

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 17, 2018**

The Board of Education of the Independent School District of West Burlington met for a regular meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 17, 2018, in the board room at 607 Ramsey in West Burlington. Presiding over the meeting was President Crowner with members Hockett, Boughton, Bowen, and Thuleen answering roll call.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to approve the agenda with the personnel addition. Motion carried 5-0.

**Receive Visitors/Open Forum:** None

**Miscellaneous Communications:** Mr. Schmitt would like to thank Sherry Kastner from the Des Moines County News for her time and service to the West Burlington Schools both as an instructor at West Burlington Arnold High School, and also as a reporter.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – the following were 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: general/other - \$71,599.22; nutrition - \$16,229.29 and activity - \$7,464.57
- D. Open Enrollment – The following students should be approved for open enrollment continuation into West Burlington for the 2018-2019 school year:

Allison Herring	Grade 11
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Amya Thomas	Kindergarten
Amaro Thomas	Grade 3

- E. Personnel Issues  
Recommendations  
Superintendent Secretary – Shawna Brown and I would like to recommend Sandra Miller for this position. Her salary will be \$33,301. Mr. Schmitt commented that Sandra’s first day will be January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

**BUSINESS**

**Dropout Prevention/At-Risk:** Mr. Schmitt is asking for Modified Supplemental Aid approval in the amount of \$159,407. This amount is based only on resident students and does not include open enrolled students. Motion by Hockett and seconded by Boughton to pass a resolution approving the MSA application for \$159,407. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Policy 507.9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. The policy reflects what we’re actually doing. Motion by Boughton and seconded by Thuleen to approve the revised board policy. Motion carried 5-0.

**Bus Recommendation:** Mr. Prickett was present to discuss the process that he and Mrs. Messamaker took on choosing a new bus. They looked at manufacturers of buses we currently own, spoke to our mechanics and our drivers before putting together a list of specifications. Mr. Prickett sent bid specifications to three different dealerships, two dealerships returned bids, out of those two, only one bid completely matched the specifications they were asked to bid by Mr. Prickett and Mrs. Messamaker. The new bus will be standard yellow with a white roof to reduce the temperature in the bus. The bus from Hogleund Bus Company met all specifications. The amount of the bus is \$91,000. This amount does not include the optional air conditioning and a possible trade-in. Mr. Prickett would like feedback from the board as to whether they would like to add air conditioning. Each board member was in agreement that as we were under budget on the purchase of the bus, including the additional cost for air conditioning, we should include air conditioning. Motion by Boughton and seconded by Thuleen to purchase a 2020 IC CE 77 passenger bus with air conditioning in the approximate amount of \$98,000. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Principal’s Report:** Mr. Snodgrass commented that the band and vocal holiday concerts were going on and invited the board members to attend. Mr. Snodgrass gave information to the board regarding the Iowa School Performance Profile (formerly known as the Iowa School Report Card). All West Burlington schools met performance indicators. In the area Mr. Snodgrass refers to as the “Southeast Iowa Corridor” (between Hwy 34 & Hwy 218) our elementary was the fourth highest ranked, our junior high was third highest ranked and our high school was the highest ranked. Looking at the numbers, growth in reading and math has the highest impact on scores. Mrs. Kirkman commented that we are still striving for growth, but it’s difficult to have an impact on the performance profile when our scores are as high as they currently are. Mr. Snodgrass then discussed changes the Iowa Department of Education has made in regards to graduation requirements. No longer will a student with an IEP be allowed to graduate based on meeting their IEP goals. All students must obtain a high school diploma that aligns with the Iowa core curriculum. When asked by President Crouner how many students that would potentially affect, Mr. Snodgrass replied that it would depend on each individual student. Mr. Snodgrass anticipates that had this change been in place previously, it would have affected only four or five students in the last ten years. Mr. Snodgrass noted that board policy 505.7 regarding commencement will need to be revised to reflect these changes. Mr. Snodgrass will be bringing these policy revisions to the board in January.

Mrs. Kirkman mentioned both buildings are currently involved in the canned food drive for Kayla’s Cupboard. Mrs. Kirkman believes that teaching good citizenship is an important part of making a whole student.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Mr. Schmitt commented that he is very proud of all the schools’ scores. Mr. Schmitt fully feels that West Burlington is the school of choice in Southeast Iowa. Mr. Schmitt praised Mrs. Brown for doing a good job in the role of Business Manager and is excited about the addition of Mrs. Miller as Superintendent Secretary in January. Mr. Schmitt is looking forward to having a fully staffed administration office and the progress we continue to make. Mr. Schmitt thanked the board for their service over the year and wished them all happy holidays.

**Items for Future Agendas:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion by Boughton and seconded by Hockett to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

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Date Approved

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Secretary

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President