

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



August

2017

BOARD BRIEFS

On August 14, 2017, 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.
- The board approved a resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of constructing additions and improvements to District facilities and sites, in and for the District, and for the issue of General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2017, of the District evidencing the rights to payment under said Agreement, providing for the security for and means of payment under said Agreement of said Certificates, and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to the purchaser thereof.
 - Mr. David Pistorius, from First Midstate, described the process for moving forward with the funding necessary for the district's facility improvement plans, and he discussed what would be occurring in future board meetings. He closed his statement by reminding everyone that this would be accomplished WITHOUT raising property taxes.
- The board took action to engage First Midstate Inc. as placement agent for the District's Debt Certificates and as underwriter for the District's upcoming Funding Bonds.
- A surety bond for the District treasurer for the Debt Certificate was approved.
- Staff comments were provided.
- District administrators provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Registration for returning and new students has been completed, but we are still getting calls to set up appointments for new and returning students. The current enrollment is as follows:

PreK – full with 80 students and 17 on a waiting list
K – 47

1st – 63
2nd – 64
3rd – 72
4th – 82
5th – 65

- Our building is looking great thanks to our custodians! We have had a lot of shuffling this summer to get new classrooms ready for new teachers.
- Mr. Blair:
 - Registration is nearly complete. Currently, we have an enrollment of 206; we ended last year with 208.
 - The new data system *TeacherEase* seems to be working well. We have received several compliments from staff and parents.
 - The custodians have the buildings clean and ready to go for the school year.
 - We would like to welcome Christopher Tisdal to the staff. He will be teaching 6th/7th grade science this year.
 - Most of the staff have been in the building working this summer to prepare for students. We anticipate having an excellent year.
- Mr. German:
 - Enrollment at AOHS for the 2017-2018 school year is currently 286.
 - We will be having our Open House on Tuesday, August 22 from 5:30-7:30 PM.
 - Thank you to our custodial staff for all of their work. Our buildings are looking great and ready for staff and students to return for a great school year.
- Mr. Williams:
 - High School Volleyball has 32 registered participants. The first home volleyball contest is August 24, 2017 vs. Warrensburg Latham.
 - High School Football has 50 registered participants. The first home football game will be August 25, 2017 at 7:00 vs Meridian.
 - High School Cross Country has 7 registered participants. The cross country team will begin their season on August 22 at St. Thomas More.
 - Middle School Baseball and Softball seasons are up and running.
 - All students in grade 6-12 will be completing IMPACT testing as part of the Districts' Concussion Protocol Program in the near future.
- Mr. Jones:
 - An update on the installation of concrete on the MS/HS bus drive was provided.
 - The third categorical payments from the state for FY17 were provided last week. The state is still \$172,083 behind in payments to the district. An update on school funding was also provided. Currently, due to the Governor's amendatory veto and the fact that the Senate overrode that veto, there is no funding mechanism to provide state payments to schools.
 - The district is EXCITED to have staff returning on Monday and students on Wednesday.
 - September's board meeting has been changed to Thursday, September 14th.
 - Mr. Jones described what agenda items 4, 5, and 6 mean for the district. He reviewed the facility improvement projects that would be accomplished with this funding source. He also stated that the district would NOT have engaged in discussions to make these improvements if they could not be done without raising property taxes. These improvements will be accomplished without raising property taxes by

restructuring the district's current bond payments and lengthening the repayment period. The scope of these improvements will make a substantial improvement on district facilities indoors and out.

○ Facility Improvement Projects to be Completed in 2018

- Replace windows in the JH and west wing of the ES with double paned insulated windows.
 - An asbestos removal project will be required for removing the windows in both locations.
 - Air conditioning for the JH, ES, and Kimler Gym. This project will also include the removal of the old boilers and installing new high efficiency boilers in the ES and the JH.
 - An asbestos removal project will be required for the installation of HVAC and the removal of the old boilers.
 - Install an all-weather track and turf football field
 - Constructing a multi-function building at the elementary school located next to the varsity softball field and youth league field. This building will include restrooms for men and women, a concession stand, storage for MS and HS softball, storage for youth league, a two car garage, and a large storage area for ES use.
 - Build a small concession stand located behind home plate at the MS/HS baseball field.
 - Install a floor mat system in the HS weight room for student safety.
 - Constructing a building at the entrance of the football/track complex at the HS. This building will include ticket taker rooms, a concession area, and restrooms for men and women.
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- 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) and/or retirement(s):
 - Andrew Patrick Moore as band teacher.
 - Chad Eisenmenger as MS PE teacher and high school boys track coach.
 - Donnie Newingham as bus driver.
 - Alec Kepuraitis as MS social science teacher and JH boys track coach.
 - Action occurred on the following hire(s):
 - Christopher Tisdal as district teacher (assigned to MS science).
 - Chevauna Adams as district teacher (assigned to band).
 - April Dambacher as district teacher (assigned to HS math)
 - Dustin Krause as district teacher (assigned to MS PE)
 - Janarra Beals as Freshman volleyball coach.
 - Sara Runyen as JH volleyball coach.
 - Action occurred to approve the following volunteer coaches:

- Volleyball
 - Hannah Millington
- The district took action to enter into a five year contract with DMH for athletic training services. Mr. Williams explained that the district would receive more services than in past years, and we would be maintaining the same trainer.
- Mr. Jones provided a presentation on the FY18 budget.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.