

Minutes 03-18-19

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education in the Boardroom - 1103 N Elm Street, March 18, 2019.

Vice President Dengler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Chris Martin and David Millage. Others present were Superintendent Joe Potts, Secretary Brietta Collier, Jeff Burlage, Trent Grundmeyer, Kevin Fiene and Stephanie Vallez from the Index.

Motioned by Martin, seconded by Millage to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeff Burlage approached the Board during Communications and Visitors (Open Forum). Mr. Burlage is the High School Industrial Technology teacher. He is concerned with the district closing down the Industrial Technology program as it's an outlet for students to gain employability skills. He asks the board not eliminate the position.

Motioned by Martin, seconded by Millage to approve one Fundraising Request. Motion carried 3-0.

One Overnight Trip approved.

Vice President Dengler opened the Public Hearing on the 2019-20 Budget at 6:03 p.m. Business Manager, Brietta Collier, noted the budget was published in the February 28th edition of the Index. No one spoke. Vice President Dengler closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Martin to Certify the 2019-20 Budget. Business Manager, Brietta Collier, noted the proposed tax rate of \$15.52272. The information published was previously reviewed by the board. Motion carried 3-0.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Martin to approve Hunt & Associates for Audit Services FY20 through FY22. Motion carried 3-0.

Motioned by Martin, seconded by Millage to approve MediaQuest to Install the Memorial Field Scoreboard. Business Manager, Brietta Collier, reviewed quotes. Although another company had a lower bid, the bid did not match spec requirements sent out. Motion carried 3-0.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Martin to approve the Consent Agenda. Personnel includes Resignations: Amy Montgomerie, Preschool Teacher, end of 2018/19 school year; Monica Rodriguez, ELC Paraprofessional, 3/22/19; Michelle Teran-Marsh, Head Girls Basketball, end of 2018/19 season. Non Renewal: Jeffrey Burlage, HS Ag/Industrial Tech Teacher, end of 2018/19 school year. New Hires: Jeffrey Burlage, JH Girls Assistant Track, Step 3, \$1,900. Dr. Potts noted the Non Renewal is due to low participation. The board asked if there was a plan to address the comments made earlier in the evening. Dr. Potts answered the district is looking at partnering with neighboring schools to offer introductory classes and working with community colleges to offer advanced classes. Motion carried 3-0.

Dr. Potts presented the Superintendent Report. Items included Winter conference attendance, Tanager services and the recent narcotics drill at the high school.

Trent Grundmeyer and Kevin Fiene of Grundmeyer Leader Services (GLS) presented the Superintendent Search Update. The board will receive applications every week. All information is confidential until finalists are announced and only finalist information becomes public. The position is posted and has some applicants. GLS recommends the board select no more than three finalists for in-person interviews. The Stakeholder Survey will be released this week and should be active for ten days. There will be a Spanish-language and English-language link. The survey is confidential and data will be presented to the board in summary. The board will review applicants in early April. Semi-finalists will be screened in closed session mid-April. In-person interviews will happen tentatively the last week of April. A mixed team interview approach was discussed. The board discussed a potential salary range and benefits package.

Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 1, 6:00 p.m. Items include: Superintendent report, First Reading policies 600 - 602.132, Food Service Director Report, Operations and Transportation Director Report, On Track Status - 2nd Trimester, Final Review of Strategic Vision, Long-Term Facilities Update, Bus Barn Update.

Motioned by Martin, seconded by Millage to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

After the meeting, the Board met in Closed Exempt Session for Negotiation Strategies. This ended at 7:38 p.m.

Approved – April 15, 2019

Emily Geertz, Board President

Brietta I. Collier, Board Secretary