

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



April

2018

BOARD BRIEFS

On April 9, 2018, the Board held its regular business meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., the regular meeting was called to order.

- Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance occurred.
- Student recognition occurred.
- A budget hearing for the amended FY18 budget was held.
- Comments were provided from staff.
- District administrators provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Student of the Month Recognition
 - Kindergarten – Maryn Hill
 - 1st grade – Carter Force
 - 2nd grade – Jaymere Goodwin
 - 3rd grade – Gracie Painter
 - 4th grade – Jaydon Black
 - 5th grade – Angelina Madrigal
 - Our current enrollment number is 486 for Pre-K through 5th grade.
 - We are wrapping up state testing next week. The 4th graders started PARCC on Monday and the 5th grade will start on Thursday.
 - The curriculum committee chose a book study for all K-2 teachers in our building, focused on guided reading.
 - University of Illinois Physics Van came for an assembly for all students on Friday afternoon. Our students really enjoyed the experiments!
 - Discover A-O is April 26th. The theme is “A World of Art” and Mrs. Stoerger is working with students to prepare their artwork for the show! We also have lots of talent getting ready to perform!
 - Argenta Bomber Block Bash is scheduled for April 19th.

- Mr. Blair:
 - Before spring break, students completed the PARCC tests. Eight graders also completed the Illinois State School Board of Education science test.
 - Mrs. Montague, along with her daughter, wrote and secured a \$500 grant from Meemic Incorporated. These funds will be used to order math supplies.
 - During the first weekend of spring break our band and chorus students participated in the Illinois Music Education Association contest held at Warrensburg. Nearly all of our students earned a first place. Thank you Mrs. DeSutter and Ms. Adams for preparing our students for this competition.
 - March discipline infractions average five per day and tardies averaged one per day.
 - On Wednesday, April 11th, the seventh graders will visit the Lincoln Museum in Springfield.
- Mr. German:
 - The HS enrollment is currently 278.
 - Our juniors will be taking the SAT tomorrow, April 10.
 - Thank you to Mrs. Spinner and Ms. Anderson for preparing and submitting an ADM Cares Grant request. The grant was submitted on behalf of the Argenta-Oreana Education Foundation. The grant requests are targeted at supporting the implementation of an Agriculture Science program here at the high school.
- Mr. Williams:
 - As I am sure you are aware, the weather has been a major factor for all of our spring sports.
 - DMH will be on site on May 29, from 3:00-5:00 to offer sports physicals for our students. This will not meet the requirements for a freshman physical but will meet the requirements of the IHSA and IESA for athletic participation. This coincides with the last day of student attendance.
 - They made a great deal of progress on the football field/track since we last met in spite of the terrible weather. The turf is 90% complete and they should begin the infill process within the week, weather permitting. They are waiting on the asphalt plants to open up in order to start the track.
- Mr. Jones:
 - Discover A-O will be held on Thursday, April 26th. The Argenta-Oreana Educational Foundation (AOEF) will hold its annual Pork Chop/Hot Dog dinner from 4:30-7:00 that evening. Please consider attending as this is the AOEF's major fundraiser.

- The board entered closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act-5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), which permits a closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body.
- The regular meeting was reconvened.
- Review and approval of Board Minutes occurred.
- The approval of Payroll/Bills occurred.
- Personnel Employment
 - Action occurred on the following resignation(s):
 - Leslie Greer as HS special education teacher pending her official hiring at Meridian School District.
 - Bill Lacy as custodian effective May 12th.

- Action occurred on the following hire(s):
 - Clint Cole as district teacher assigned to MS Science.
- Action also occurred on the following:
 - The pay rate for crossing guard was increased from \$8.51/hr to \$9.25/hr.
 - The teacher substitute rate was increased as follows:
 - The regular rate was increased from \$85 to \$95/day.
 - For any substitute who works more than 30 days/year, the rate of pay for all days past 30 will be \$100/day.
 - Retired A-O teachers who work as a teacher substitute will be paid \$100/day.
 - This change is effective immediately.
- The FY18 amended budget was adopted.
- The status of facility improvement projects was discussed.
- A new curriculum for reading (Fountas and Pinnell) was approved for purchase.
- The First Reading of Board Policies & Revisions (Exhibit A) occurred.
- One facility usage request was approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.