

REGULAR MEETING
December 19, 2016

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington met for a regular board meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 19, 2016 in the board room 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 Crowner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Receive Visitors/Open Forum: 5 visitors were present (3 press/Tom Greene and Eric Field)

Miscellaneous Communications: Mr. Snodgrass presented the board with a plaque showing the high school as one of Newsweek's Top 500 High Schools that Beat the Odds for 2016.

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 – Randy Fry audited the following: activity - \$11,450.78; nutrition - \$19,070.02 and general/other - \$47,288.61
- D. Open Enrollment – the following should be approved for open enrollment to West Burlington under just cause:

Nico Analetto grade 5

The following should be approved for continuation of program to West Burlington:

Taylor Danielson grade 2
Patrick Brown grade 8
Mariah Ducre grade 9

The following should be approved for continuation of program to Burlington:

Mercedes Hillman grade 8
Renee Cruz grade 12

- E. Selected Personnel Issues

Recommendations:

JH Asst. Softball - It's recommended Courtney Coffin be hired for this position at a salary of \$1566 (E,0)

Resignations:

HS Associate – Teresa Engler has resigned from this position effective December 20 due to her husband taking other employment out of town.

HS Food Service – Karen Stewart has submitted her resignation/retirement from this position effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year. She has been with the district 29 years.

Motion by Day and seconded by Fry to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS

Legislators Discussion: Tom Greene was here to discuss various issues with the board.

He told the board a little about himself – he grew up in West Burlington and attended Notre Dame; went to Drake University where he studied to become a pharmacist; came back to Burlington where he married, had a family and just recently retired.

Some of the issues discussed were: 1) allowable growth and timely funding, which he felt that it needs to be set up as mandated and amount of allowable growth become known in a timely manner. He felt it will probably be less than expected as the projected revenues are down. 2) water quality and the possible use of the SAVE dollars put towards that – he doesn't feel any of those monies should be taken from education and put toward water quality. 3) equality in funding per student and the fact that SAVE dollars do not follow the open enrolled student – thought this would be a discussion item in Des Moines.

At-Risk/Drop-Out Prevention Application: The district is requesting \$146,913 in modified supplemental amount to support the at-risk and potential drop-out programs. The district is required to provide roughly a 25% match (\$62,531). These dollars fund a major portion of the Corners program.

Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to approve the 2017-2018 At-Risk/Drop-Out Prevention application in the amount of \$146,913. Motion carried 5-0.

SBRC Application: After the enrollment in October was certified, a few numbers changed. The number of open enrolled-out students we didn't count last year grew, which means we can apply for more spending authority. The amount that was previously approved was \$40,609 in spending authority – the new amount requested is \$59,947.

Motion by Day and seconded by Fry to approve the SBRC application in the amount of \$59,947 instead of the previously approved amount. Motion carried 5-0.

KUNO Settlement: The West Burlington district was awarded \$256,305 in the KUNO settlement. After expenses and paying the legal fees to Wandro and Associates, the district will be receiving a check in the amount of \$170,849.69 which will be deposited into the general fund.

Motion by Boughton and seconded by Day to approve amount of the settlement. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Jazz Band Trip: Mr. Eveleth would like to take the Jazz Band to Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri for the jazz festival on Feb. 8, 2017. The information is a part of the board notes.

Motion by Fry and seconded by Day to approve the jazz band trip to Culver-Stockton College for the jazz festival on Feb. 8, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Speech Trip: Mr. Field is trying to enhance the large group and individualized speech program and would like to take the group improvisation teams to ComedySportz in Rock Island to see how professional improvisation actors handle on-the-spot thinking. The show is for all ages and would take place on January 13. The only cost to the district would be transportation with the students responsible for other costs.

Motion by Fry and seconded by Day to approve the speech trip to Rock Island, IL on January 13. Motion carried 5-0.

Early Graduates: ShayLeigh Abbot and Alison Rechkemmer have requested to be allowed to graduate at the end of the first semester contingent upon completing all requirements.

Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to approve the early graduates contingent upon all meeting all requirements. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal's Report: Mr. Snodgrass had Mr. Field explain the blogging assignment the 8th grade class is doing to show how technology and language arts are being used together. The industrial tech program has received a \$5000 grant from Case New Holland to use towards the purchase of a CNC plasma cutting tool. The purchase price of this equipment is approximately \$9200 but Mr. Snodgrass thought there might be another business that may be also donating which would decrease the district amount for this.

Ms. Ritters thanked the board for participating in the literacy presentation earlier in the month and invited them to stop in and see it in action in the classroom. She has been talking with Mr. Reed and discussing the need for high school mentors at the elementary. The elementary concerts were staggered this year – grades 1-3-5 doing Christmas concerts and Kdg-2-4 doing spring concerts.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Schmitt, Jeff Housel (AD) and Jeremy Swank (Notre Dame AD) will conduct the interviews for the hiring of the new football coach. Mr. Snodgrass will help screen the applications and assist in reference calls. As this point in time there is not a teaching position to tie with the coaching and so they will take things slowly and may do some preliminary interviews to narrow the pool of applicants.

Negotiations will be starting with the first bargaining session in January. The board then has 2 weeks to provide formal proposal after that. The Association has requested to close the bargaining session after the two initial meetings. Andy Crouner and Dan Hockett will serve on the committee on behalf of the board.

Jan. 24 – IASB Lobby Day in Des Moines – Jay has expressed interest in attending

Feb. 16 – IASB in Mt. Pleasant – Advocacy for School Sales Tax

Items for Future Agendas: Lee would like to discuss naming the HS gym after Delmer Walker and the board room after Mark Hagerla and would like to see these as agenda items in the near future

Adjournment: Motion by Day and seconded by Boughton to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Date Approved

Secretary

President