

REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2015

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington met for a regular meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2015 in the board room at 607 Ramsey in West Burlington. Presiding over the meeting was Vice-President Day with Members Boughton and Hockett answering roll call. President Randall and Member Conner were absent.

Administer Oath of Office to New Board Member: The oath of office was given to the newly elected board member, Dan Hockett.

Public Hearing for 2015-2016 School Calendar: There was no public input at this time and the public hearing was closed.

Approval of Agenda: The following was corrected on the agenda: J. 2014-2015 Budget Amendment (not 2015-2016). Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Visitors/Open Forum: 3 visitors were present.

Miscellaneous Communications: Jay received a letter from a parent talking about various things she liked about West Burlington Schools.

Approval of Consent Agenda – the following were part of the consent agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
- B. Approval of Financial Statements
- C. Approval of Payment of Bills – Lee and Jay audited the bills: activity - \$9652.14; nutrition - \$17941.84; general/other - \$50365.88
- D. Open Enrollment – the following students should be approved for open enrollment to West Burlington for kindergarten:

Avery Anderson
Axton Dohman
Natalie Gulick
Dominic Kohl
Rhea Leibli
Ethan Payne

The following students should be denied for open enrollment to West Burlington for 2015-2016 due to missing the deadline:

Leah Knudson grade 1
Jenna Knudson grade 4

The following should be approved for open enrollment to Burlington:

Ararah Bazan kindergarten

- E. Selected Personnel Issues
JH/HS Family Consumer Science – It's recommended that Susan Kulevich be hired for this position. Her salary will be \$56,245 (MA30, Step 10). She will also be the FCCLA and HS Student Council sponsor.

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HS Assistant Football Coaches – It's recommended that the following be hired as assistant football coaches:

Dennis Abel	\$3842
Joe Bowman	\$3842
Sean Colemon	\$3227
Aaron Brown	\$3227

Resignations –

Elementary Vocal Music – Connie Kroeze has submitted her resignation from this position at the end of the 2014-2015 school year due to family reasons.

JH/HS Family Consumer Science – Tracey Olnes has submitted her resignation from this position at the end of the 2014-2015 school year due to moving out of state.

HS Speech Sponsor – Mark Adams has submitted his resignation from this position.

HS Pep Club Sponsor – Cindee Reed has submitted her resignation from this position.

HS Football Assistant – Ryan Luttenegger has submitted his resignation from this position.

Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to approve all items under the consent agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS

2015-2016 Nutrition Program Prices: There will be a slight increase in the lunch prices. The information is part of the board materials. Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to approve the FY16 lunch prices. Motion carried 3-0.

Co-op Food Agreement: The co-op information is part of the board materials. Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to approve the co-op food agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

2015-2016 School Calendar: There was some discussion as to whether the district should look at moving the professional development days from Wednesday afternoons to Fridays as Burlington School District is going to do. There was also some discussion about moving the conference comp day from May 6th to February 26.

The board decided more in-depth discussion was needed regarding the professional development days but agreed to move the comp day from May 6th to February 26th.

Motion by Hockett to table the decision on moving the professional development days from Wednesday to Fridays until the next meeting but approve the change in the comp day from May 9th to February 26th. It was seconded by Boughton. Motion carried 3-0.

Class Size Cap Policy – 2nd Reading: Motion by Boughton and seconded by Hockett to approve the 2nd and final reading of the class size cap policy. Motion carried 3-0.

Student Assurance Accident Insurance: Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to approve the student assurance accident insurance. Motion carried 3-0.

JH/HS Summer School: The JH/HS summer school program will run Monday – Thursday, May 27 – June 25 with 4 daily sessions. Students will sign up for a minimum of one session. The parents and students will receive letters inviting them to participate in the program that fits their needs. The individual programs will be E2020 Recovery Program, Math Essentials, and Iowa Learning Online.

The Junior High program will meet Monday – Thursday from 8 – 10 and will focus on math and math enrichment and reading. The cost will be approximately \$4500 – 225 hours at \$20 per hour

Motion by Boughton and seconded by Hockett to approve the JH/HS summer school programs. Motion carried 3-0.

JH/HS Summer Reading Program: The summer reading program will continue as it has in the past for grades 6-12. The students will have a point goal to reach and can check out books Tuesday – Thursday from June 2 – August 6. The reward for those reaching their goal will be able to go on a trip to an amusement park.

Motion by Boughton and seconded by Hockett to approve the JH/HS summer reading program. Motion carried 3-0.

Elementary Summer School Program: The program has been changed to a remediation, catch up format and extended to eight weeks. The program will run Monday – Thursday from 8 – 11 and have an estimated cost of \$12,000.

Motion by Boughton and seconded by Hockett to approve the elementary summer program. Motion carried 3-0.

Audit Report: Motion by Boughton and seconded by Hockett to approve the FY14 audit report. Motion carried 3-0.

Set Time and Date for Public Hearing for FY14 Budget Amendment: The need to amend the FY15 budget is as follows:

Total Support Services from \$2,793,000 to \$2,900,000 due to increased labor/technology costs

Noninstructional Programs from \$404,000 to \$470,000 due to increased food/labor costs

Total Other Expenditures from \$1,009,073 to \$2,000,000 due to increased facility improvements

It's recommended that the FY14 budget amendment hearing be set for May 18 at 7:00 PM. Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to approve May 18 at 7:00 PM for the FY14 budget amendment hearing. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Publication of Public Hearing for FY14 Budget Amendment: It's recommended that the notice of public hearing for the FY14 budget amendment be published in the April 30th issue of the Des Moines County News. Motion by Boughton and seconded by Hockett to publish the notice of public hearing for the FY14 budget amendment be published in the Des Moines County News on April 30th. Motion carried 3-0.

2015-2016 School Fees Discussion: The board discussed the fees for next school year. Jay feels that an increase is not needed. The board would like to see what the revenue is from the registration fees.

Public Input Procedures Discussion: The board discussed the option of changing the way the open forum part of the meeting has been handled. Dan had some handouts he gave to the board regarding a couple of different ways it could be handled and felt it's important to keep the public involved. Jay would like to know how other schools handle public input. The handouts are a part of the board materials.

Certified Contracts: The certified teacher contract information is a part of the board materials. A two-year agreement with the teacher's union was reached last year and the total package for 2015-2016 reflects a 4% total increase. Because the SE Iowa Schools group, the consortium for insurance, decided to use some of the reserves to curb the 7% - 8% proposed premium increase, this resulted in a significant pay increase for the certified staff.

Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to approve the certified contracts as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Reports: Mr. Snodgrass reported that the Future Problem Solvers group to 5th in the skit category and that Mrs. Henderson will be taking 4 students to the International Competition. These are all held in Ames. The scores for math and reading were at 85% with the junior high scores on a growth trend at 74.9% and the list of graduates will be brought to the board at the May 4th meeting.

Mr. Jones reported that the PBIS team decided to start rewarding those kids without discipline referrals and last week, 92% of the students had none.

(8:30 – Michelle Randall arrived)

Mr. Hinrichs reported that a couple of parents were now volunteering to help with Lego League and that Reading Night will be held on April 23 from 4PM – 6PM. The math scores (3-5) were at 80% and reading (3-5) were at 84%.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Schmitt reported the site visit went very well and the team was impressed with our district. There will more in-depth discussion on the student assessment at the May meeting and graduation will be held on May 17 at 3:00 PM.

Items for Future Agendas: ALICE/safety training

Adjournment: Motion by Randall and seconded by Boughton to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Date Approved

Secretary

President