: Todd Miller as a high school paraeducator, Joanna Para as an Elementary paraeducator and Andrew Aries as the high school bowling coach pending him getting his coaching authorization. We have a resignation from Trevor Sittig as a high school paraeducator.

7a. I've revised the latest CWC agreement. This is modeled after the agreement from 2010. Our facilities committee met with them and this is what we came up with going forward. I recommend we approve this.

7b. Last month you pulled out the makeup rent and maintenance payments for the CWC as we were uncertain about the future. Now that we have the new agreement, I would recommend that we pay this.

7c. We need to pay for the waterline repair at the CWC. The funds for this will come from the CWC maintenance fund that we both manage. Our board needs to approve it and their board also needs to approve it. If we pay our makeup amount to the fund and the CWC pays their makeup amount, they fund will have enough to cover this repair. \$12,500 for mudjacking and \$14,090.61 to Mick Gage Plumbing for the preparation and waterline repair. This is a total of \$26,590.61. One other note, we are holding \$150,000 in our SAVE account for CWC repairs as well.

8a. Mr. Adam will present a proposal to start an Esports team at the high school—competing against other schools in video games. The sport has 3 seasons (fall, winter, and spring) and a school can participate in 1, 2, or 3 seasons. Applications for the Winter season are due by October 31st. Here's a link to the website for Iowa Esports: <https://www.iahsea.org/home> Community Colleges are getting into Esports—currently NICC and Hawkeye offer scholarships for Esports. There are several other community colleges in the state offering this program, but these are the two in our area. Mr. Adam will have additional information for you.

8b. Mr. Russ would like to take some FFA students to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 26-29. Since it's an out of state trip, this requires your permission. They do all of the fundraising to pay for this trip so there is no cost to the district.

8c. The elementary staff is looking to put together a fundraiser to benefit one of their students who was involved in a recent incident that put her in the hospital. This will be done in conjunction with “Noah’s Kindness Project”. There will be a jar for each teacher who is participating. The student can place money in the jar of the teacher they would like to see get a pie in the face. The teacher at each grade level with the highest amount will get a pie in the face. It’s a good event and I recommend we approve this.

8d. The speech program would like to sell “Speech” t-shirts through Screen Prints as a fundraiser for the speech program. It will likely become an annual event. We already do this for athletics and other activities, so I recommend we approve this as well.

8e. We have the track project complete. During the project we had another change order. It adds \$4,743.19 to the project—you may recall the previous change order deducted \$4,578.47 from the project, so with this change order we have a net change of \$164.72 for the entire project. That’s pretty good for a \$323,152.51 project. You can review the change order to see the things that are impacted.

8f. We need to approve this pay application. The total amount is \$180,776.06—of this amount, \$119,582.72 will come from SAVE and \$61,193.33 will come from the track committee. I’ve notified them of their amount.

8g. A representative will be here from the track committee to make a proposal about adding a concrete patio south of the home bleachers. They will also talk about adding some trees in some places, I’m somewhat concerned about the leaves in the fall and them gathering in the fence and on the track.

8h. Hopefully we won’t need it for a while, but we need to approve snow bids. We received two bids that are attached. I will have a recommendation at the meeting.

8i. Officials Pay---The NEIC conference is looking to increase official’s pay to \$130 for varsity events. In order to stay consistent and competitive in finding officials, we need to increase ours as well. I will have more information and a recommendation at the meeting.

8j. With the increase in officials costs and other costs of running our activity programs the conference has been discussing increasing admissions to athletic events to \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. This is an increase of \$1 for each group. I will have more information and possibly additional information on football at the meeting.

8k. We need to approve our LAU Plan for the current school year. This is our plan on how we will deliver instruction to our English Language Learners. It’s similar to what we’ve done in the past and I recommend we approve this.

8l. We need to approve this Memorandum of Agreement with NICC. This relates to our CTE programming with them. I recommend we approve this.

8m. Since we are switching banks, we need to also switch our credit cards. Since this involves credit, it needs separate board approval. Our plan is to continue as we currently are with two credit cards kept in my office and checked out to individuals as needed. The bank suggested we go with credit cards assigned to individuals who need them, but I feel this gives us more control.

8n. The air conditioner in the high school office has quick working. We've had the technicians in to try to repair it and they tell us it is beyond repair. They are supposed to get me a quote by the time of the board meeting on Monday.

8o. The trapshooting team is looking to purchase a new trailer. They have plenty of funds in their activity account, so they will cover the entire cost. After reviewing the bids, they would like the board to make the final decision on which one to purchase since it will be owned by the school.

8p. We need to purchase a van with a ramp. It's against the law for us to own a van with a lift and if it has a ramp, it must have been put in by the original manufacturer or we cannot own it. There is one company in the United States that did this and they went out of business 8 years ago. We initially reached out to Northeast Iowa Community Action to see what their cost would be and they quoted us \$2,065 per week to transport a child from his/her home to school and back. That works out to \$74,340 per year. That seemed rather steep, so Mr. Schmitt went out looking for a vehicle. He found one that you can see in the attachment. It is a 2014 model that was built in January of 2015. I'm told that when a company goes out of business, federal law requires that replacement parts be available for at least 12 years—so we have some time with it. We've received a quote of \$1,000 to have it picked up in Denver and delivered to us here in New Hampton. You can see the attached quote of \$26,709 and then there will be an additional \$1,000 shipping. This will be a special education expense. Here's the excerpt from Iowa Code:

c. Alteration of this vehicle, following manufacture by the OEM, is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the addition or removal of seats, ramps, wheelchair securement devices and power lifts.

I've attached the complete code section for your review as well. I have verified this with the Department of Education and they have confirmed this is the only vehicle that meets these requirements.

8q. Currently, when we need gas for our gas mowers, UTV, etc. the custodians go to the gas station and fill 5 gallon cans with gasoline and keep them in the custodian garage at the high school until needed. Mr. Bear is requesting a 300 gallon tank to be filled with gas so that they no longer have to get the gas in 5 gallon cans and keep them in the garage. This would be locked and it will require electricity to run the pump. John is getting a quote from Five Star that looks like it will be \$1,600 for the hose, pump, and barrel. We are also waiting on a quote from Stanton Electric to run electricity to it. We've reached out to EMC and their only requirement is that it be at least 40 feet from the garage and 100 feet from the school building. We are planning to put it south of the garage with the diesel barrel we currently have. The diesel barrel is currently behind the greenhouse and is hard to get to as the FFA is using that area for a number of things. The other thing to note is it will increase our annual insurance cost by \$60 for

pollution coverage in case we have a leak. Getting the five gallon cans of gas out of the garage is a good thing.

8r. I was asked to place the No Right Turn On Red signs on the agenda so you can discuss them. I have reached out to Karen Clemens with the city and she tells me the DOT has told them they need to change out the existing signs as they don't meet DOT requirements. They will be going to pairs of signs throughout the intersection. One sign will say "No Right Turn on Red". The other sign will say "7 a.m to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday". That will be everything they are doing. It makes sense to me.

8s. I will have an update on school finances. The CAR was due on the 15th, but because of technical issues on their end it has been pushed back to September 27th. We are essentially done, but there are some warnings that are causing some issues. I will share where I think we are at this point.

8t. After our work session, we may have some goals we want to put in place. This is where we can do this.