

August 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Notes

IV. B. Nothing remarkable to report as far as finances. It's early in the year and we have a lot coming in for the new year and minimal staff over the summer. Salaries are up because of three pay periods in July. Activity Funds are down some and Mr. Schmitt and I have been talking about reducing activity purchases to "needs" and not wants. Our students will always have the proper safety equipment, but we may look at not purchasing some other items to get this fund back where it needs to be.

IV.D. The only resignation I have is for STAR Mentoring as Michelle Nystel will be resigning her position with that program. It doesn't really impact us. We are only acting as the fiduciary agent for the program.

IV. F. This is an agreement with UNI to place student teachers in our classrooms for observations and student teaching. We do this every year.

VI. District AYP Goals. First, our AYP status has been frozen for one year. This means we will remain a SINA school in the elementary for Math and on the watch list for reading in the elementary. We were not on the SINA list in the middle school last year for any area. We made our middle school goals in math and we barely missed it in reading with the sub-group of Low SES students. I expected us to be on the list for reading in the middle school but we're not—so we will continue on. As I mentioned earlier the SINA status is frozen for another year for the elementary school. I will have some data to share at the meeting.

VIII. Last month I handed out handbooks, but didn't have you approve them as I wanted to give Mr. Manson an opportunity to make any changes. We will need to approve them this month.

IX. A. Jordan Holthaus is our only student board member application. He will be at the meeting for his interview with board members. I will have a list of potential questions for you, but you may have your own as well. If you approve of him, you should appoint him at the meeting and he will become our student board member for the year.

IX. B. We have 1 foreign Exchange student so far this year.

IX. C. Ms. Ferrie would like a classroom set of IPADS for the fourth grade. We're getting closer to one to one in the elementary. The purchase will also include a set of cases for them as well. The IPADS will stay at school. The IPADs will cost \$9,375 and the cases will be \$986.58. This will come from Sales Tax funds.

IX. D. I will have a recommendation for fuel bids. One note, I still remember two years ago when we had the majority of our buses gel up on a cold January morning.

IX. E. We provide meals for Head Start and need to approve our agreement with them.

IX. F. As we look forward with our Iowa Big program, I anticipate this growing rapidly. I will have some thoughts and ideas to share with you related to this.

IX. G. We have a lot of excess desks and other miscellaneous items that we would like to get rid of. We will hold a tag sale and then either donate what's left to the Lions club or find some other source to get rid of it.

IX. H. Summer projects are winding down fast. They are still working on the restrooms downtown. We were informed this week, that the dividers will not be in when school starts. The custodians will install temporary ones until the actual ones arrive. Please note there will be no doors on them when school starts, but other facilities will be available.

IX. I. I will have some information on the appeal of the board's decision to the State Board of Education.