November School Board Meeting Synopsis

November 13th, 2017

-Approved November 13th Agenda

-Approved the Minutes, Financial Reports and Bills

-Visitors to the Meeting: None

-Superintendent Siemsen reported on the following:

Attended quarterly JVEC meeting (nothing new to report). Work on the new app and web page from Apptegy is going well and should be ready soon. Congratulations to all FFA, Oral Interp, ALL State Chorus competitors and their advisors/coaches. Congratulations to the Blackhawks Football and Volleyball teams and their coaching staffs on their successful seasons. We purchased the new lawnmower from Premiere in Huron for $11,400. Mark used it to mow and it runs really well. Continuing to work with the State Energy dept. and Bechen Electric to determine the next steps in the lighting project. Have had some minor issues with the propane tanks – worked with Brooks and Mark VO to address the problem. Still considering a new vaporizer. This is National Education Week – Thank you to the staff for organizing various themed days for everyone to enjoy. The auditors are here, beginning on November 9th, to conduct their annual reports.

-Principal Vermeulen reported the following:

Happy American Education Week. A mini data retreat will be held on Extra Help Day – November 22nd, Roxanne Dyk will act as facilitator to analyze test scores. Grades 5 – 8 will participate in Declam on November 20th. MS girls BB has officially begun as they participated in a tournament this past weekend. The 5/6 Cancer Tournament was held at SC this past weekend. Avery good crowd was in attendance all day. Happy Thanksgiving.

-Other Discussion Items:

Discussed the water testing notice that was sent home last week regarding 2016. The current testing of the water is in compliance, the district just had to inform the public that a failure to test occurred in 2016. The board also discussed a question presented to them as to why the district still uses the “Rebel” mascot for in some fashion as we have fully cooped in all activities, forming the “Blackhawks.”

-Approved the transfer of contracted duty of Robin Moody from 7th/8th grade girl’s basketball coach to JV girls basketball coach for the 2017-2018 season.

-Approved the motion to accept the low bid ($52,000 + $4,600 additional alternate #1) from Tessier’s Inc. for the gym air conditioning project.

-Approved executive session

-Approved Tucker Kingsbury as coaching intern for boy’s basketball program for the 2017-2018 season.

-Adjournment at 9:12

-Next scheduled meeting is on December 11, 2017 in Forestburg.