Bismarck-Henning CUSD #1

Board of Education Meeting

December 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 1 was called to order by President, Dave Clapp at 6:30 p.m. in the Ellen R. Morris Board Room. The following members were in attendance:

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Steve Lane Maridith Hearnley Cheryl Brumett

Dave Clapp Justin Watt

Audience members present were: Rusty Campbell, Sheryl Ribbe, and Tammy Duncan.

Motion by Steve Lane, second by Cheryl Brumett to approve the agenda of the December 10 regular board meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Maridith Hearnley, second by Justin Watt to approve the minutes of the November 12 board meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Cheryl Brumett, second by Steve Lane to approve the bills of the month. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Activity fund balances were approved.

Rusty Campbell, JH principal presented information on the school improvement grant application. It will be a $15,000 grant that we can use to purchase chrome books and for professional development for the junior high. It was made possible by receiving commendable status with ISBE. Area schools receiving the grant are Urbana-Champaign and Salt Fork. Parent-teacher conferences were in October and went well. Some changes may be coming in the future. Outdoor school was in October for the 5th graders. We had a Culver’s night and are planning another one in the spring. Vermilion County Crisis Center came and spoke to the students about safety, positive relationships and appropriate touches, etc. Live Wax Museum will be December 14 presented by the 6th graders. We did fundraising for Wreaths across America for the VA. DARE graduation is January 10 at 9:00 a.m. A big thank you to Cheryl Brumett for helping with CSI blankets. We have great kids and great staff at BHCUSD #1!

Cooperative High School update – We will be having a student participate in the Illinois Virtual School and will be enrolled in a ballet school in Texas. Representative Tom Bennett and Senator Jason Barickman will be coming on December 17 to participate in an assembly to honor Blake Kinnett. HS graduation will be May 19 at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Herrmann is organizing a Youth Advisory Council. We have seven Illinois State Scholars at BHRA this year.

Information presented on Tax Levy Extension for 2019-20 There was discussion of different scenarios for funding. Motion by Cheryl Brumett, second by Maridith Hearnley to approve the tax levy. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Property Tax Relief Grant was presented. Motion by Steve Lane, second by Cheryl Brumett to approve the preparation of the grant. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was discussion on radios and intercom. Motion by Maridith Hearnley, second by Justin Watt to approve Nyquist intercom with Senergy Technologies. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Cheryl Brumett, second by Steve Lane to approve FY 2018 Audit as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Justin Watt, second by Maridith Hearnley to approve raising the junior high officials pay to $60 for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was discussion about the school board conference. Maridith Hearnley discussed Strategies for the Future. There were programs on suicide prevention, bullying, mental awareness and crisis plans. Discussion on what everyone had learned and items that will be useful in future plans.

Information presented on the new location of the old bus barn as a location for HS wrestling. We have a bid for possible upgrades to the building. Motion by Cheryl Brumett, second by Maridith Hearnley to table till January meeting to get more information.

VASE – no information provided

HS Basketball tournament schedule provided.

Volunteer book is being finalized.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m. by Justin Watt, second by Maridith Hearnley. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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