

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

October 19, 2015

Motion made and supported that the minutes of the Sept. 21, 2015 regular meetings stand as presented.

Motion made and supported that the bills be paid in the amount of \$113,328.15.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Teresa Keck – Confederate Flag – Still feels the confederate flag should be allowed on clothing. Recommends teaching the history of it.

Mrs. Jenny Powell – Community signatures – should they be considered?

Mrs. Tobey – Administration has authority to make decisions with every child's best interest in mind. Flag has moved to a sign of hatred. Times change and we have to adjust with it.

Liz Wells – Recent events in the South are causing us to open eyes. Confederate flag is a symbol of tragic time in our history. Use this as a teachable moment.

Janice Roberts– Everybody has a boss. Our administrators have to make a decision and we need to support.

Mrs. Miller – NAJ students are excellent, well-behaved kids. Decisions made are not against kids.

Mrs. Kaleta – 28 pints of blood collected. Thank you to the community for supporting the NHS blood drive. Budget questions – needs to be on agenda.

Mr. Powell – Remember our well behaved, good kids when petition is considered.

Laura Addleman – Memorial garden for Mrs. Lucene Addleman – Concerns for snow plowing destroying the garden. Plans on hold. Mr. Christenson to meet with Mr. Otto to look at plans and look for a solution.

Mrs. Old – South end of school, side walk needs plowed – safety concern.

Mr. George presented the K – 12 Update for September.

- Homecoming activities went well. Our Queen was Alyssa Forbes and King was Zach Schmitt
- We had two students recognized by Barrett Insurance – Gracie Cook and Lige McKinney
- Will update you on IPC events
- Update on At – Risk and Title I programs
- Fifth grade Field Trip status
- School sponsored Senior Trip?
- Tentatively, graduation has been set for June 5, 2015
- Kindergarten attended Safetyville on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 in Jackson
- Volleyball Districts will be held at Hillsdale Academy on Wednesday, November 4

Discussion on Title I currently K-5. Hoping to become K-8 next school year. Mr. George's working on it.

Mr. Christenson presented the Maintenance Report & Transportation Report from Mr. Otto.

- Mowing is winding down and football season is coming to an end. Mr. Otto is preparing for winter. He had a circulating pump put on one of the high school furnaces.
- All the on line courses have been completed by the janitors and Mr. Otto.
- The scoreboard on the football field is repaired.

- The recycling program is starting again. High school students are collecting it and Mrs. Otto delivers it to Jefferson Township Recycling.
- We cleaned up around the FFA barn & cleaned the barn. We took some metal & a mower to Omni Source for recycling. Seniors are planning to use it for a haunted barn before Halloween.
- A new door has been installed in the weight room.
- Buses are running well and the bus routes are balanced as best we can at the moment. The buses are arriving back to the bus barn between 4:15 and 4:30 on most days.
- All on line courses have been completed by the bus drivers.
- Midwest was out for warranty work on new buses. Mr. Otto thinks that recalls are all repaired.
- They are also working on a bid for leased buses for next year.
- Randy Johnson is doing a great job as a sub bus driver.
- Mr. Otto completed a 3 hour online course for his certification for bus supervisor this past week.

Discussion on student count. The student count is at 302. The budget was based on 313.

Discussion on RN/LPN. Preference is RN. LPN must have staff to verify doses & can't diagnose. 2 LPN applications have been received. Mrs. Miller would like to know if an RN from the ISD can oversee LPN.

Discussion on a petition requesting students be able to wear the Confederate Flag as clothing. Mr. Christenson is backing Mr. George on his decision. 84 signatures have been received. Districts in the area are split on the issue (many schools will address it should the need arise.)

Motion made and supported to support the policy granting authority to determine appropriateness of students' dress to the administration concerning the Confederate Flag. Motion failed.

Discussion on bus leasing prices presented by Mr. Christenson. Mrs. Miller is requesting information from the last 2 years of miles driven.

Discussion on Early/Middle College. No new information. The meeting was postponed until Nov. 12.

Discussion on personnel. Add 3 hours of At Risk time to Kim Evans. (Kim Evans has passed the test to work as a paraprofessional). 3 hours at risk paraprofessional and 3 hours of janitorial.

Motion made and supported to add 3 hours to Kim Evans to be paid from At-Risk funds as a parapro

Public Comment:

Mrs. Wells – Any discussion on consolidation? Mr. Christenson – not at this time.

Mrs. Tobey – Concerns that our district is run by community and not the administration. District needs to come together to create a unified vision.

Mrs. Bumpus – School board needs to have board education group discussion provided by MASB. Board pay to cover costs.

Laura Addleman - \$735.00 donation by aviation friend.

Mrs. Miller – Do we have bids for new auditors? We need a letter from current auditor to look for board member's concerns. Current auditory does not consider board concerns.

Mrs. Teresa Keck – class fundraising – suggestions should go through the class advisor.

Mr. Stoll adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.