

March 25, 2019  
6:00PM

Attendance – 5-0

Agenda – Hockett, Thuleen 5-0

Open Forum – n/a

Miscellaneous Communication – recognize and thank you for the booster received a donation for the sball HOF sign on the press box Connie Housman Memorial, daughters Lisa Bence & Lyndsey Lerdel donated \$1382

Graduation & dropout rate – 2018 rate from DOE # of students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 4-year cohort, if they don't graduate in 4 year they follow them into 5<sup>th</sup> year. students in 9-12 are a drop out until they register for another school. In 2014 made transition to FT At Risk Coord, not only factor, it's a combo of things. 7.4% increase from 2011-2018 in grad rate, state has 3.1% increase. Low SES subgroup 3% increase, state had 6.3%, but still a lower SES subgroup grad rate overall. 5 students didn't graduate in 2018, students that we just didn't make a connection with. We take pride in building relationships & getting those kids to come back & graduate. Mr. Jones gives credit to the staff for all their hard work on getting these kids graduated. Mr. S what we do is provide leadership and support to those staff members.

Consent Agenda – hockett, boughton 5-0

#### Business

- A. Copier/Printer Contract – Access Systems provided a quote. We're currently using them now. Hockett, Thuleen to approve copier contract 5-0
  - B. Cancel SU Insurance – We currently have this insurance that covers our copiers. We can save about \$35,000 by moving away from this. Hockett, Thuleen to cancel SU insurance 5-0
  - C. Approve Hiring Superintendent Search Firm – Reached out to 3 firms, received 3 quotes. Mac & Jake are who Andy recommends after reviewing the 3. They do hundreds a year. Could do ourselves if the board chooses. Lonna one of the major search firms in IA. Hockett agrees w/Andy. They average 20-25 applicants. We could do it inhouse, but they have more experience and will perform backgrounds & sorting. Base cost \$6500 allow extra money for travel and expenses, max \$9300. They will want to start right away. Will need to set up a special session w/their consultant. This is the time of year to start. Hockett, Boughton 5-0
  - D. Approve Interim Superintendent – Andy reached out to several school districts, in the end their board was not in favor of sharing. Discussed with the AEA, \$700/day 3 days/week just under \$30,000. Reached out to 8 difference retired supers, a lot of interest. Recommendation is Dr. Marang, 11 yrs as super of Ft. Madison, subs for WB now. Recommended by all 3 principals, met w/Dan & Andy. Dr. Marang is willing to step in for next year if we don't find a great candidate. Dr. Marang appreciates our confidence, looks forward to it. Been in a lot of schools & different capacities, WB is unique. He's excited he wants to be in the district as much as he can. Contract would be for \$22,000 for the rest of the year. Thuleen, Hockett 5-0
- Andy thanked Lonna for stepping in & helping the last few weeks, she's done a great job for us. Lonna appreciated the opportunity & thanked us.

- E. Sharing Agreement for High School Swimming – Bowen was concerned about the clause. Mr. Snodgrass said that they have the program and don't need us. If we want our kids to swim, we have to agree to their terms. Crowner – doesn't like the clause, but he feels it's something we need to work on as a relationship

with that district not something for us to fight. Hopes it might change w/a school board election and some conversations. If effects 2-3 swimmers, one might be a Burlington resident. Thuleen agrees with Bowen but understands where Crowner is coming from. Thuleen 2nding only b/c it helps those students that qualify. Hockett feels its bad public relations for them. Super supported everyone going, but the school board overruled him. Hockett, Thuleen 5-0

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- F. Approve Senior Class Trip – Snodgrass, trip every year w/the seniors. Must be done w/grad requirements. They raise all the \$\$ to attend, sponsors go & chaperone. Asking for approval b/c it's out of state to St. Louis, MO. Thuleen, Boughton 5-0
- G. Approve Preschool Field Trip – Kirkman, out of state to Galesburg. PreK going to Discovery Depot, hands-on, interactive children's museum. Boughton, Hockett 5-0
- H. Budget Discussion – Crowner started looking at what we can cut, we got down to \$14.10, after Lonna came in w/the AEA we found the special ed deficit of \$250,000. Was at \$14.80, got it down to \$14.52. Will have the AEA w/Dr. Marang look at areas we can cut in the way of associates. What we're doing now is we're paying for what happened last year. Lonna found weightings that were incorrect which will give us weighed dollars next year. Lonna weighting on sped students decreased almost by 10% or \$66,000. Lonna met w/principals about writing IEP's & showed them. We were running around a \$60,000 deficit & it ballooned to \$250,000. Looked at budget, we've already spent \$250,000. We've been taking this out of our bank account, but we can't continue to do that or we'll have no \$\$ in the bank. Hockett said we're looking at cuts to curtail expenditures and we've found weightings that weren't correct, so we're leaving money on the table. FY11-FY14 we were over \$22, so we're way down from just a few years ago. Rates from other districts, is pretty comparable to what's happening in our area. Doesn't want to raise taxes, but we need to in order to accommodate the monies we've already spent. In 2019 out of the 347 taxing entities, we ranked 141<sup>st</sup> currently. Won't start paying on new assessments until a year from September.
- I. Set Date & Time for Budget Hearing – April 8, 2019 at 6PM in the board room. Hockett, Bowen. 5-0
- J. Approve Publication of Budget Hearing – Publication in the Des Moines County News on March 28, 2019. Boughton, Thuleen 5-0
- K. Budget Guarantee Resolution – Marang done for declining enrollment to preserve spending authority. Crowner if we drop 10 resident students, we can still use the spending authority. Hockett, Boughton  
Boughton - y  
Thuleen -y  
Hockett -y  
Crowner - y  
Bowen - y

### Principals

Kirkman – Really good PD session, AEA came in & did some science PD. AEA personnel complimented our staff. Gave us ways to beef up our science curriculum. Starting assessments window of April 10-26, talking to area schools that have started, smooth sailing. Confident w/tech & infrastructure.

Snodgrass – Graduation rates. Getting ready to prepare for new IA Assessments. Yearly they do the conditions of learning survey, get staff and parent feedback that goes into our school report card. Learning survey's happening in May. Good news some students in a national computer conference that placed. Badtram 4-5-3 place, Broeg 1-1-3, Walters 2-3. Tech interns going to SCC computer science program. He like to look at starting a computer program at the JHHS down the road. Would help our students. Thanked Lonna for coming in & working w/us for the last 2.5 weeks.

Superintendent

Lonna – worked w/the principals & teacher union reps, last day for school will make up 5 snow days, last student day is June 4<sup>th</sup> & June 5<sup>th</sup> is the teacher comp day that was missed in February. Will include in the April newsletter. Have been working on the 2020-2019 calendar & should have that ready for the board at the next meeting.

Hockett – thanked Lonna for her help.

Adjournment – 7:05pm Boughton, Hockett 5-0

Items for Future Agendas – Meeting w/Burl board prez about sharing agreement

Lynn Hartsock – reimbursement for Falcon Locker?