

Turkey Valley Community School
Jackson Junction IA 52171

The Turkey Valley School Board met in a regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023. The meeting was held in the Elementary Meeting Room at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Katie Stika called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following Board Directors answered roll call: Jody Steinlage, Leon Shatek, Katie Stika and Don Blazek Jr. Ernie Schmitt was absent.

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

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Steinlage to approve the consent agenda items. Board Minutes: June 12, 2023, regular meeting. Resignations: Kathleen Chicken - cook; Appointments: Kurt Huinker - ½ time route bus driver; Volunteer Football Coaches: Dave Anderson (pending certification), Dalton Hackman, and Frank Wilson. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Blazek to approve the financial reports and bills. General Fund \$258,273.36, Hot Lunch \$286.45, Clearing \$12,409.42, PPEL \$43,586.63, Capital \$17,323.36. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Steinlage to approve the Board Policies - Series 700 second reading. Carried unanimously.

The board thanked those who sent out and prepared the gym project survey. Also thanks to everyone who returned their surveys. It was a good tool for the board. The survey showed that there is not enough support for this project at this time. The board also feels that trying to get this in place for November's election would be rushing it and they would rather take more time to have it done correctly. Mr. Jurrens suggested waiting to see what enrollment looks like this year before moving forward as well. According to the survey results, many felt that this was a want not a need and they were not willing to pay more taxes for something that is not a need. Mr. Jurrens has the following question for the district residents, "Is there any plan for a gym or other facility improvement that you would vote for if it increased property taxes?" Moved by Shatek and seconded by Blazek not to move forward with the gym project at this time. Carried unanimously. The board would not be opposed to looking at this project again in the future.

John Cuvelier presented the 23-24 insurance renewal policy to the school board. Due to a large increase in valuation, cost of construction materials and other factors, the renewal is up 27%. The board said that it is unfortunate that the price has increased but we still need to have this coverage. Mr. Cuvelier will continue to look for ways to reduce the price, including deductible options, and still provide the insurance that we require. Moved by Shatek and seconded by Steinlage to approve the 2023-24 Insurance Renewal as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Shatek to increase the substitute teacher pay to \$150.00 per day effective 23-24 school year. Yea votes: Blazek, Shatek & Stika. Abstain - Steinlage.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Shatek to approve the following IASB Legislative Priorities: 7 Mental Health, 9 Sharing & Reorganization, 13 Supplemental State Aid and 14 School Funding. Carried unanimously.

Michelle Hoy presented staff and student handbooks to the board. Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Blazek to approve the handbooks as presented. Carried unanimously. The board thanked Mrs. Hoy for meeting and collaborating with staff and for bringing this information together to make improvements and updates to the handbooks.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Shatek to approve the Fort Atkinson Rendezvous committee to use TV buses for Rendezvous Days 2023. The Friends of Fort Atkinson will seek their own bus drivers. TV will invoice them for mileage, fuel, etc. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Blazek to approve the depository banks for the 2023-2024 school year with the maximum amount that can be deposited in each as follows: Bank Iowa, Lawler - \$6,000,000, Citizens' Savings Bank of Fort Atkinson - \$200,000, The Bank of the West, Decorah - \$200,000 and ISJIT \$500,000. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Steinlage to approve the first reading of Board Policies: 402.05, 503.07, 503.07E1, 503.07E2, 605.1, 605.1R1, 605.2, 605.3, 605.3R1, 605.3E5, 605.5, 605.7R1. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Blazek to authorize all interest from the activity fund be placed into the general athletics account now and in the future. Carried unanimously.

Bus drivers requested adding a route back for the 23-24 school year. If this is not possible, they would like an additional \$1056.00 per driver. The board has directed Mr. Jurrens to find another bus driver and add an additional route for 23-24. Mr. Jurrens shared the budget forecast with the board. The voucher program had more than double the applicants than they budgeted for. \$107 million was budgeted and \$224 million will be approved. This means that there will be low, if any, budget surplus left. There may not be any supplemental state aid available for schools. Although Turkey Valley is in a good financial place now, we will need to tighten our belts. The 3 years of ESSER funds will be done after next year. Budgeting may cut the routes back to six again in the future.

Mrs. Hoy will bring a report to the next board meeting. Mr. Jurrens said that the summer projects are going well. The custodians are ahead of schedule. The kitchen freezer repair is complete and construction continues on the baseball/football concession stand.

Thank you to Clayton Ridge School District for the use of their school bus. The Turkey Valley bus had mechanical problems and they sent our team home in their bus. Their help was greatly appreciated that evening!

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday August 14, 2023 @ 7:00 PM.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Blazek to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Carried unanimously.

President

Secretary