

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 16, 2017**

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington met on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM for a regular meeting in the board room located at 607 Ramsey in West Burlington. Presiding over the meeting was President Crouner with all members answering roll call.

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

**Receive Visitors/Open Forum: 4**

Troy Kline – (11206 142nd Ave, Burlington) – He had some questions regarding the gym rental policy as he has run into issues when trying to rent the facilities. He thinks the policy needs to be changed and be a little more specific. Right now it says the facilities are available to teams that are “predominately” WB students and even though his team has a majority of WB students he wasn’t allowed to use it at the cheaper rate.

Shawn Rogers – (429 E Wheeler) – He also feels the policy needs to be changed and it should be in writing so everyone knows the rules. He has a 13U baseball team which is 75% WB students but was not able to use the fields. The facilities should be available for the betterment of the kids and the policy should maybe reflect a certain percentage of students that would be acceptable. Needs a more clear-cut policy.

He also wants a copy of the harassment/bullying policy. He feels the board needs to take some action regarding the bullying/mental abuse by a coach – for example, the fact that his daughter was not asked to participate in a fall league.

Mr. Schmitt said an investigation was conducted concerning Coach Oleson based on parental complaint and did not find any confirmation of the parental complaint regarding bullying. It was determined no further investigation is warranted. It is a personnel issue and the matter is closed. He stated that he had given Mr. Rogers the name and number of the BOEE.

Mr. Rogers disagreed with the type of investigation conducted saying kids were forced into a room with a person of authority and surveyed. He didn’t feel this was a complete investigation. He would also like the results from the investigation and feels his daughter has been discriminated against.

Troy Kline – he brought up a letter that was sent to the board members with the board materials and felt it was an attack on him although his name was never mentioned.

**Miscellaneous Communications:** none

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – the following items 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 – the bills were audited by Dan Hockett: nutrition - \$21266.52; activity - \$6539.22 and general/other - \$71971.79.
- D. Open Enrollment – the following students should be denied for open enrollment to West Burlington for the 2017-2018 school year:

Kalina Zippe	grade 5
Katelyn Washington	grade 7

- E. Selected Personnel Issues

**Recommendations**

Food Service – It’s recommended that Michelle Glasgow be hired for this position at an hourly rate of \$11.57 per hour for 6 hours daily.

Food Service – It’s recommended that Brandi Gaddis be hired for this position at an hourly rate of \$11.28 per hour for 2.5 hours daily.

JH Student Council – It's recommended that Marianne Bourg be hired for this position.

**Resignations**

High School Science – Dean Robinson has submitted his resignation from this position effective October 27, 2017.

Motion by Hockett and seconded by Thuleen to approve the items under the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**BUSINESS**

**Board Policy 504.5 Discussion:** This is a discussion on student fundraising. The intent of the potential policy change is to centralize fundraising efforts and to insure fundraising that goes on is necessary. It would also establish an accounting system as a check and balance to see if a fundraiser is worth the time and effort. This would also effect any group raising money in the school's name such as athletic boosters and PTO. The board decided to discuss the various types of fundraising along with other points further at the next work session.

**Board Policy 704.6 Discussion:** This is a discussion for the possibility of a policy on "crowd-funding". This is an on-line effort to raise money for individuals. A policy would require board-approval and create accountability for this type of fundraising. They will also look at this and discuss further at the next work session.

**Rental Agreements:** The current policy/regulations are a part of the board materials. The biggest question/concern was teams that had students other than WB students on it. The policy states that teams that are "predominately" WB could practice and those that were not, could not use the facilities. This wording is very vague and needs to be clearer cut. The Superintendent and Athletic Director felt that our facilities were for the betterment of our students. The district also felt that if a coach had legitimately asked all the kids in a specific grade to participate and still couldn't get enough to field a team, a few outside student were OK. It was the teams that made up of a select hand-picked few, with some as WB and some from other schools that was frowned upon.

Bruce doesn't see anything in the policy that states is has to be all WB students but does think it should be a majority and that the policy is too complicated. Randy disagrees with the policy due to the fact that a team with only a couple of non-WB students isn't allowed to use the facility.

All the board members agreed the policy needed to be a little more clear as to the mix of the team and talked about what percentage would be agreeable for a team to be able to use the facilities.

Motion by Thuleen to direct the superintendent to change the wording from "predominately" to 70% WB students. Motion carried 4-1.

**Business Manager Hire:** The job description for business manager position is a part of the board materials. The plan is to advertise/recruit through October/November with interviews in early December and a recommendation for the December board meeting.

Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to advertise for the business manager position with minimum salary of \$55,000. Motion carried 5-0

**SBRC Special Education Deficit Allowable Growth Application:** The special education deficit took a large decline this year compared to last year: FY16 – (25,000) FY17 – (138,608). Some of the factors contributing to this:

- More "tuitioned out" students mean we paid more tuition to other districts
- Increase in resident SPED students (17 more than last year) – more costs associated with services
- Open enrolled in SPED students decreased from previous year

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- Transportation for SPED students increased by \$30,000 as we make trips to Ft. Madison, Burlington, Mediapolis and Mt. Pleasant to meet IEP goals.

The School Budget Review Committee grants school district the spending authority to cover this increase in spending. We will ask the SBRC for \$138,608 to cover the deficit.

Motion by Hockett and seconded by Fry to apply to the SBRC for the special education deficit allowable growth application in the amount of \$138,608. Motion carried 5-0.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Principal's Report:** The high school is looking at their curriculum and have made changes to some of the science offerings. Physical science has moved to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with Biology at the 10<sup>th</sup> grade level. They have added Environmental Science and dropped Biology II. Mr. Snodgrass will have 6 early graduation requests in November – 4 are current students and 2 returning.

The elementary has started their new literacy series and will have more training on October 25. Grandparents Day was last week and they had approximately 550 people. They are currently finalizing their plans for the Veteran's Day breakfast and program.

**Superintendent Report:** Mr. Schmitt told the board he would like to combine all the athletic accounts in the activity fund into one "general athletic" account. On Wednesday, the marching band will be going to a competition that had been rained out on Saturday. He would like to invite the legislators to the December work session. For the next work session, Nov. 6 the board will hear from the technology department and their 5-year plan, the fundraising/rental policies. The IASB convention will be in November and Mr. Schmitt and Andy Crouner will be helping Vern Reed with his presentation at the convention.

### **Items for Future Agendas:**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Boughton and seconded by Hockett to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

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Date Approved

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Secretary

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President