

Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School
Governing Board Meeting
January 11, 2021

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by David Clapp.

Roll call: Robert Danner, John Petersen, Steve Lane, Jeremy Deck, Tricia Hagley and David Clapp. Cheryl Brumett was absent. Also present Brent Rademacher, Phil Benjamin, Scott Watson – Superintendent for BHRA and Dr. Crystal Johnson-Maden – Superintendent for Rossville.

Guests: Kelly Meeker, Tom Johnson, Mark Dodd, Hilary Mathis, Aubrey Carpenter, Allie Bostwick, McKenna Smith, Layla Martinez, Elijah Huffman, Jenna Dishman, Grace Omundson and Olivia Omundson.

A motion was made by Tricia Hagley and seconded by Jeremy Deck to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jeremy Deck and seconded by Steve Lane to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded by Steve Lane to approve paying the bills for this month. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance) Club Proposal:

Olivia Omundson discussed an outline of starting GSA club. Layla Martinez discussed what the meetings would cover, history and current events, students home life and any problems students might be having. The groups sponsor would be Hilary Mathis. She said the group may meet bi-weekly, and they may have virtual meetings due to the pandemic.

A motion was made by Jeremy Deck for the GSA club to meet and seconded by John Petersen. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Sub pay:

Due to the need of more substitute teachers, the board discussed raising substitutes pay.

We would raise the pay rate for retired teacher to \$110.00 and regular sub pay to \$100.00.

A motion was made by Jeremy Deck to raise substitutes pay and was seconded by Tricia Hagley. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Extra-curricular Athletic Eligibility consideration:

The IHSA reduced the minimum number of courses that students needed to pass in the previous semester to be eligible for extracurricular, due to pandemic. Currently students need to pass 5 classes for weekly and for the previous semester, to be eligible for extra-curricular activities. Coach Dodd spoke in favor of lowering requirements for the previous semester due to the pandemic. This has been a very hard year for students without sports. He feels they deserve a break so they have something to look forward to. Students will still be required to pass 5 classes for weekly eligibility, but change the semester requirements to passing 3 or 4 just for this year due to pandemic.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded by John Petersen to follow the IHSA recommendations to lower the previous semester requirements to passing 3 classes instead of 5 for this year due to the pandemic.

Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Graduation:

Graduation will be held on May 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Curriculum update:

Mr. Benjamin gave some updates, 81% of students would rather be in person learning rather than remote learning. Discipline issues has been down this year. We are leading the county with 58 students enrolled in College Express; the next closest is Danville has 55.

Dual Enrollment has saved our schools parents a total of \$81,345.00 this year.

Aubrey Carpenter is going to talk to teachers K-12 to discuss virtual learning. Some of the remote issues are with turning in work late, and remote learning gives students more chance to cheat. Google classroom has been a huge help. The staff has had virtual meetings with the students who are remote learners every day. Some teachers are using Go Guardian, students can be monitored on line. Students do better with in school learning.

A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded by Robert Danner to adjourn meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed.

Secretary

President