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# Twin Cedars



# Community School

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*From the Desk of Mr. Roby*

**O**n September 15th, our students had the opportunity to “zip line” with the Iowa National Guard. The National Guard is just one organization that we try to team up with during the year. The National Guard provides activities some students may not get a chance to ever do. All of our students absolutely loved it and many students zip lined several times throughout the day. We are already planning other activities that we can do this year with the National Guard.



As many of you know, we started an “ITED” traveling trophy with our rival school, Melcher-Dallas, three years ago. I’m happy to say that last school year, we had a higher percentage of 9-12 students who were proficient in math, reading, and science than Melcher did. This is a fun competition that helps to motivate kids to do their best on the test. Hopefully, we can hang on to the trophy for years to come!



## FFA

Our first month back at school has been busy. If you have not been asked by an FFA member if you would like to buy fruit or other items for our annual fundraiser, please find an FFA member! We are the 1st FFA Chapter in the state that began selling fruit this early. We wanted to get ahead of the game and hopefully beat other chapters before they asked you!

We have started Pella Pizza Ranch Tip Nights already. On both nights, we had a really good turn out. Some of the FFA members that volunteered to come help include: Jordyn Sanders, Kelli Spaur, Hailey Groenendyk, Rebecca Bates, Kayla Carter, Kylee Van Whye, Tanner DesPlanque, Aaron Keeton, Maddison Zellmer, Billy Carter, and Dakota Syhlman. The next Tip Night will be 5-8 on September 30, hope to see you there!

We hosted our 2nd annual 3D Bow Shoot on September 19. We had more people come out and shoot this year, than the last time we hosted this event. Here on the people that placed in the different classes that we offered;

- Open: 1st. Tony Geldon
- 2nd. Dale Moore
- 3rd. John Miller
- Youth: 1st. Judson Beary
- 2nd. Broady Moore
- FFA: 1st. Jacob Kelly
- 2nd. Rachel Beary
- 3rd. Jared Kelly

Congratulations to everyone that came out to shoot. Also a big Thank-you to all the business the donated prizes and to the volunteers that helped at the bow shoot.

We will be holding our annual “Kiss An Animal” contest during Homecoming week of September 21-25th. This year will be a little different than past years, so make sure to place your money in the teachers and Homecoming Court jars of the individuals that you would like to see “Kiss An Animal.”

Our first Career Development Event will be held on September 22nd at Osceola Fairgrounds hosted by the Wayne Co. FFA Chapter. This year there are 8 different contests to compete in consisting of: Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Greenhand Quiz, Dairy Foods, Agronomy, Vet Science, Farm and Ranch Business and Advanced Knowledge Quiz. The Twin Cedars FFA Chapter has members competing in 6 of the 8 events and have been studying hard to try and win! They will also be competing

in District Soil Judging contest on the 29th of this month held in Knoxville.

National FFA Convention held in Louisville Kentucky, is right around the corner and plans have been made to make this the best “National FFA Convention” trip yet! Going to the Worlds Toughest Rodeo, touring the Churchill Downs, attending the career show and opening sessions along with watching the Jake Owen and Maddie and Tae Concert are just a few things that the attendees will be doing!

Remember to pay your FFA dues of \$20.00 to Mrs. Johnson. Stay connected with our FFA Chapter by joining our Twin Cedars FFA Facebook page, follow us on twitter @Twin\_Cedars\_FFA or sign up with us on Remind.com.

Jordyn Sanders  
Twin Cedars FFA Reporter



## TWIN CEDARS ELEMENTARY LIBRARY TO HOST SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR EVENT NOV. 2-5, 2015

The elementary library will host a Scholastic Book Fair during the school day and parent teacher conferences. Funds raised will help purchase books for the elementary library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

Book Fair patrons may help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List program. In addition, the Book Fair will feature the All for Books™ program, where students can share the thrill of reading with others by donating loose change to help the library purchase more books from the Book Fair. Scholastic Book Fairs® then matches those monetary donations with a donation of up to one million dollars in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations, such as Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. and the Kids In Need Foundation.

If you are interested in volunteering to help setup, take down or monitor the book fair during the day, please contact the elementary school library at 641-944-5241 ext. 303.



### Nurse News

Marion County Public Health Dept. is working with your child's school to provide Influenza vaccinations at school. Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause serious illness. The best way to prevent the spread of flu is by getting vaccinated each year.

Public Health will be administering the influenza vaccine at your child's school in late October. If you are interested in having your child receive the vaccine you must complete a Health Consent Form. Your child may pick up a form in the HS or Elementary office or you may print the form from the school website. If you have any further questions you may call Nurse Megan, 641-944-5245.

### Dollars for Scholars

Dollars for Scholars plans to put together newsletters at their next meeting 10/13. Senior students and parents can come and help at 7pm. Seniors will get points toward scholarship for helping. Seniors if you would like to help with a hat day you could get points for that also.

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Twin Cedars Board of Directors September 14, 2015 5:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Twin Cedars Board of Directors was held on the above date.

President Brian Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Directors Tom Morgan, Steve Gilkerson, Kelly Carlson, and Steve Hoehns were in attendance. Kim Roby, Dave Roby, Trevor Pinegar, Jacob Clark, Wilma Pinegar, Ashlee Carlson, Paul Haselhuhn, Kim Roby, Dave Roby, Drew Bracken, Jeff Clark, Mandy Reed, Carol Reed, and Karmen Merriweather were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Gilkerson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### Student Good Conduct Appeal Hearing before the Board

Drew Bracken of Ahlers Law Firm opened the discussion. He explained that this hearing is for a student discipline appeal. He explained that the Administration would be given 15 minutes to present their case and then the family would be given 15 minutes to present their case. He told the board they would be able to ask questions of both parties after the presentations. He explained that there are only 3 grounds for review: the student did not violate the good conduct rule; the student was given inadequate due process in the investigation and determination; or the penalty is in violation of the Handbook Rule or Board Policy.



High School Principal Dave Roby read the FFA instructor's testimony of what took place on the evening of September 2, 2015 at the Pizza Ranch in Pella. Mr. Roby also read the statements from the Pizza Ranch Owners concerning this incident. The board was given copies of these documents. The board asked a question about what the student's first two violations of the good conduct policy had been. The student read a portion of the statement that he had given to board secretary. Friends and family spoke about the student's character.

Drew Bracken then instructed the board to either uphold the decision made by administration or to overturn the decision made by administration.

A motion was made by Director Hoehns and supported by Director Morgan to uphold the decision made by administration to suspend the student from all extra-curricular activities for one year from the date of violation as per the student handbook. **Ayes** – Hoehns, Gilkerson, Morgan. **Nays** – K. Carlson

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Gilkerson to approve the August 11, 2015, regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports were reviewed and filed for audit.

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Hoehns to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Communications**

There was no communication through the mail or board members.

### **Administration Reports**

Mrs. Roby handed out a letter that went out to Twin Cedars parents. It is about the Yearly Progress and that Twin Cedars is on the "Schools in Need of Assistance" (SINA). It informs the parents as to why Twin Cedars didn't meet the goals and what steps will be taken.

Mr. Roby shared that Twin Cedars now has possession of the Football trophy as well as the ITEDs trophy from Melcher-Dallas/Twin Cedars game. National Honor Society will be on October 19th at 6:00 in the high school cafeteria. Homecoming is September 25 vs Wayne.

Mr. VanderSluis reported that the latest count is 337. Since 2009, the enrollment has dropped 103 students. This greatly affects the budget. Mark has looked into a couple of floor scrubbers. The current ones are several

years old and are starting to need repairs. He got quotes for 2 different ones. The board asked for more information on warranties, etc. MidAmerican was here on Friday checking out the lighting and what will be needed for the replacements. We should be hearing from them soon.

### **Action Item**

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Morgan to approve Brad Rose as the AEA Board representative.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Hoehns to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Secretary Deb Haselhuhn called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Directors Steve Gilkerson, Brian Moore and Kelly Carlson were in attendance. Paul Haselhuhn and Ashlee Carlson were also in attendance.

### **Election of President**

Director Moore nominated Kelly Carlson for Board President. Director Gilkerson moved that nominations cease. The move was supported by Director Carlson.

Roll Call Vote for Board President:

Director Haselhuhn – Aye

Director Carlson – Aye

Director Moore – Aye

Director Gilkerson – Aye

The chair was relinquished to President Carlson.

### **Election of Vice President**

Director Moore nominated Steve Gilkerson for Vice President. Director Carlson moved that nominations cease. The move was supported by Director Haselhuhn.

Roll Call vote for Vice President:

Director Moore – Aye

Director Haselhuhn – Aye

Director A. Carlson – Aye

Director K. Carlson – Aye

The Oath of Office was administered to President Carlson and Vice President Gilkerson and Secretary/Treasurer Haselhuhn and the new board members Paul Haselhuhn and Ashlee Carlson.

### **New Business**



There was discussion about the dates and times of the board meetings.

### **Action Items**

A motion was made by Director Gilkerson and supported by Director Carlson to approve the time of the board meetings to the same schedule – 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00pm.

A motion was made by Director Haselhuhn and supported by Director Moore to approve items B-H as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approve Level I Investigator and Alternate
  - i. Dave Roby investigator
  - ii. Brian VanderSluis alternate
- C. Approve depository banks and limits
  - i. State Bank of Bussey \$2,000,000
  - ii. First Iowa State Bank Albia \$2,000,000
- D. Approve legal counsel
  - i. Andrew Bracken, Ahlers Law Firm
- E. Approve Title I Coordinator
  - i. Brian VanderSluis
- F. Approve Special Ed Coordinator
  - i. Brian VanderSluis
- G. Approve Homeless Liaison
  - i. Julie Courtney
- H. Approve Equity Coordinator
  - i. Brian VanderSluis

A motion was made by Director Moore and supported by Director Carlson to approve FY 17 Special Education Deficit Allowable Growth for \$18,060.63. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Gilkerson and supported by Director Haselhuhn to accept Beth Kelderman's resignation as Jr High Softball coach. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Gilkerson to hire Stephanie Mitrisin as Jr Class Sponsor at \$672 Step Base. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Moore and supported by Director Haselhuhn to allow Hannah Ray to graduation at semester pending she meets all criteria for graduation.

### **Announcements**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held October 12, 2015, at 5:00 PM.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Director Moore and supported by Director Gilkerson to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

