

JOINT MEETING

February 21, 2022

The Board held a joint session with the Guthrie Center Board of Education at 6:00 P.M. at the AC/GC High School Media Center.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Carney.

Members present were Amanda Bireline, Blair Carney, Randy Carney, Dallas Dinkla and Lindsay Dinkla.

Guthrie Center Board of Education members present were Tim Benson, Wanda Knobbe, Kris Langgaard, Brian Sheeder and Matt VanMeter.

Moved by D Dinkla and seconded by Bireline to approve the agenda with one addition – Recognition of Visitors. Motion carried 5/0.

Steve Brannan, of Panora, addressed the Boards during the community communication time asking for support of a resolution stating that the Iowa legislature should not enact voucher programs, regardless of branding, and should continue to promote and fully invest in Iowa's public schools.

The public hearing on the school calendar was held beginning at 6:14 P.M. Mr. McClain presented the calendar and discussion was held. There being no questions or comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:30 P.M.

Kiersten Knobbe presented her science fair presentation entitled: Turbid or Not Turbid, Water Filtration & Sanitation for Developing Countries.

It was decided the approval of the school calendar will be added to the regular agenda on February 23, 2022.

Moved by D Dinkla and seconded by B Carney to approve for payment the whole grade sharing bills to Guthrie Center CSD for expenses incurred through December 31, 2021. Motion carried 5/0.

Moved by Bireline and seconded by B Carney that the Nutrition Director be a shared position for the upcoming school year. Motion carried 5/0.

Moved by B Carney and seconded by L Dinkla to increase sub pay effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Substitute teachers will be paid \$130 per day. If the position continues long-term in the same classroom, the pay will go to \$180 per day beginning on the 11th day. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. McClain presented enrollment projections predicting steady enrollment for both districts in the next 3 – 5 years.

Retention incentives using ESSER funds were discussed. Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center have differences in the amount of funds available and the current needs. The general consensus was that it may not be possible for the Boards to align on this topic.

There was discussion on open gym and optional practices held on Sundays. There will be no changes to the current policy.

Amanda Bireline presented the AC/GC School Vision, Mission and Motto that the committee has been working on. Students and staff will have the opportunity to give input before finalizing.

Whole grade sharing successes and concerns were discussed.

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

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Randy Carney, Board President

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Theresa Elgin, Business Manager/Board Secretary