

Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School  
Governing Board Meeting  
September 13, 2021

The Budget Hearing 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 and Kelly Meeker.

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

Guests: Amy Delgolyer, Liz Cole, Lisa Miller, Vicki Smith, Beccy Reed, Bethany Bradfield, Kaleb Weaver, S. Tidwell, Amanda Buyno, Andrea Pickerd, Jennifer Heidrick, Heather Meidel, Kerry Hall, Melissa Leigh, Kent Leigh, Brett Hunt, Danella Reigning, Emily Gernand, Aubrey Carpenter, Rachel Smith, Rick Smith, Keri Taylor, and Rachel Brumett.

Since our last meeting the student enrollment was just a few students lower than projected which causes tuition to rise slightly.

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

Roll call vote was taken for regular meeting: 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 by Steve Lane to approve agenda for tonight's regular meeting with the addition of including the approval of the 2021-2022 budget. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to approve paying the monthly bills. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jeremy Deck and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to approve the minutes for last month and the special board meeting. Motion passed.

Mr. Rademacher reported on our six day enrollment we have 254 Bismarck-Henning students and 105 Rossville-Alvin students which brings our total to 359 students.

FFA Convention consideration: The convention is Oct. 27-29 in Indianapolis this year. Mrs. DeGolyer discussed there will up to 8 students who are picked out of an application process to go. They will be following all of the guidelines the state has issued. Mrs. DeGolyer and possibly her mother who is a retired teacher would be chaperoning this convention. They have asked for 2 motel rooms for the 2 days.

A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to approve the trip to the FFA Convention. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Homecoming Plans: Mr. Rademacher discussed the plans for Wild, Wild West Homecoming theme. Mrs. Russell is the student council sponsor who always plans a fun week for our students. For the

homecoming dance, any Alumni who might attend will have to follow all of the safety guidelines that are in place. The dance will be outside with a tent which will be by the bus garage and or around football field. Since it will be outside we will let students bring dates to the dance who do not go to our school and they will have to follow the safety guidelines also. In the event of severe weather, since it will be outside, we might postpone dance to Sunday.

Cooperative High School Update/Administrative Update: Extra- curricular activities are going strong, with a few adjustments in some game schedules due to other teams having to cancel some games.

Staff Vaccination Mandate: By Sept. 19, staff will have to be vaccinated or do weekly Covid testing. The state has not given any guidelines thus far. Possibly have on site testing, other sites are not convenient to use as they are during the workday. Possibly have Shield testing by Oct. 26. We will update as we receive further information.

Building project Information: For our softball and track sports complex. They are starting on the groundwork today. Depending on weather, it could be ready to use in the spring. An estimate is being gathered on the cost of lighting for the fields. We have an estimate for a building with restrooms and concessions, but we believe we can save a lot of money by doing the inside work ourselves or bidding the work out locally. We will also bid the softball field dugouts out to local people or construct ourselves to save money.

Reports: VVEDS we have a strong group of students attending College Express courses this year. in fact, more than any other school.

Personnel:

A motion was made by Meredith Hearnley and seconded by Jeremy Deck to go into closed session at 5:35p.m. Motion passed

A motion was made by Meredith Hearnley and seconded by John Petersen to go back to open session at 5:46p.m.

Non-collective bargaining salaries 2021-2022:

A motion was made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by Steve Lane to approve salary increase recommendation for employees not covered in the CBA. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jeremy Deck and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to hire Rachel Campbell and Mendy Stephens for a grant funded Career Exploration/Advisory coordinator. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded it by John Petersen to approve Nancy Heidrick and Susan Kentner as volunteer volleyball coaches.

Comments:

Liz Cole raised concerns about having a vaccine clinic at the school. She is a nurse and mother of five children. She feels schools should be about education not having vaccines clinics. Raised concerns about if anyone has a bad reaction to a vaccine.

Some questions our employees have: [Please see attachment](#)

Dave Clapp mentioned that the union should be involved with the application of this new condition of employment therefore answers to these questions should not yet be answered by the board.

Heather Meidel spoke of all the changes the teachers went through last year. Teaching in person students and also online students. This was all new but the teachers did it. They had to answer questions on their own time and also help students on their own time and they did it. She herself had Covid and still taught her students while at home online. She would like support on the mandates and testing. It is a privacy issue that the teachers have with having to get tested. This is a personal issue whether or not one chooses to get vaccine.

Keri Hall also talked about the privacy issue of the mandate. Those who have chosen not to be vaccinated feel that is their God given right. Being tested is not private and we should not be asked if we have been vaccinated, that is private information. We know our school board works hard at what they do but we have to start somewhere with the chain of command to voice our concerns. She is asking our school board to help in this situation. What will be next? A mandate that we have to be vaccinated to keep our job, because if so you will lose some valuable teachers.

Rachel Smith spoke about remote learning. She is doing homeschooling this year due to family members who have underlying health conditions. She is upset with not having online learning through the school this year and have to do home school. She would still like to be able to do sports, but cannot since she chose to do home schooling.

Dave Clapp thanked everyone and said all comments would be taken seriously.

A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to adjourn meeting at 6:12p.m. Motion passed.

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President

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Secretary