

**BESSEMER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2020
3:00 p.m. – Library - A.D. Johnston Jr./Sr. High School**

Present: Berg, Graham, Matrella, Steiger and Partanen

Also Present: Dan Niemi, Jr./Sr. High School Principal/Interim Superintendent; Chris Bergquist, Business Manager/Transportation Supervisor and Dave Osier, Future Board Member

Discussion on continuing board meetings took place. Beth brought up doing the meetings via a program like Zoom. This program is free now. It's an option to allow people to join the meeting without being physically at the meeting. Providing it's an option, Beth recommends we use this for our meetings.

Discussion also took place on what happens if school is cancelled for the rest of the year. Many scenarios were discussed but at this time, we are cannot plan anything because we have to follow what the State of Michigan dictates. Dan has a superintendents meeting next Thursday, via Zoom, for updates. He will update the Board with any new information that he learns.

Dan informed the Board that we will begin to provide meals to our students on Monday, March 23rd from 9-10 a.m. and will continue on Mondays and Thursdays for the next two weeks for sure. This week is being considered "spring break" under our food service program and we cannot provide meals. All the Districts in the GOISD are doing the same thing.

Rebate from Xcel Energy for natural gas and electric – Dan is working with Kerry Noble, with Xcel Energy, to receive our rebate from Xcel for our lighting project last year. We had approval for the rebate but an inspection needs to be done by Kerry and the final paperwork completed and filed to receive the rebate. In addition, there is a \$120 per steam trap rebate that we will be applying for once our steam traps are replaced and we know how many have been replaced. Also, Dan is trying to get information from Nasi Roofing on what the R value of our new roof is. If it's higher than the old one, there is a rebate for that work also. The windows may also have a rebate. He and Kerry need to continue to dig for more information.

Safety Grant – Dan has completed it and sent it to the Michigan State Police for their review. The deadline has been extended to April 16th. Grant would be for new safety doors – inside and outside; keycard readers for additional doors at both schools; lock and radios for the buses. The grants will be awarded in the fall.

Shower Room Renovations – The repair/renovation will be underway soon.

Thermostat and Steam Trap Work – We received a bid from Keweenaw Automation UHL do test and replace all thermostats and steam traps, as needed, in both buildings. Keweenaw estimates it will take two guys two days and the work will be completed between March 30th and

April 3rd. 25 thermostats have been ordered. The cost for this service is \$11,700. The Board will need to approve the contract at its regular meeting on Monday.

Hockey Coop Meeting – Mark Movrich went to a meeting set up by community people about a coop hockey program with Ironwood, Bessemer and Wakefield-Marenisco. It was an informational meeting only with community people spearheading this issue. Dan said it would be 2-3 years out.

Fab Lab/Maker Space Information – Projected opening – There was a meeting scheduled last week with on but it was cancelled and rescheduled for next week. At this point, everything is on hold. Projected opening is fall 2021 or January 2022, depending on how long school is out and when we return to school.

GOISD – Dick and Jim brought up that it appears that the GOISD is using more area/rooms than they are renting in both buildings. Dan will talk to Alan before the lease is renewed to see if these space are necessary and also to make sure that rent is paid on all space being used.

Certificate of Recognition for Annette Lillie – Dan will have a certificate to give to Annette Lillie for her years on the Board. He needs everyone's signature and will have it on Monday.

Hire Girls Volleyball JV and Varsity Coaches and Jr. High Track Coaches – Names (existing coaches) will be presented to the Board at the meeting on Monday. These were erroneously omitted when the other coaches were hired in January.

Agenda for Monday – Dan had passed around the draft copy of the Agenda for Monday's Regular Board Meeting for review. No one had anything to add.

Windows – Beth asked if any of the projects could be done now since school is out. Dan will check but he doesn't believe that bids have been completed yet.

Ramp at HS – Dick said we should have a contract look at repair the ramp at the High School.

School Grounds – Dick brought up that there is sand in the yards at the school and this will damage the grass if it is not removed. He suggested we get some students to do the work.

A motion was made by Bob Berg, supported by Dick Matrella, to adjourn. (4:00 p.m.)