**January 2018 School Board Meeting Synopsis**

-Approved the agenda and December Board Meeting minutes

-No Visitors to the meeting

-Approved Financial report and Bills

-Superintendent Siemsen reported the following: Legislative session will begin this week – I will keep the board and staff members informed of the happenings. I plan to attend the Superintendent’s Day and interact with the Legislators and other superintendents. Lighting project is on hold – held discussions with Bechen Electric and if they choose to make any adjustments to the wording on the “contract” and present it to the board, further discussions can take place. Enclosed in the packet is the notification letter of the district’s compliance with the School Finance Accountability Board. Update from Travis Sichmeller - Tessiers is waiting on receiving the coil from Trane to begin work on the AC project in the gym. Per earlier discussions, the re-sanding and repainting of the gym floor is recommended to occur every 10-15 years, and our floor is 13 years old. AD Tim McCain obtained a couple quotes for this work (est between $18,000 and $25,000). In light of the recent weather, I would like to revisit the idea of constructing another storage shed to house the tractor as well as additional storage for miscellaneous items. We have had some difficulty with the tractor starting and an enclosed building with some form of heating would help this issue. HS students have until January 16th to add/drop courses for the second semester. No School on January 15th. We have a number of applicants for the two teaching openings currently available in the high school. We will conduct interviews in the beginning of February.

-Principal Vermeulen reported the following: Mrs. Johnson has returned from maternity leave. No School January 15 – Martin Luther King Day. Calendar is full of activities. The elementary staff will start a science curriculum study. Food Service Review will take place in January (23rd it was reported). This review will include the wellness plan (nutrition and physical education).

-Discussions were held on the following topics: The logistics and feasibility of making upgrades to the football field, including seating and potentially adding bathroom/pressbox/additional concessions. It was decided that this topic will be made an agenda item at the February Board meeting with public opinion/ideas being sought at the meeting (will advertise so that the public is aware and is encouraged to attend). The need for storage is high, and currently lacking. Also the difficulty with the severe temperatures and the storage of the tractor somewhere outside the elements bring the potential need for a structure to address these areas of concern. The administration and board will continue exploring options. The potential purchase of a portable gas tank for tractor fuel (diesel #1) only was also discussed. Other discussion items included the potential for a drop down projection screen in the gym, adding a piece of equipment that would upgrade the sound system, and finding individuals who would be interested in commentating game broadcasts.

-Set the School Board Election Day for June 19th, 2018 at the school and appoint 3 election officials.

-With regret and sincere gratitude that the board accepts the resignation from Joyce Everhart in the position of Food Service Director.

-Adjournment at 8:09 pm

-Next scheduled meeting will be held on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th in Forestburg – the day change is due to there being a home girls basketball game in Woonsocket, allowing all interested parties with comments/thoughts/ideas for the football facility to attend the meeting.