

SPECIAL MEETING

March 7, 2016

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington held a special meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 7, 2016 in the board room at 607 Ramsey Street in West Burlington. Presiding over the meeting was President Hockett with members Day, Boughton and Crouner answering roll call. Member Fry was absent.

Corner's Program: Vern Reed gave a short presentation to the board regarding the Corner's Program. This program is available to all students from the valedictorian to the student that is in need of credit recovery. A matrix is used to identify students who might be at risk in regard to succeeding in school. Currently about 59 students are scheduled throughout the day in the high school corners with 40 junior high students scheduled in the corners 2. The Corners team checks grades, missing work and meets with the students to try and motivate and help each one get where they need to be academically. Some of the programs used is E2020 for credit recovery along with Iowa Learning Online. The team also meets with parents and seniors in danger of not graduating and map out what is needed to things in order.

Budget Discussion: Mr. Schmitt went over his budget power point with the board explaining how the process works. It looks like the overall levy, including the 1.34 VPPEL, will be at \$13.84, down from \$16.21 for FY16.

MAG Application: Mr. Schmitt recommends approving \$152,222 in budget authority for drop-out prevention and at-risk services in the Modified Allowable Growth application. These are funds raised 100% by local property taxes and school districts have a 25% match requirement. Some of the programs funded with these dollars are the Corner's Program, summer literacy and math enrichment and credit recovery.

Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to pass a resolution approving \$152,222 in budget authority for the Modified Allowable Growth application. Motion carried 4-0.

TLC Hires: It's recommended that Alicia Sherwood be hired as the elementary instructional coach and Mark Adams be hired as the high school instructional coach. These positions are funded by the Teacher Leadership Compensation funds. They will be paid their regular salary from the salary schedule and receive an additional stipend of \$7000 to cover summer, after hours and additional time spent performing these duties. The teachers will maintain their seniority but will not necessarily move back into their current position if the instructional coach responsibilities do not work out.

Their current teaching positions will be posted internally and then the positions open after that will be advertised.

Motion by Boughton and seconded by Day to approve Alicia Sherwood and Mark Adams as instructional coaches for FY17. Motion carried 4-0.

April PPEL Vote: The VPPEL election will take place on April 5th. Andy has put together a PPEL informational sheet that he and Dan are planning to hand out on a door-to-door campaign prior to the election. The board decided to make a couple of minor changes to the flyer which a part of the board materials. They feel that the weekend before the election would be a good time to go door-to-door but want to hand out the informational sheet to a key group of people before that.

There will be a community open house on March 19th at 10 AM so people can see the proposed drop-off upgrade, the playground needs and the proposed kitchen upgrades. Nate Prickett, Theresa Ritters, Patty McPherson and Melissa Spracklin will be asked to attend in order to answer any questions. It might also be a good idea to have another open house prior to the March 21st board meeting from 5:00 – 6:00. Then conduct a formal public hearing to see if the public has any input.

The playground committee has run into a few snags with some of the dates they were looking at for the fundraising activities. There will be a mini-Broadway Bash on May 5 and a pancake breakfast at the fire station on April 16th. They are also currently talking to various businesses about donations.

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Selected Personnel Issues:

Resignations

TAG – Kathy Henderson has submitted her resignation due to retiring at the end of this school year. Kathy has worked for the district for 17 years.

HS Associate – Scott Weston has submitted his resignation from this position effective Feb. 25, 2016

Motion by Crouner and seconded by Boughton to approve the resignations. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Boughton and seconded by Day to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Date Approved

Secretary

President