

# A-O CUSD #1

## Board Briefs



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October

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### BOARD BRIEFS

On October 10, 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.
- Staff comments were provided.
- District administrators provided reports:
  - Mrs. Diener:
    - Argenta-Oreana Elementary School Students of the Month were introduced to the School Board and the public. These students are: Wyatt Friend; Jayvione Rice; Griffin Sietz; Dakota Dillman; Lilliana McRoberts; Benn Kapper.
    - Mrs. Diener thanked Mr. Jones; administrators; School Board; parents; staff; and students for her positive experience as interim principal for Mrs. Ryder while she is on maternity leave. Mrs. Diener's experience has been delightful and she will have a difficult time leaving this school community when Mrs. Ryder returns.
  - Mr. Blair:
    - The AOMS Student Committee is planning Red Ribbon Week for October 16-20.
    - Students were able to use their Bomber Bucks on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the first celebration.
    - Compared to last year, there were 32% less discipline infractions, and we had double the tardies. We are anticipating that number of tardies to decrease as the result of helping some students by providing strategies about how to travel from class to class more efficiently.
    - Middle School Choir sang the National Anthem at the girls' home basketball game against Warrensburg on October 5<sup>th</sup>. They sounded amazing.
    - On October 9<sup>th</sup>, several middle school students auditioned for the IMEA Chorus. Thank you to Mrs. Lightner for assisting Mrs. DeSutter with the auditions.

- Next week, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the MS/HS spring chorus concert will be held in Kimler Gym starting at 6:00 p.m.
  - Mr. German:
    - Thank you to our student council, staff, and parents who contributed to a very enjoyable 2017 Homecoming last week.
    - Our juniors will be taking the PSAT on October 11. This is a good opportunity for our students to gain a familiarity with the format of the test. The results will give us a better understanding of areas that we need to focus on for the official SAT test our juniors will be taking in April of 2018.
  - Mr. Williams:
    - This year the District participated in the Real Men Wear Pink Campaign. I am proud to announce the District raised \$1200 for the cause.
    - We have been working with the architects and the Track/Turf companies to develop the final Request for Proposal Documents on the new football field and track. The RFP should go out in the next week or so. Our goal is to have a recommendation for your consideration ready at the November meeting.
    - The winter sports meeting for high school athletics will be October 30, 2017 at 6:00.
  - Mr. Jones:
    - No report was provided.
- 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 hire(s):
      - Shauna Bohlmann as district teacher.
      - Yvonne O'Connor as MS Scholastic Bowl coach.
      - Brian Molitoris as HS assistant scholastic bowl coach.
      - Hannah Millington as HS assistant girls basketball coach.
    - Action occurred to approve the following volunteer coaches:
      - HS Wrestling
        - Gary Cook
        - Art Bartges
        - Andrew Patterson
        - Josh Vandervort
        - Zach Whitsel
  - Mr. Jones discussed the Levy. All projections show that the property tax rate should not increase. It may actually decrease.
  - An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Argenta for snow removal was approved.

- An Intergovernmental Agreement with Whitmore Township for snow removal was approved.
- Copies of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) were provided to the board. Mr. Jones discussed that the Estimated Profile Score for the district was 3.9 and is in the Recognition range. A 4.0 is considered a perfect score. Additionally, Mr. Jones discussed that at the time of the audit, the district had 291.66 days of cash on hand. The district could have weathered the financial storm by the state and stayed open all the school year even if the state had not provided revenue. The board approved the AFR.
- Mr. German discussed an early graduation request. The board took action to approve the early graduation request of Student A as long as Student A meets all requirements for fall semester 2017.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.
- At 6:36 p.m., the meeting was reconvened with the original six board members in attendance.
- Action occurred to approve a facility usage request as presented.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.