

Turkey Valley Community School
Jackson Junction IA 52171

The Turkey Valley School Board met in a regular session on Monday, May 8, 2023. The meeting was held in the Elementary Meeting Room at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Ernie Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following Board Directors answered roll call: Ernie Schmitt, Jody Steinlage, Leon Shatek, Katie Stika and Don Blazek Jr.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Stika to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Steinlage to approve the consent agenda items. Board Minutes: April 10, 2023, regular meeting; April 18, 2023, special meeting. Resignations: None Appointments: Hailey Gage - elementary special education teacher. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Stika to approve the financial reports and bills. General Fund \$50,932.25 Hot Lunch \$12,323.55, Clearing \$14,720.65, PPEL \$1,519.36, Capital \$8,232.25 Carried unanimously.

Mr. Jurrens presented a certificate to each of the board members and thanked them for the role that they play at Turkey Valley. Other treats and cards were given to the board in honor of School Board Recognition Month. Thank you board members for all that you do!

Public Forum - Student representatives from the Robotics Team brought their robot to the meeting. They shared information about the different responsibilities of the team including engineering, mechanics, programming, and marketing. They were passionate about the fact that this was more than just a group of students. This is a "team" and everyone plays a huge part. They thanked their sponsors and hope to attend additional competitions next year. The board thanked them for presenting.

Mr. Jurrens shared with the board that the Industrial Technology Project is no longer feasible. A sprinkler system is required, per the fire marshal. This additional cost makes the project no longer attainable. The board will "reset" and look at putting together a 5 year plan. They will discuss this at the next meeting.

Quotes were shared with the board 1) for a new freezer and 2) one to repair the old freezer. The new freezer including cement and installation cost was \$91,165.00. The quote to repair the current freezer is approx. \$9000.00. The repair would replace everything, giving it all new electrical components, compressor, condenser etc. The board walked to the kitchen to look at the old freezer and to look at the area for the proposed new freezer. The board returned to the board room. Moved by Blazek and seconded by Stika to approve the quote from Casper Plumbing and Heating Inc. to repair the old freezer. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Stika to approve the second reading of board policies, series 600. Carried unanimously.

Jessica Pullman and Caroline Scheidel presented information for a new 7-12 grade science curriculum. They did a lot of research to find a program that would work best for our students and staff. Moved by Stika and seconded by Shatek to approve the cost of \$42,118.55 with various companies and programs for a new science curriculum. This price is for a 6 year program. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Steinlage to approve the salary schedule and contracts for 2023-2024 non certified staff. Increases averaged 5.25%. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Steinlage to renew the Rural School Advocates of Iowa membership. Cost is \$750.00 per year. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Stika to approve the 2023-2024 fees as presented. These prices now include a cost for junior high ballgames of \$3.00 student / \$5.00 adults. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Stika to approve the Luther College Memorandum of Understanding for 2023-2024. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Steinlage to hold the superintendent's six month evaluation in a closed session after the regular June 12, 2023 school board meeting. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hoy's report included a list of the many happenings at Turkey Valley. A big thank you to all who play a part in making these things a success. It truly takes everyone. Thank you to the school board for all that they do.

Mr. Jurrens told the board that construction on the football/baseball concession stand has begun. The shop class is constructing a storage building for the greenhouse.

Mr. Jurrens shared with the board that Mary Karau donated \$5,000.00 to go towards shop equipment and tools. Thank you so much for this very generous donation.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday June 12, 2023 @ 7:00 PM.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Stika to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Carried unanimously.

President

Secretary