

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2015

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington met for a regular board meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2015 in the board room at 607 Ramsey Street in West Burlington. Presiding over the meeting was President Hockett with all members answering roll call.

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

Visitors/Open Forum: None

Miscellaneous Communications: None

Approval of Consent Agenda – the following items were 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 Jay Day: activity - \$11,706.45; nutrition - \$20,034.23; gen/other - \$89,892.65
- D. Open Enrollment – The following students should be approved due to continuation of program at West Burlington:

Justice Riley	Kindergarten
Cayden Scheetz	grade 2
Katelyn Gerdner	grade 3
Austin Gerdner	grade 5
Carmen Gallegos	grade 6
Ruslan Nelson	grade 8

The following students should be denied at this time for open enrollment into West Burlington for 2015-2016 school year:

Antwan Brewster	grade 10
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The following students should be approved for open enrollment to Burlington Schools under just cause:

Aidan Krell	grade 6
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- E. Selected Personnel Issues

BUSINESS

Dance Team Trip: Cindee Reed, dance team coach, is requesting to take the team to Monmouth, IL for a practice. Since it is out of state, board permission is needed.

Motion by Boughton and seconded by Fry to approve the dance team request. Motion carried 5-0.

Marching Band Uniforms: Mark Eveleth gave a presentation to the board regarding the need for new band uniforms. The current uniforms are 20 years old and starting to show their age. He would like to go with a darker green to match athletic uniforms. It looks like the uniforms will run between \$450-\$500 each and he would like to purchase as least 65 uniforms. The music boosters have helped with uniforms in the past and will pay 30% of the bill.

Motion by Day and seconded by Fry to approve the purchase of new uniforms, not to exceed 70 at \$450 apiece. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve TLC Grant Application: The Teacher Leadership Compensation grant, for a total of \$274,000, has been submitted. This is enrollment driven and the open enrollment dollars will follow the students. The grant includes an instructional coach for the JH/HS and if the funding dries up, Mr. Schmitt would like to see the position continue if possible. Both New London and Burlington have had their grants approved and he is confident that West Burlington will also be approved.

Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to approve TLC grant. Motion carried 5-0.

Special Education Deficit Allowable Growth Application: The district has a deficit of \$64,027.47. Special Education expenses are IEP (individualized educational plan) driven. This means that the student's IEP decides if a service is provided. This is a small deficit compared to 5 years ago. We will ask the board to levy 43¢ of property tax, when we certify FY17 budget in April, 2016, to cover this expense. The School Budget Review Committee will renew our spending authority by their action and allow us to levy the cash through our property tax levy.

Motion by Boughton and seconded by Fry to approve the special education deficit allowable growth application in the amount of \$64,027.47. Motion carried 5-0.

Refinancing Sales Tax Bonds: Mr. Schmitt has been in contact with Travis Squires from Piper Jaffray. He is developing a plan to refinance our sales tax revenue obligations from the 8 room addition and multi-purpose room. He is projecting a potential savings of \$150,000 over the remaining 14 years of the bond. The sales tax law currently sunsets in 2929. He would like to have Travis attend the November work session to give the board more details. The only reason for the urgency is the small chance that the interest rates take a quick upward turn before making it official.

Motion by Day and seconded by Crouner to approve having Travis Squires attend the November 2nd work session. Motion carried 5-0.

VPPEL: The time line to run the voted physical plant and equipment levy vote in February is enclosed. Mr. Schmitt would like to ask for \$1.10 in additional property tax, then provide a \$2.22 per \$1000 valuation reduction when the budget is certified in April. This could reduce the current levy of \$16.21 to \$15.09. The VPPEL monies would be used for technology, vehicles, as well as facility improvements. The \$1.10 per \$1000 VPPEL would generate an estimated \$165,000 – this is a 10-year commitment and requires a simple majority vote.

Jay would like to see the levy under \$15 and the board feels we need to get more communication and information out to the public. Andy feels the public needs to know more specifically as to what those dollars would be spent on, as well as informing the board about specific needs.

This was tabled until the next meeting when Nate Prickett can be present and bring a list of facility improvement that could be paid from PPEL.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal's Report: None

Superintendent Report: The certified enrollment numbers are part of the board materials. Resident students grew by 23 with resident students attending another district dropped by 12. We have 14 students enrolling out with 9 students tuitioned out. This is typically special education students that we do not have an appropriate program for. The district had a net of 10.75 resident students.

There will be a public input in the auditorium on November 2nd in regards to the football sharing with Notre Dame. This will be informational only – no interactive discussion. Board action will take place at the regular November meeting.

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There will be a technology input session on Nov. 3rd regarding the 1:1 initiative for the community.

6:00 PM – elementary parents

6:30 PM – JH parents

7:00 PM – high school parents

Adjournment: Motion by Boughton and seconded by Fry to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:59 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session to Discuss Possible Sale or Purchase of Land (as per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j))

Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to move into closed session at 7:00 to discuss possible sale or purchase of land as per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j).

The board moved out of closed session at 7:15. Motion by Fry and seconded by Boughton to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Date Approved

Secretary

President