

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



December

2021

On December 13, 2021, the Board held its regularly scheduled business meeting.

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

- Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance occurred.
- A Property Tax Levy Hearing was held.
- Staff comments were provided.
- Two members of the PATT presented a proposal to fully fund and install a 1/8-mile-long asphalt walking track behind the elementary school. Discussion occurred. The board acted to approve the installation of the track.
- District administrator(s) provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Our K-5 enrollment is 384 compared to 353 at this time last year. Pre-K is full at 80 and our total enrollment is 472.
 - A big thank you to Mrs. Herek for the wonderful Christmas programs on Sunday. Her willingness to find a way to make a concert work for each grade level is greatly appreciated. She never ceases to amaze us and her energy is such a joy for the students and audience. The production was a great team effort.
 - We're looking forward to our PreK concert this week and classroom parties.
 - Our Building Leadership Team met today and discussed plans for our SIP day and brainstormed ideas for addressing social emotional concerns we are having.
 - We are finishing the second round of FastBridge testing to see the growth and start new RtI groups in January.
 - A review of the 2021 Illinois School Report Card was shared.
 - Mr. Blair:
 - Enrollment is 218 as compared to 228 last year.
 - The 5th grade band, middle school band, and the middle school chorus concerts were held in Bomber Gym last Sunday. Thank you students, Ms. Adams, and Mrs. Peachey for such an enjoyable afternoon.

- During their last meeting, the Building Leadership Team discussed aligning the new health curriculum to the new state mandates.
 - On December 10, 167 students, who were eligible, watched the movie, *Encanto*, at the Clintonia Eagle Theater.
 - To be eligible, students had to be passing all classes, demonstrated appropriate behavior, and demonstrated good attendance.
 - Most of the funding for this trip was paid for by the AOMS Student Committee, using the money raised during Homecoming Week.
 - The PBIS team sponsored a holiday door decorating contest. Each Academic Opportunities class decorated their door for the holidays. The winning class was Mrs. Schroeder. The students and staff had a lot fun.
 - Data from the 2021 Illinois Report Card was shared with the board of education.
- Mr. German:
 - AOHS enrollment as of 12/7/21 is 246 compared to 262 last year at this time.
 - Our high school students will be completing semester exams this week. Our winter break will start for students on Friday, December 17. Students will return for the second semester on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.
 - Thank you to Ms. Adams, Mrs. Peachey, and all of our band and choir students! They provided a wonderful Holiday Concert this past Sunday.
 - An update regarding information on the 2021 Illinois School Report Card was provided.
 - We have had an increase in the number of positive COVID cases at the high school in recent weeks. Thank you to our District Nurse, Mrs. Lexi Ziegler for her continued support of our students and staff!
- Review and approval of Board Minutes occurred.
 - The approval of Payroll/Bills occurred.
 - Personnel Employment
 - Action occurred on the following resignation(s):
 - Paul Reeve as bus driver.
 - Thomas Jackson as elementary art teacher.
 - Kathleen Outzen as middle school second assistant volleyball coach.
 - No changes were recommended to the 2021-2022 Return to Learn Plan.
 - Facility improvement projects were discussed. A project to replace/update the HVAC system for the PreK/3rd grade/Bomber Gym wing of the elementary school was discussed. A project to replace/repair the middle school roof was discussed. It is anticipated that the majority of the funding for these projects will be provided by grants. Action occurred to approve both projects. Additionally, the board approved the installation of a new video board and scorer's table for Kimler Gym.
 - Consideration and action on a Resolution abating a portion of the tax for the year 2021 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 2021 to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A for Argenta-Oreana CUSD #1 occurred.

- The final Tax Levy was adopted. It is anticipated that a decrease in the overall tax rate will occur.
- Action occurred to keep closed session minutes confidential.
- The first reading of board policies & revisions (Exhibit A) occurred.
- The board approved the purchase of two Multifunction School Activity Buses (MFSAB's).
- Action occurred to approve the purchase of the Safe Fleet Wireless Video Management System for our school buses.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.