

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