

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST BURLINGTON
607 RAMSEY
WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA 52655**

The Board of Directors of the Independent School District of West Burlington will meet at 6:00PM on Monday, February 20, 2017 in the Board Room at 607 Ramsey, West Burlington for its regular monthly meeting.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order by President of Board
2. Roll Call by Board Secretary
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Receive Visitors and Hold Open Forum
6. Read Miscellaneous Communications
7. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - B. Approval of Financial Statements
 - C. Approval of Payment of Bills
 - D. Open Enrollment
 - E. Selected Personnel Issues
8. Business
 - A. Naming the Board Room and High School Gymnasium
 - B. 2017-2018 Teacher Contract
 - C. Preliminary Budget Discussion
9. Administrative Reports
 - A. Superintendent Report
10. Items for Future Agendas
11. Adjournment

Board Notes West Burlington Independent School District

February 20, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Dave Schmitt

We will start at 6:00PM in the WBISD board room.

7. Consent Agenda

D. Open Enrollment

The following students should be approved for open enrollment continuation to West Burlington for the 2016-2017 school year:

Javontae Kessie	Kindergarten
Roger Habib	Grade 1
Kayden Miles-Stout	Grade 3
Eric Lucas-DeGroat	Grade 3

The following students should be approved for open enrollment to Burlington for the 2016-2017 school year:

Helayna Hemphill	Kindergarten
Kristian Dudley	Grade 1

E. Selected Personnel Issues

Resignations

Elementary Special Education – Mindy Dunkin has submitted her resignation from this position due to moving out of State.

High School Science – Julee Sanders-Diehl has submitted her resignation from this position due to moving out of State.

8. Business

- A. Naming the Board Room and High School Gymnasium – I have included a letter which a sports reporter sent to Delmar Walker. Lee is going to speak on who he believes the gym floor should be named after. Jay will share his thoughts on Mark Hagerla board room.

I think we should discuss the ideas at the meeting and take action in April to give board members the opportunity to think about these possibilities and to speak with your constituents. Lee is inviting a few community members to speak on Coach Walker's behalf.

- B. 2017-2018 Teacher Contract – The WBEA and the WBISD bargaining team have agreed to a one year contract. The agreement calls for the board honoring step advancement as well as a \$100 increase on the base. Agreement was also reached to increase the insurance plan from a \$500 single deductible and \$1,000 family deductible to the \$1,000 deductible single and \$2,000 family. This essentially freezes premium costs for one year. The insurance plan changes better align with the private sector coverages. Total package is an estimated \$84,224 and a 1.69% package increase. The rest of contract remains intact for the 2017-2018 school year. Dan and Andy met with me, then the teachers bargaining team Friday afternoon. The WBEA has ratified the contract. I recommends approval.
- C. Preliminary Budget Discussion – As we ask the board to approve the teacher's contract for the 2017-2018 school year, we now turn our attention to certifying our budget. I have PRELIMINARY numbers and thoughts. These are subject to change as we continue working on developing next fiscal year's budget. I do have some items to share:

Budget Guarantee – State law calls for board approval of a resolution to participate in the budget guarantee. Budget guarantee allows school districts to maintain their spending authority when budget enrollment decreases. WBISD decreased 26.50 actual enrollment (budget). This negatively impacts our budget authority. WBISD increased 20.10 open enrolled in students. This helps our cash position (money in the bank). Our negative budget number is \$173,000. Multiply the number of students we are short by the per pupil amount. The budget guarantee is part of the school funding formula. The board must pass a budget guarantee resolution to maintain the spending authority. A school district can use the cash reserve to actually assess local property taxes to fund the guarantee with cash. At this time I am proposing to not levy taxes on the \$71,000 of cash reserve maximum amount. I will be recommending passage of the Budget Guarantee at the March regular board meeting.

Instructional Support Levy – This is a five year board approved levy in which the funds can be used in the same capacity as general fund monies. FY 17 called for \$232,848 which takes \$1.49 of local property taxes to fund. The State underfunds the ISL by about \$90,000. ISL funds are also included in the finance formula. WBISD relies heavily on these monies to fund our instructional program. I will recommend board approval at the regular March meeting to authorize collection of the ISL funds for another 5 years. This levy has been in place long before I came to WB.

Preliminary projections show next year's overall levy going to \$14.05 up from this FY's \$13.83. This factors in "reupping" the ISL, claiming the budget guarantee authority (but not \$71,000 in cash), and setting the Management fund at a bare bones level. Raising the overall levy only 22 cents. With a budget enrollment decline of 26.5 students is great news in my book. This would be the first overall levy increase in my 7 years as the WBISD superintendent

9. Administrative Reports
 - A. Superintendent's Report
10. Items for Future Agendas

REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2017

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington met for a regular meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 16, 2017 in the board room located at 607 Ramsey in West Burlington. Presiding over the meeting was President Hockett with all members answering roll call.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Boughton and seconded by Fry to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Receive Visitors/Open Forum: None

Miscellaneous Communications: None

Approval of Consent Agenda – the following items were listed under the consent agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
- B. Approval of Financial Statements
- C. Approval of Payment of Bills – the bills were audited by Boughton and Hockett: activity - \$4046.95; nutrition - \$14017.56 and gen/other - \$65742.52
- D. Open Enrollment – the following students should be approved for open enrollment for FY17 under “just cause”:

Ke'Marion Noblin	Kdg
Bella Plath	grade 1
Joshua Russell	grade 1
Payton Burk	grade 4
Connor Etchison	grade 5
Alexander Etchison	grade 7
Riley Etchison	grade 10

The following student should be denied for open enrollment to West Burlington for FY17 due to the class size cap policy:

Kaylee Carr	grade 2
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The following students should be denied for open enrollment to West Burlington for FY17:

Abigail McAtee	grade 9
Renee Cruz	grade 12

- E. Selected Personnel Issues
 - HS Food Service – It's recommended that Debbie Schmeiser be hired for this position at \$11.34 per hour for 5 hours a day.
 - HS Associate – It's recommended that Lindsey Webb be hired for this position at \$11.53 per hour for 7.5 hours per day.
 - HS Associate – It's recommended that Debra Ritters be hired for this position at \$11.53 per hour for 6.5 hours per day.
 - Head Football Coach – It's recommended that Brian Sausser be hired for this position.

BUSINESS

Corners/Bridges Update: Vern Reed gave a short presentation to the board regarding the Corners program at the junior/senior high school and the Bridges Out of Poverty program. They have approximately 85 students scheduled into the Corners, however, all students are welcome. They help monitor the online learning for credit recovery and enrichment, help students fill out FAFSA and apply for college and scholarships, offer before and after school help and making sure the seniors are on track to graduate.

The Bridges program has provided our school with a structure to partner with the community address the problems of generational poverty. A night class is now being offered to students that challenge the thought processes and help kids build resources needed to live a “sustainable” life. It also teaches “Developmental English” for one semester. Vern has also been sharing the program with other schools and community groups. An informational page is a part of the board materials.

Grade Caps: The board had a discussion regarding the current K-5 grade caps and whether or not to raise them, plus putting a cap size at the 6-12 levels. At the K-5, current class sizes range from 53 – 78 with 72 being the current cap. There are 3 classes that are currently under the 72 cap. Mr. Schmitt thought the following would a reasonable approach to the cap size: K-2 – 76 students; 3-5 – 80 students and 6-12 – 84 students.

After much discussion, motion by Crowner and seconded by Fry to keep the cap of 72 for grades K-5 and 80 for grades 6-12. Motion carried 5-0.

Naming the Board Room and High School Gymnasium: Randy was not in favor of naming the gym/board room after someone. Lee would like to see the gym named for Delmer Walker and Jay would like the board room to be named after Mark Hagerla. Andy is unsure at this moment and Dan is OK with it. The board will revisit the topic again in March.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal’s Report: Ms. Ritters reported they are looking at changing parental requests for specific teachers - they need to figure out how to best meet the needs of the kids and teachers.

Superintendent Report: Negotiations are coming up

Items for Future Agendas:

Adjournment: Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Date Approved

Secretary

President

West Burlington Independent School District
 Monthly Financial Statement for Month Ending

____ January, 2017

Previous Month's Secretary Balance	\$1,463,141.04
January Revenues (+)	410,945.17
January Expenditures (-)	696,576.71
December Interest (+)	25.22
Banker's trust payment (-)	24,433.21
ISCAP Draw (+)	
DHS Medicaid Payment (-)	<u>311.54</u>
Outstanding Deposit (+)	
Direct Deposit reversal (-)	
ISJIT Pay (-)	
ISJIT Draw (+)	
Secretary's Ending Balance	\$1,152,789.87

Bank Statement Balance	\$1,248,349.35
Outstanding Checks (-)	95,537.48
January Interest (-)	<u>22.00</u>
Direct Deposit Reversal (-)	
Outstanding Deposit (+)	
Current Bank Balance	\$1,152,789.87

ISJIT – General		ISJIT – Capital Projects	
Beginning Balance	\$1,097.49	Beginning Balance	45.87
Deposits	19.70	Deposits	
Withdrawals	<u> </u>	Withdrawal	<u> </u>
Ending Balance	\$1,117.19	Ending Balance	45.87
ISCAP		ISJIT	
Beginning Balance	-0-	Beginning Balance	\$50,234.92
Draws		Deposits	11.52
Repayments	<u>-0-</u>	Withdrawal	<u> </u>
Ending Balance	-0-	Ending Balance	\$50,246.44

 February 13, 2017

 Date

 Secretary

RECEIPTS				
		PRIOR		TOTAL
		BALANCE	MONTHLY	COLLECTED
GENERAL FUND				
Taxes		899077.21	47975.12	947052.33
Other State/Federal		484460.69	88155.66	572616.35
Foundation Aid		851904.00	211031.00	1062935.00
AEA Flow Through		0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuitions/Open Enroll		850833.93	0.00	850833.93
Interest Earned		777.06	44.61	821.67
Other General Funds		219276.89	11280.53	230557.42
MANAGEMENT		<u>126900.92</u>	<u>6238.64</u>	<u>133139.56</u>
Total		3433230.70	364725.56	3797956.26
BUILDING PROJECT (31)		0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS (33)		239419.21	38076.01	277495.22
PPEL FUND (36)		144358.38	7888.50	152246.88
DEBT SERVICE (40)		249166.52	43599.75	292766.27
TRUST/AGENCY FUND (81)		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL		4066174.81	454289.82	4520464.63

EXPENDITURES				
		PRIOR		TOTAL
		BALANCE	MONTHLY	COLLECTED
General Fund - Salaries				
Administration		140617.24	23547.70	164164.94
Maintenance/Transportation		229642.07	38721.40	268363.47
Grants/Spec. Programs		153437.89	24163.58	177601.47
Health Service		18437.23	4514.28	22951.51
Elementary		1333025.12	232274.31	1565299.43
High School		1547022.58	274918.93	1821941.51
General Fund - Other Expend.				
Open Enrollment Tuition		0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants/Spec. Programs		348474.50	9737.19	358211.69
Special Education		41329.81	0.00	41329.81
Health Service		1204.71	0.00	1204.71
Interest Paid		0.00	0.00	0.00
Administration		28360.46	2744.07	31104.53
Maintenance		297961.50	32027.47	329988.97
Non-Public Transportation		1334.65	0.00	1334.65
Transportation		44450.44	2988.75	47439.19
Interfund Transfers		0.00	0.00	0.00
AEA Flow Through		0.00	0.00	0.00
Elementary		52163.07	757.00	52920.07
High School		168761.54	4006.10	172767.64
MANAGEMENT (22)		<u>162071.91</u>	<u>44175.93</u>	<u>206247.84</u>
Total		4568294.72	694576.71	5262871.43
BUILDING PROJECT (31)		0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS (33)		275855.90	43599.75	319455.65
PPEL (36)		391509.29	0.00	391509.29
DEBT SERVICE (40)		249166.52	43599.75	292766.27
TRUST/AGENCY FUND (81)		<u>1500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1500.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL		5486326.43	781776.21	6268102.64

**WEST BURLINGTON SCHOOLS
ACTIVITY FUND BANK RECONCILIATION**

MONTH OF

January 17

Previous Month's Secretary Balance		\$129,759.28
Monthly Receipts	+	\$10,284.17
Monthly Expenditures	-	-\$4,465.95
ISJIT Interest	-	-\$8.50
Adjustments	-	\$0.00
Secretary Ending Balance		\$135,569.00
Bank Statement Balance		\$139,757.94
Outstanding Checks	-	-\$7,188.94
Outstanding Deposits	+	.
Current Bank Balance		\$132,569.00
Invested in ISJIT on	<u>12/31/2016</u>	\$37,300.03
ISJIT Transfer	-	\$0.00
ISJIT Interest for	<u>January</u> +	\$8.50
Total ISJIT Funds on	<u>1/31/2017</u>	\$37,308.53
Current Bank Balance		\$132,569.00
Total ISJIT Funds	+	\$37,308.53
Current Ending Cash Balance		\$169,877.53

Current Cash Balance Report

ALL Data

Arranged by:

Date: 01/01/2017 thru 01/31/2017

Group ID and Reporting ID

Reporting ID and Description	Beginning Cash	Receipts	Disbursements	Adjustments	Cash Balance
A ATHLETICS					
1000 GENERAL ATHLETICS	155,670.71	529.69	0.00	0.00	156,200.40
1110 JH FOOTBALL	11,175.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,175.75
1120 HS FOOTBALL	46,555.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,555.64
1130 JH VOLLEYBALL	9,324.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,324.77
1140 HS VOLLEYBALL	2,360.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,360.89
1150 JH GIRLS BASKETBALL	7,431.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,431.82
1160 HS GIRLS BASKETBALL	40,500.47	2,579.00	0.00	0.00	43,079.47
1170 JH BOYS BASKETBALL	8,341.53	385.00	0.00	0.00	8,726.53
1180 JH GIRL/BOY TRACK	-16,709.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	-16,709.32
1190 HS BOY/GIRL TRACK	-68,983.02	0.00	99.00	0.00	-69,082.02
2000 JH SOFTBALL	-6,838.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	-6,838.56
2010 HS SOFTBALL	-19,822.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	-19,822.90
2020 JH BASEBALL	-7,223.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	-7,223.46
2030 HS BASEBALL	-67,811.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	-67,811.11
2040 HS BOYS BASKETBALL	47,602.30	2,883.60	0.00	0.00	50,485.90
2050 JH WRESTLING	2,152.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,152.06
2060 HS WRESTLING	-14,309.84	2,124.00	250.00	0.00	-12,435.84
3015 CROSS COUNTRY	-278.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	-278.58
A ATHLETICS Totals:	129,139.15	8,501.29	349.00	0.00	137,291.44
B CLUBS					
2070 ART CLUB	550.74	65.00	39.67	0.00	576.07
2075 ANIME CLUB	71.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.00
2080 FCCLA	-46.50	142.00	0.00	0.00	95.50
2090 JOOI CLUB	428.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	428.55
3000 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	207.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	207.68
3010 PEP CLUB	1,423.63	0.00	175.51	0.00	1,248.12
3030 HS SCIENCE CLUB	716.36	65.00	39.67	0.00	741.69
3040 LEGO LEAGUE	57.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.85
3050 SPANISH CLUB	278.43	65.00	39.66	0.00	303.77
3060 SAAD	1,398.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,398.49
3080 POST PROM	949.05	0.00	300.00	0.00	649.05
3090 HS STUDENT COUNCIL	1,122.93	0.00	175.50	0.00	947.43
4000 JH STUDENT COUNCIL	397.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	397.89
B CLUBS Totals:	7,556.10	337.00	770.01	0.00	7,123.09
C CLASSES					
4010 CLASS OF 2018	68.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.52
4015 CLASS OF 2019	24.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.49
4020 CLASS OF 2016	-28.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	-28.26
4025 CLASS OF 2017	489.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	489.91
C CLASSES Totals:	554.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	554.66
E STUDENT ACTIVITIES					
2095 BOOK FAIR	16.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.93
5040 Prom	-1,338.27	180.00	0.00	0.00	-1,158.27
5050 ES STUDENT ACTIVITIES	3,383.47	0.00	38.93	0.00	3,344.54
5070 JH/HS SOAR	1,229.54	0.00	288.01	0.00	941.53
9090 MUSIC TRIP	-453.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	-453.51
E STUDENT ACTIVITIES Totals:	2,838.16	180.00	326.94	0.00	2,691.22

Current Cash Balance Report

ALL Data

Date: 01/01/2017 thru 01/31/2017

Arranged by:
Group ID and Reporting ID

Reporting ID and Description	Beginning Cash	Receipts	Disbursements	Adjustments	Cash Balance
G YEARBOOK					
6060 JH/HS YEARBOOK	13,905.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,905.24
G YEARBOOK Totals:	13,905.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,905.24
H DRAMA					
7000 JH DRAMA	2,400.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.81
7010 HS DRAMA	2,492.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,492.38
H DRAMA Totals:	4,893.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,893.19
I INTEREST					
8000 BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST	4,380.37	10.91	0.00	0.00	4,391.28
I INTEREST Totals:	4,380.37	10.91	0.00	0.00	4,391.28
K CHEERLEADING					
6040 DANCE TEAM	-37.44	67.25	0.00	0.00	29.81
8050 HS CHEERLEADERS	140.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.16
8060 JH CHEERLEADERS	448.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	448.62
K CHEERLEADING Totals:	551.34	67.25	0.00	0.00	618.59
M MISCELLANEOUS					
8080 MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES	-2,388.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,388.05
M MISCELLANEOUS Totals:	-2,388.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,388.05
N AGENCY FUNDS					
9000 AGENCY FUNDS	68,399.05	1,187.72	0.00	0.00	69,586.77
N AGENCY FUNDS Totals:	68,399.05	1,187.72	0.00	0.00	69,586.77
O OFFICIALS					
5000 OFFICIALS	-65,769.90	0.00	3,020.00	0.00	-68,789.90
O OFFICIALS Totals:	-65,769.90	0.00	3,020.00	0.00	-68,789.90
Z UNUSED ACCOUNTS					
Z UNUSED ACCOUNTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Report Totals:	164,059.31	10,284.17	4,465.95	0.00	169,877.53

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

January-17

GRADES K-5:

Student Lunches	5033
Free Student Lunches	2437
Reduced Student Lunches	475
Adult Lunches	17
Free Cooks Lunches	74
Student Breakfasts	1572
Free Student Breakfasts	1162
Reduced Student Breakfasts	113
Adult Breakfasts	0

RECEIPTS

Student Lunches	\$10,959.00
A La Carte Sales	\$1,738.80
Bank Interest	\$1.32
State/Federal Aid	<u>\$24,035.63</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$36,734.75

GRADES 6-12:

Student Lunches	6528
Free Student Lunches	2815
Reduced Student Lunches	590
Adult Lunches	123
Free Cooks Lunches	28
Student Breakfasts	1868
Free Student Breakfasts	1200
Reduced Student Breakfasts	206
Adult Breakfasts	42

Average Lunches Served	843
Average Lunches Served January 2016	631
Average Breakfast Served	201
Average Breakfast Served January 2016	174
Number of Days Food Served in January 2017	14
Number of Days Food Served in January 2016	16

PAYROLL EXPENDITURES: \$19,395.44

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FOOD EXPENDITURES:

Anderson Erickson Dairy	\$2,902.28
Earthgrains	\$461.80
Interstate Brands	\$0.00
Kohl Wholesale	\$0.00
Martin Brothers Distributing	\$9,341.83
Pan-O-Gold	\$0.00
Performance Food Group	\$0.00
Prairie Farms Dairy	\$0.00
Walmart	<u>\$36.32</u>

FOOD EXPENDITURES \$12,742.23

A LA CARTE EXPENDITURES:

Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$546.71
Pizza Hut	\$0.00

A LA CARTE EXPENDITURES: \$546.71

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES:

Bad Check	\$100.00
Bank Charges	\$5.00
Delivery Charges	\$0.00
Dues/Fees	\$183.10
Equipment	\$0.00
Hotel/Lodging	\$0.00
Refunds	\$0.00
Repairs	\$0.00
Reimbursements	\$0.00
Training	\$0.00
Mileage	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	<u>\$545.52</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES \$833.62

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$33,518.00

ADJUSTMENTS: \$0.00

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ISJIT:

Beginning Balance	\$15,403.44
Receipts	\$4,105.69
Expenditures	

ISJIT ENDING BALANCE \$19,509.13

Secretary Balance 12/31/16	\$71,943.34
Receipts	\$36,734.75
Expenditures	\$33,518.00
Voided Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>

Bank Balance 1/31/17	\$79,881.06
Outstanding Checks	\$4,720.97
Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$0.00</u>

Secretary Balance 1/31/17	\$75,160.09
Total ISJIT Funds	\$19,509.13
Current Ending Cash Balance	\$94,669.22

Reconciled Bank Balance \$75,160.09

West Burlington Independent School District
Mr. David Schmitt
545 Ramsey St.
West Burlington, IA 52655

February 15, 2017

Dear Mr. Schmitt,

The purpose of this letter is to officially resign from my position as Special Education Teacher at West Burlington Elementary. My resignation will be effective on March 23rd, 2017, unless a suitable replacement is found earlier, as agreed upon by building principal.

The reason that I am resigning is because my husband has accepted a job in North Carolina and my family and I will be relocating. I will do everything I can to train my replacement for a smooth transition for students and staff.

Thank you for the wonderful experiences and skills that I have gained while employed here at West Burlington School District. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to be a part of the WB team!

Sincerely,

Mindy Dunkin

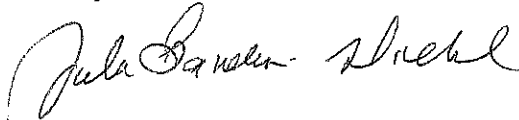
To: Mr. Bruce Snodgrass
Principal - West Burlington High School

10 February 2017

Dear Mr. Snodgrass,

Please accept this as my letter of resignation effective on the final school day of the 2016-17 school year, 26 May 2017. My spouse and I are relocating permanently to Texas to be near my family. I have most certainly enjoyed teaching here at WBHS. I appreciate the support and guidance you have shown. I know that I have continued to grow professionally from this experience. This is a special community of folks and a wonderful school! I hope for many more great things to come for this campus and students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julee Sanders-Diehl". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Julee Sanders-Diehl
WBHS Science Teacher

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RONALD D. WESTBY
GENERAL MANAGER

March 8, 1978

TELEPHONE 524-5410

Coach Delmar Walker
West Burlington Falconettes
West Burlington High School
West Burlington, Iowa 52655

Dear Falconettes:

A year ago, when your team went to the state tournament, I received a letter signed by all the players on your squad. It thanked KOKX Radio for covering some of your games. I was really moved by that correspondence. I know you realized that we were following teams from the Keokuk area, but I learned we were the first station to broadcast a West Burlington girls basketball game. That letter is right here in my desk, and I look at it frequently.

This year I felt it appropriate that I write you. I did get to broadcast only one of your games this year, but it was a super one for West Burlington. It was the district game when you eliminated Central Lee Community. Again, we were following Central, but we were there. I realize that KBUR was now on your band-wagon and you probably didn't even notice we were there...but we were. And, I came away very impressed.

It didn't take me long in my first year of getting to know your school, that you had one fine coach in Del Walker. I immediately had great respect for him, and for you as athletes. You were super impressive in your drive in 1976-77 to reach the state tournament for the second consecutive year, and to do it with a victory over Mediapolis which had such strong tradition. You accomplished it. But, I sincerely feel you accomplished so much more in 1977-78.

I would never dwell on the tragedy which struck your school, your community and your team in late 1977, but we all know that it is a fact. The story of struggle of the West Burlington Falconettes to overcome the emotional obstacles placed in front of you...and then to actually overcome them...could be the subject of a best selling book with a good writer at the typewriter. If I could write well, I might attempt it. But, I saw the climax of that story, and that was good enough for me. I saw the West Burlington Falconettes eliminate the Central Hawkettes. I saw a determined group of young ladies fool everybody in the gym, including Central, in that they did not go to a stall the minute they got the lead and the ball. I saw a determined group of people in green uniforms continue to pour the coals to the fire....to continue to shoot and score and not let up on the pressure one little bit. I saw such heart and close feeling among a group of girls on a basketball team, that by the start of the second quarter I knew who was going to win the game. West Burlington was not to be denied.

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Because we were following the Central team, this reporter could not help but be somewhat saddened to see that great season come to an end. However, above that was a feeling of such joy and elation for your team that I couldn't help but laugh just a little as I thought about what I had just seen.

Because of other commitments in Illinois, I couldn't come back to see your game with Mediapolis, but to be perfectly honest... after watching you on Saturday night against Central... I was surprised that Mediapolis outscored you. I say "outscored" instead of "beat" because nobody could ever beat a group like you. You have too much heart. You have too much class. You're just too good a brand of people to ever get "beat." "Outscored" maybe, but never beaten.

Thank you West Burlington Falconettes just for being you. Each one of you is something very special. You've proven it by your work this season. You accomplished something that no trip to a state tournament could possibly enhance... you won a victory in life by overcoming some awfully huge obstacles. You did it with grace and class. You are a credit to your school, your community, the game of girls basketball....and to this country. You are a shining example of what it's really all about. And, I am very proud to be able to say... "I broadcast one game of the 1977-78 West Burlington Falconettes. I saw them. They were beautiful."

I'm afraid I can't give you a whole list of names like you gave me a year ago in your letter, but know for certain that a whole lot of love comes with the one that is signed here.

Very Truly Yours,



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From: **Randy Fry** <fryrandy62@gmail.com>
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Fellow Board member,

I apologize I can't be at the meeting tonight. I am in Des Moines for three days for work. I am deeply disturbed with the actions of the Republican controlled legislature and Governor. As a school board member I feel we have done a good job of operating our district and managing our finances. We have been able to bargain in good faith with our teachers and still reduce taxes. I am employed with the City of West Burlington. Our Mayor and City Council are also fiscally responsible. They too have bargained in good faith with union employees and have still managed to cut taxes. I feel it is irresponsible for the state to punish employees who work for communities and school districts that know how to manage their resources. The State of Iowa has cut taxes under the leadership of a Republican governor and now blame the union employees for creating budget shortfalls. This collective bargaining agreement has been in place for 40 years and has worked quite well. Since the rules for bargaining have changed so drastically, I'm wondering if state employees will be allowed to strike. It is unfortunate we have been put in this position when bargaining with our employees. We have the best teachers anyone could ask for.