

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



September

2017

BOARD BRIEFS

On September 14, 2017, the Board held its regular business meeting.

At 5:45 p.m., a budget hearing was held.

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

- Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance occurred.
- A public hearing was held concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell funding bonds.
- The board approved a resolution declaring the intent to issue Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying Claims against the District.
- The board took action to Motion to authorize Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, to prepare the necessary legal proceedings for the proposed issuance of \$5,600,000 more or less General Obligation School Bonds (the “*Bonds*”), retain First Midstate Incorporated, Bloomington, Illinois (“*First Midstate Incorporated*”), as placement agent or underwriter for the Bonds, authorize the District to execute an agreement retaining First Midstate Incorporated as placement agent or underwriter for the Bonds, and approve Chapman and Cutler LLP to act as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel to First Midstate Incorporated.
- Student recognition occurred.
- Staff comments were provided.
- District administrators provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Student of the Month Recognition
 - Mason Rucker
 - Emmy Reynolds
 - This is our second year as a trauma informed pilot school. We have shared a lot of the good news from our building which has given people an opportunity to reach out

to us. We recently heard from Healthy Strides in Argenta and we have an exciting opportunity for professional development with them on September 25th.

- We are having a family movie night Friday night as a PBIS fundraiser. We were notified we would need a license for this and Tom Altig was able to obtain one for the entire district to cover any movies we show that are not curriculum based. The license will be through Criterion for \$850.
 - A grandparents' breakfast will be held on Thursday, September 21st.
 - Our current enrollment is 401 students and our Pre-K program is at capacity with a waiting list.
- Mr. Blair:
 - The student committee organized a fundraiser for the victims of the hurricane flooding in Texas. The school raised over \$200 dollars in change. Preston Rucker and his family raised over \$100 for them selling vegetables and lemonade. Preston is the AOMS Student of the Month.
 - The new data system *TeacherEase* seems to be working well. We are able to better communicate with parents.
 - For the next school improvement day, we are going to do more training with *TeacherEase* and disaggregate PARCC data to better align our curriculum.
- Mr. German:
 - Provided an update regarding student enrollment.
 - Freshmen – 71
 - Sophomores – 70
 - Juniors – 64
 - Seniors – 78
 - Total – 283
 - Thank you to Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, and all of our students, staff, parents, and community members who helped work at the Farm Progress Show! We received many compliments from FPS organizers about how well our workers did.
 - We have 25 students attending programs through the Heartland Region Technical Academy and 9 students attending Richland Community College through the Transfer Academy. We have 8 students currently taking Sociology here at AOHS with a RCC Instructor.
 - Thank you to our students and staff who participated in our Red Cross Blood Drive! We exceeded our goal and collected 53 units of blood. Thank you to Mrs. Schrey and our student volunteers!
- Mr. Williams:
 - I would like to thank all the students, parents and volunteers that helped out at this year's farm progress show. We had approximately 250 volunteers over the three day period. The event organizers spoke very highly of the workers from Argenta Oreana.
 - In the coming months, all sophomores will undergo a heart screening in an attempt to identify cardiac issues that may have gone unnoticed. This service is being provided by Dale and Rita Colee and Stone Thrown Forward Foundation. Dale and Rita lost their son, Kyle Stone, to an unknown cardiac issue in June of 2014 and have made it their goal to bring awareness to potential cardiac issues.
 - Argenta Oreana will be celebrating the Real Men Wear Pink Campaign the week of September 25th.
 - Homecoming week is rapidly approaching. Festivities will be going on throughout the week of October 2nd.

- 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 resignation(s) and/or retirement(s):
 - Angela Bateson as special education aide.
 - Marleah Chapman as National Honor Society sponsor.
 - Action occurred on the following hire(s):
 - Yvonne O'Connor as MS Scholastic Bowl coach.
 - Emily Cleary as National Honor Society sponsor.
 - Matt Hall as High School Boys Basketball coach.
- Mr. Jones discussed that the requirement that school boards approve the Applications for Recognition of Schools was discontinued.
- The Administrator & Teacher Salary & Benefits Report was approved.
- Mr. Jones recommended and the board took action to approve a transportation Serious Safety Hazard Finding.
- One facility usage request was granted.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.