

Schaller-Crestland Board of Education

Joint Work Session

The Schaller-Crestland Board of Education met on Monday, February 26, 2018 in the media center of the Galva building. Present were: Alan Movall, Tim Delance, Christy Horan, Mike Schmitt, Supt. Wiebers, and Bd. Sec'y Wandrey. Others in attendance were the Galva-Holstein Board of Education, Principals Mike Richards, Bret Warnke, Jarod Mozer. Absent: Kory Blum.

Pres. Movall brought the joint work session to order at 6:45 pm.

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Delance to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

The main focus of this work session was to discuss the changes of grade level locations for the Schaller-Crestland and Galva-Holstein Schools. Supt. Wiebers distributed room layouts of the Holstein, Schaller and Early buildings. If Schaller-Crestland would add Galva-Holstein's 5th grade to the whole grade sharing contract that would essentially mean some restructuring of classrooms. It was proposed that the Early building would house kindergarten through fourth grade, and Schaller would house fifth through eighth grade. It was noted that there would be minimal costs to each building to update certain classroom areas to accommodate the change. An added benefit to this change would be that the middle school students would be able to start their day 15 minutes sooner and the district would save on transportation costs from Holstein to Early. Both boards requested Supt. Wiebers to present them with more cost detail as well as a timeline at the next work session. The transportation cost as it relates to the new alignment of grade levels at various building was also discussed.

Supt. Wiebers spoke to both boards on the 5 year outlook. He wanted to the board to think about where each district would be financially in 5 years and 10 years. As state aid and student enrollment remains uncertain, costs of running a school district continues to rise.

It was mentioned at a previous work session the idea of going to a 4 day school week. Supt. Wiebers presented to both boards what the savings would look like. Both boards determined that there was not enough saving to pursue the idea further.

The next work session is scheduled for March 5, in the Galva media center at 6 pm.

There was no further discussions, President Movall adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.