

Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School
Governing Board Meeting
August 9, 2021

The tentative Budget Board meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by David Clapp.

Roll call: Jeremy Deck, Dave Clapp, Steve Lane, John Petersen, Cheryl Brumett and Meredith Hearnley
Absent: Robert Danner. Also present Brent Rademacher, Dr. Crystal Maden, superintendent for Rossville- Alvin, Scott Watson, superintendent for Bismarck-Henning, Kelly Meeker, Jim Ribbe, Cheryl Ribbe, and Tony Foster.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded Meredith Hearnley to approve the agenda for tonight's budget meeting. Motion passed.

Budget Hearing: Salary increases were the largest factor in the expenditures category.

New Tuition rate rising to \$9, 811.00 for current year, increase was due using reserve funds from year before and that is not in this year's numbers.

A motion was made by Jeremy Deck and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to adjourn budget hearing at 5:07p.m. Motion passed.

David Clapp called the regular board meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Roll call vote: Jeremy Deck, Dave Clapp, Steve Lane, John Petersen, Cheryl Brumett and Meredith Hearnley. Absent: Robert Danner

A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded it by Cheryl Brumett to approve paying bills. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to approve July's board minutes. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Closed Board minutes: We need to keep them closed due privacy for students as well as personnel data that cannot be made public.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to keep closed session meetings closed. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

BHRA return to school plan 21-22:

Many parents were in attendance tonight to express feelings about masking our students. Also present was our lawyer for the school Mr. David Braun and State Representative Tom Bennett.

Melissa Leigh voiced concerns about masking our children is of great concern for our children, as many parents feel it should be parent's choice if their child should wear a mask.

Rachel Smith- voiced concerns why everyone should wear the masks for safety precaution during this pandemic.

Judy Pendleton also voiced concern why masks are important at school.

Stephanie Tidwell commented how important it is to be able to see everyone's smiling faces, by practicing social distancing we should be able to wear masks if we choose to.

Jennifer White also commented on how studies have shown that masks can also be harmful to students when worn all day.

Our insurance carrier sent this message to the school “the Governor came out with a mandate, so it is a state order. They do need to follow or coverage would be jeopardized. If it was a guideline or a suggestion then they would still have coverage if they did not follow it, but this is a mandate.”

Our lawyer, Mr. Braun says he will support the school in any decision our board will make, but gave some information on how this could be costly. With this pandemic there is not any cases to compare it to.

Tom Bennett discussed how important it is to contact our representatives to let them know how we feel.

A special board meeting will be held August 16, at 5:00 p.m. to vote on this situation.

Tentative FY22 Budget: A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to accept the tentative budget. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Handbook changes 2nd reading: We will include a Personal Finance course as a social studies option to satisfy our local requirement for graduation. We are still meeting all state requirements as this is a change to our school requirements.

A motion was made by Meredith Hearnley and seconded by Jeremy Deck to accept changes to handbook. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to go into closed session at 7:06 p.m. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to go into open session. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to accept the BHRA Collective Bargaining Agreement for 21-22/ 22-23/ 23-24. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Non-Collective bargaining salaries: We did not have enough to vote due to some board members having to leave for another meeting. We will vote on this at the next meeting.

Cooperative High School Administrative update: Our enrollment is around 370 for the year. Sports season has started today for many sports.

Building Project update: As many of you know the Board approved an upgrade to our buildings and grounds to build a softball field as well as a soccer field surrounded by an all weather 8 lane track. Construction would be east of the existing baseball field. A feasibility is being done right now as to adding a concession stand with restrooms.

Some of the exterior work will not be completed until after school starts and the repairs on the roofs will be done in the spring. The new bleacher upgrades in Wilcox gym have been installed.

Personnel: A motion was made by Steve Lane and Meredith Hearnley to hire Lisa Story and Kelly Meeker as class sponsors. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to re-hire aides, Teresa Wells and Karen Lane. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Meredith Hearnley and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to adjourn meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion passed.

President

Secretary