

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



December

2017

BOARD BRIEFS

On December 11, 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.
- Student recognition occurred.
- The Property Tax Levy was held. Mr. Jones discussed the levy. The levy amount to be submitted to the county clerks at Macon and DeWitt is exactly the same as last year. It is anticipated that property taxes will remain the same if not see a slight decrease due to a slight increase in EAV.
- District administrators provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Our Christmas performances are next week! The 1st-4th graders have a concert on Monday in Kimler Gym, Pre-K invites their parents in on Tuesday for some songs and crafts, and 5th grade has a concert Wednesday evening.
 - PBIS and trauma committees have started to merge as we see many correlations between the two. Our next step is to train bus drivers and lunch supervisors in our trauma practices. These trainings are beginning before Christmas break.
 - BLT recently met to discuss our December 22nd School Improvement Day and the curriculum focus we will take that afternoon.
 - The elementary teachers are hosting a family movie night of Christmas movies this Friday!
 - Mr. Blair:
 - Jared Bowers, Tiffany Warner, and Charli Ulbricht were chosen as the AOMS Students of the Month because of their exceptional citizenship and attitude.
 - Current enrollment at AOMS is 208, approximately 9 less than last year.
 - The AOMS BLT team chose Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Ruwe to be on the district curriculum committee. This committee had their first meeting on December 5th, focusing on language arts and mathematics.
 - We are planning to schedule PARCC testing from March 12th through 23rd. That may change due to the availability of Chromebooks.

- The band and chorus concert that was held last Sunday was excellent. Thank you Mrs. Phillips for helping our students.
- In November tardies decreased again. In September, there were 80, October 67, and down to 40 in November. Overall, discipline infractions also decreased from 95 in October to 63 in November. We expect another decrease for December.
- Mr. German:
 - High school enrollment is currently at 278.
 - We are looking forward to our PBIS quarterly celebration this Friday, December 15. Students will have the opportunity to participate in Powder Puff Volleyball and choose from a variety of movies during the afternoon.
 - The AOCUSD #1 curriculum committee met last week. We will be focusing on English / Language Arts / Writing and Math. Vertical alignment of our curriculum will be critical as we work to provide a clear curricular foundation with staff as well as effective transitions for students. We will also be looking at supplemental resources to address the need for universal screeners as well as academic intervention resources.
 - Congratulations to our Band and Choir students and directors for a very successful Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 10.
 - Mr. Williams and I provided an update regarding facility improvements being made at both the Argenta and Oreana campuses. We reviewed drawings of a new building to be used at the MS/HS at the Track and Football complex and a new building to be used at the Softball field at the elementary building. Both buildings will include concessions, restrooms, and storage. Currently the drawings are not finalized and will be going through further revisions.
- Mr. Williams:
 - Presented the Holiday Tournament schedules for Boy's and Girls' Basketball as well as information on the Bomber Classic Wrestling Tournament to be held December 30.
 - Provided an update on the current conference situation. He also provided a copy of the current teams and their participation status for each activity for the schools interested in the formation of a new conference.
 - Provided a brief update on the progress of the football field and track project.
 - Mr. German and I presented detailed information on the design of the new concession/restroom/ticket booth facility at Argenta and the concession/restroom/storage facility at Oreana. These projects are scheduled to go out to bid in Mid-January.
- Mr. Jones:
 - Discussed the next two Fellowship Meals.
 - Stated that the bus specs have been developed and sent to the two major suppliers in this area.
 - Provided an opportunity for the board members to discuss what they learned at the Triple I conference.
- 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):
 - Ponce Palmer as Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball coach.
- Consideration and action on a resolution abating a portion of the tax for the year 2017 to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2012 for Argenta-Oreana CUSD #1 occurred.
- Consideration and action on a resolution abating a portion of the tax for the year 2017 to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A for Argenta-Oreana CUSD #1 occurred.
- The final tax levy was presented and adopted.
- Mr. German discussed the senior trip. The board approved the request.
- Action occurred to keep Closed Session Minutes private and not for public inspection.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.