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Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education In the Boardroom - 1103 N Elm St, March 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

President Geertz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Stephanie Dengler, Chris Martin, David Millage and Lynne Sasmazer. Others present were Superintendent Joe Potts, Secretary Brietta Collier, Josh Jackson and Stephanie Vallez from the West Liberty Index.

Motioned by Martin, seconded by Dengler to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Josh Jackson approached the board during Communications and Visitors (Open Forum). Mr. Jackson is a current parent and former employee of the district. Mr. Jackson is concerned with the turnover rate in the superintendent position. As a parent, Mr. Jackson is frustrated with the district's communication standards. He wants to know more as a parent and thinks we can do better.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Sasmazer to approve the one fundraiser request presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Two overnight trips were approved.

Business Manager, Brietta Collier, reviewed the preliminary FY20 Budget. Ms. Collier highlighted information published in the Index on February 28th. The district's overall tax rate decreased to 15.52272%. This includes the budget guarantee and surplus debt service levy. The district will be debt free at the end of next year. Ms. Collier reviewed the district's "New Money" trends and discussed future financial planning based on slow or no student growth. Final public hearing and board approval is on March 18th.

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Martin to approve the revisions to board policies 504.4 - 507.9. Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Martin to approve the Tanager Place Contract for Therapist Support. Dr. Potts reviewed the supports and answered questions from the board. Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Dengler to approve the City of West Liberty Contract for Mowing Services (Baseball). Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Martin to approve the Consent Agenda. Personnel items included: Resignations - Joe Potts, Superintendent (as of 6/30/19). Dr. Potts noted his only reason for resigning was his family. He praised the school board and all staff for being exceptional and wants to thank the Community of West Liberty. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. Items include: Consent Agenda; Bus Barn Update; Public Hearing - FY19 Budget Amendment; Budget Amendment - FY19; Public Hearing - FY20 Budget; Certify FY20 Budget; Superintendent Report (including

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Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance); Superintendent Replacement process; Long-Term Facility Plans Update based on enrollment.

Motioned by Martin, seconded by Dengler to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved – March 18, 2019

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Emily Geertz, Board President

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Brietta I. Collier, Board Secretary