

## REGULAR MEETING

February 15, 2016

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington met at for a regular meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 15, 2016 in the board room located at 607 Ramsey St, West Burlington, IA. Presiding over the meeting was President Hockett with all members answering roll call.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Boughton and seconded by Day to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Receive Visitors/Open Forum:** 3 visitors

**Miscellaneous Communications:** none

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – the following items are included 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 Lee: activity - \$7172.99; nutrition - \$17682.27; general/other - \$102619.20
- D. Open Enrollment – the following students should be approved for continuation of program to West Burlington:

Preyton Doty	grade 4
Preston Doty	grade 5
Parker Lau	grade 5
Dreyton LaVeine	grade 8

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

Calista Gotos	grade 5
Anastasia Rhodes	grade 10

The following students should be approved for open enrollment to Burlington Schools:

Justin Bessine	grade 6
Blake Grek	grade 8

- E. Selected Personnel Issues  
HS School Associate – It's recommended that Mollie Krell be hired for this position at 5 hours per day at \$11.20 per hour.

Resignation

Custodial – John Graham has submitted his resignation from this position.

### BUSINESS

**CWA Donation:** Ringo Covert, West Burlington Police Department, along with Kevin Glendening and Grant Hillyer attended the meeting representing the CWA union and wanted to be the first to give a donation to the playground fundraiser.

Lee Boughton also gave a donation towards the new playground.

**28E Agreement with Iowa Education Benefits Program:** This is the insurance consortium that the district has been a member of for at about 12 years. Included in the group are the following districts: Ft. Madison, SCC, Mt. Pleasant, Notre Dame, Keokuk Catholic, Pekin, Louisa-Muscatine, and Keota. The 28E is a legal requirement which is needed.

Motion by Crowner and seconded by Fry to approve the 28E Agreement with Iowa Education Benefits Program. Motion carried 5-0.

**PPEL Resolution/Vote:** Boughton made a motion to approve the resolution ordering the election on the question of levying a voter approved physical plant and equipment property tax with a second by Day. Motion carried 5-0.

The board then discussed various information that should be included on the fact sheet that will be made available to the public. Mr. Schmitt had put together some information which is a part of the board notes. The board would like to see some of the specific areas, such as the roofing needs, the elementary kitchen and the drop-off/pick-up lane mentioned as where the monies would be spent. They would like to put together various things such as a brochure, flyers, have something in the newsletter along with the 10-year plan of PPEL needs, when the election will be held so the public is aware.

**Playground Fundraiser:** Ms. Ritters and Nate Prickett gave an update as to what the plans are for a community fundraiser to help offset costs of the new playground. They date they are looking at is May 14 with possibly a 5k run, games and activities at the elementary, and ending the day with the Broadway Bash uptown. Mr. Schmitt will be meeting with Ellis Ahrens from the Broadway on Friday to see if they are interested in being involved.

Nate has the projected costs at \$154,000 for concrete, the rubber overlay and playground equipment. This amount does not include labor which he hoping to have donated or using school personnel. A factory representative would be available to make sure the playground equipment is set up properly.

**FY17 Budget:** The levy is projected to drop significantly from \$16.21 to \$13.84 per \$1000 taxable valuation. This is with the assumption that the \$1.34 VPPEL passes. Mr. Schmitt will hold a budget workshop on March 7<sup>th</sup> where he will give an overview of the various funds and their purpose within the overall budget. The unspent budget authority and cash balance are in good shape. Some of the significant expenditures that have been discussed and approved are one-time costs. There is the possibility of adding a HS language arts and social studies or science position for the fall of 2016.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Jones reported that there was a special assembly held for those on the honor roll. The National Guard Sidewinders, the army band performed and were received well by the students. They are now holding monthly celebrations with their PBIS program.

Mr. Snodgrass reported that the Iowa Assessments will be starting this week at the JH/HS. The TLC committee are beginning to look at getting instructional coaches in place for next year.

Ms. Ritters said the elementary will have a kick-off on Tuesday regarding their testing programs. Conferences will be held in a couple of weeks and they are getting preschool registration ready to go. They have completed some the FOSS science kits and there has been a lot of success with them.

Nate said by sanding the junior high gym floor over spring break, he will be able to save approximately \$2000 on the cost.

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**Superintendent Report:** On February 10<sup>th</sup> a Bridges Out of Poverty workshop was held with 90 of our employees attending and 140 from the Burlington schools. Mr. Schmitt said it was one of the best workshops he has attended and it was great to see those from all around Des Moines County together to help work with impoverished kids.

**Items for Future Agendas:**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Boughton and seconded by Fry to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM with the board holding an exempt session for negotiations after the regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.