

Monday, April 18, 2016

Motion made and supported that the minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting stand as presented. Motion passed.

Motion made and supported that the bills be paid in the amount of \$125,550.61. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Mr. Christenson introduced a presenter from Gusco Energy – LED lighting. Bruce Ross presented LED energy savings, better quality lighting. They can audit the entire school and put together a proposal.

Mrs. Chris Old requested feedback on Jack Old for the agriculture program. Request to be addressed during the Superintendent's report.

K – 12 Update for April

- Tornado Drill - April 13
- April 15th - Ice Cream Social fundraiser and elementary
- Soft Lockdown – April 19
- April 21st and April 22nd - Preschool and Kindergarten roundup
- April 23rd - Senior Citizen Center Hillsdale
- April 28th – Senior Trip – Chicago – full day
- May 5th - 4th grade trip project red – fairgrounds
- May 25th – 4th grade trip – Lansing
- May 26 and 27th - 5th grade trip to Mackinaw Island
- 1st & 2nd grade field trip to Toledo Zoo
- 3rd grade – Sauders

Maintenance Supervisor Report

- During spring break we cleaned out a room in the middle school and set it up for Seth Webber. We also moved the recycling materials to the robotics room. We put up a barrier to hide the materials. We also cleaned out some things that were stored in the art room and cleaned up the storage area. Weekends and evenings are busy with Acers in the gyms.
- Baseball, softball & mowing are going to take up the majority of Mr. Otto's time in April & May.

Bus Supervisor Report

- Michaela Cousino accepted a new position as a bus driver for another district. We will miss her, but wish her the best on her new job. Due to the lack of bus drivers and the spring sports program we eliminated one bus route on April 11. The transition went very well. The bus drivers were very helpful with their input. They all cooperated well with the new routes.
- Mr. Otto still needs a sub bus driver and is pursuing options or drivers to finish this year.

Committee Reports:

Building & Site – Expanding paving of parking

Personnel & Finance – No report

Policy & Curriculum – Mrs. Paille to take Mrs. Smith's position on this committee.

Discussion on Personnel. Mr. Christenson read a resignation letter from Michaela Cousino effective April 8. He also read a resignation letter from Bryan Cook, Head Football Coach, effective immediately.

Discussion on approving Dan Moore as the 2016-2017, 2017-2018 school years to continue as PAC rep.

Motion made and supported to approve Dan Moore as 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years to continue as PAC rep. Motion passed.

Discussion on receiving a literacy grant to help improve elementary literacy.

Discussion on Mr. Voisin requesting support for a grant for robotics to be used county wide in the amount of \$12,500.

Motion made and supported to support Mr. Voisin in pursuing a grant for monies to be used county wide for robotics in the amount of \$,12,500. Motion passed.

Discussion on budget cuts. Cuts need to be considered for the upcoming school year. These could include EA based on retirement, and support staff. It's time to think outside of the box. Bus savings from using 4 buses instead of 5 buses for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Christenson states he plans to be here next year. Mr. George wants what is best for the district. He will be here if he is needed.

Discussion on Early/Middle College. Jackson College had backed out of discussions as did Baker College. April 25 will be another meeting for consideration for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion made and supported to no longer pursue the memorandum of understanding for the early/middle college for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed.

Discussion on the cost of outside programs. Thrun Law was contacted. They stated that the school is not obligated to pay for the entire fee for outside county school programs. Recommendation that we pay \$500.00 per semester for outside programs for up to 4 semesters. The board is requesting information from other districts of similar size as to what they pay.

Motion made and supported to table the decision on the cost to be paid by North Adams-Jerome to outside programs. Motion passed

Discussion on the parking lot. Projection of what's being considered to be paved in the summer of 2016.

Motion made and supported to pursue bids to continue paving as recommended by the Building & Site Committee during the summer of 2016. Motion passed.

Discussion on LED lights.

Motion made and supported to request a proposal from Gusco Energy and another company to replace lighting with LED lighting for the school. Motion passed.

Motion made and supported to move to closed session at 9:24 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion made and supported to return to open session at 10:02 p.m. Motion passed.

Returned to open session at 10:02 p.m.

Public Comments:

Sandy Old will seek information from other school districts in regards to what other districts pay for outside programs. She asked if Mr. Christenson still receives car allowance. She also asked if not looking at the media/tech person was on purpose or an oversight.

Mrs. Tobey asked about early/middle college. How is our cost affected by the program moving to a county wide program? This has not been decided yet. In regards to budget cuts – Is a staff reduction a possibility?

Mrs. Kaleta stated concerns for salary reductions. Recently the budget was \$25,000 in the black. Now we are suddenly in deficit. Why wasn't this discussed before we were in deficit? Mr. Christenson said it is due to lower student counts. Mrs. Kaleta would like to see more proactive discussion concerning this.

Board Comments:

We would like to plan a workshop to discuss budget cuts, mission & vision, etc.

Motion made and supported hold a workshop on May 2, 2016 at 7:00. Motion passed.

If a committee member is unable to attend a committee meeting, another board member should be notified.

There will be a policy & curriculum committee meeting on May 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Vice-President Chloe Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.