

REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2015

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington met for a regular meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 16, 2015 in the board room at 607 Ramsey, West Burlington. Presiding over the meeting was President Hockett with all members answering roll call.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was amended with the addition of 8G. Out of Town Trip and resignations under Personnel on the consent agenda.. Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Receive Visitors/Open Forum: 4 visitors were present

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 – Lee audited the bills: nutrition - \$19,842.53; activity - \$5,303.52; general/other - \$64,857.27
- D. Open Enrollment – the following students should be approved for open enrollment to W Burlington for 2015-2016 due to just cause:

Devon Berk	grade 7
Adrienne Martin	grade 10

The following student should be denied for open enrollment to W Burlington for 2015-2016 due to missing the March 1st deadline:

Erin Canfield	grade 3
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The following student should be approved for continuation of program to W Burlington for 2015-2016:

Olivia DeLlanos	grade 4
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- E. Selected Personnel Issues - the following resignations were submitted:
 - HS Assistant Football – Denny Abel submitted his resignation from this position
 - HS BBall Cheerleading Sponsor: Courtney (Dochterman) Gunn submitted her resignation
 - JH Baseball – Jeremy Swink submitted his resignation from this position

BUSINESS

Football Sharing Agreement: It's recommended that the board approve the sharing agreement with Notre Dame High School for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years. The football districts are 2-year assignments which is the reason for the 2-year recommendation.

It has also been suggested that the district look at making all of the sharing agreements with Notre Dame be on-going unless one school or the other decides to end the arrangement. This is something for the board think about for future discussion.

Motion by Boughton and seconded by Fry to approve the 2-year football sharing agreement with Notre Dame for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Motion carried 5-0.

Refinancing 2010 Series Tax Revenue Bonds – the materials are all part of the board packet
Review Updated Refinancing Estimate and Timeline: Mr. Schmitt went over the timeline with the board. Motion by Day and seconded by Crowner to approve the refinancing estimate and timeline. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Engagement Letter with Piper Jaffray: It's recommended that the board approve the engagement letter with Piper Jaffray. It's projected that the district will save approximately \$176,000. Motion by Fry and seconded by Fry to approve the engagement letter with Piper Jaffray. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Form of Term Sheet for Distribution by Piper Jaffray: It's recommended that the board approve the form of term sheet for distribution. Pages 3 and 4 offer a good summary of the conditions and we are restricted to pay the bonds and interest with one-cent sales tax monies only.

Motion by Day and seconded by Fry to approve the form of term sheet for distribution. Motion carried 5-0.

Voted PPEL: Nate Prickett, head of maintenance, presented the board with a list of facility upgrades that need/could be done. This is a 10-year plan showing the district needs as far as roof replacements, vehicle replacement, kitchen upgrades and various other projects from small to major. The lists are a part of the board materials. If we ask the taxpayers for an additional \$1.10 per \$1000 taxable valuation this would generate a projected additional \$165,000 annually in the PPEL fund. Even with the \$1.10 increase created by the PPEL levy, the overall tax levy for the next school year could probably be below \$15 per \$1000 taxable valuation.

If the board wanted to have the election on February 2, a decision would need to be made tonight in order to meet the timeline sent out by the auditor's office. There is also the option of April 5, 2016.

After some discussion, the board decided it would like to have more time to get information to the public and would like to wait until April 5, 2016 for the election.

SBRC Application: It's recommend that the board approve the district's application for the School Budget Review Committee. We are requesting the spending authority for increased resident student enrollment. While the district will not actually receive cash funding for the increased enrollment this year, resident students are funded a year in arrears and we will the state aid next year.

Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to approve the SBRC application. Motion carried 5-0.

Early Graduates: The following students are requesting early graduation: Brandon Bessine, Mariah Orton, Alexis Pollock, Alexis Sorenson, Carrie Wilcox and Jacob Pratt. It's recommend that the board approve the list contingent upon all requirements being met. Motion by Boughton and seconded by Fry to approve the list of early graduates provided they meet all requirements. Motion carried 5-0.

Appoint Board Member to Des Moines County Assessor Board: Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to appoint Andy Crowner to the Des Moines County Assessor Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Out of State Trip: The Spanish/art/science clubs would like to take a trip to Chicago. This would involve 30-40 students and they could either take a school bus or the district would provide a dollar amount from what it would cost for gas/driver and apply it towards a Trailways if the clubs had enough to rent one.

Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to approve the trip to Chicago for the Spanish/art/science clubs. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Principal's Report: Mr. Snodgrass said the district is preliminary discussions with Mediapolis, Burlington and Danville regarding sharing some of their vocational programs, such the culinary program at Burlington, the child development that we offer. He is also looking into implementing Project Lead the Way at our district as Mr. Fountain is qualified to teach the engineering course. The high school has been having career centers once a month in each of the vocational areas with speakers coming to talk to students. On November 23 Case New Holland will be presenting the high school with a check for \$5000 for Project Lead the Way. There has been an after school program held on Tues/Wed/Thurs until 5:00 for any student needed extra help. December 3rd conferences will be held at the JH/HS and on December 16th the Bridges Out of Poverty workshop will be held in the auditorium. At this point in time, approximately 100 community members have signed up to attend.

Mr. Jones attended the School Emergency Response meeting and held an assembly on Veteran's Day in which the band/choir gave musical performances and Staff Sgt. Weatherspoon spoke. The National Theater for Children will be giving a presentation to the elementary and junior high. The junior high musical had been held the previous weekend.

Ms. Ritters said the elementary also held an assembly for grades 3-5 on Veteran's Day where Lindsey Gunn had arranged for 5 veterans from various wars to speak with students. The lower grades made signs and flags and lined the sidewalk when the veterans arrived. Director Wise toured the elementary where they highlighted their work with literacy and everyday math. There will be a math night for parents on December 1. The elementary also collected over 1200 canned goods for Kayla' Cupboard.

Superintendent Report: This week is American Education Week; the new ESEA bill will hopefully be coming out soon;

Items for Future Agendas: Talk with Dave Roed as to when the committee may be ready with a decision regarding 1:1 initiative; classroom updates; talk with Burlington about arranging a scrimmage game between their football team and ours; Representatives Courtney and Cahoon will be at the Dec. 7th work session; regular meeting discussion on future sharing agreements with Notre Dame

Adjournment: Motion by Boughton and seconded by Fry to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Date Approved

Secretary

President