

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education in the Board Room - 111 W 7th Street July 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. Members present were Emily Geertz, David Millage, Lynne Sasmazer, Jose Zacarias and Secretary Brietta Collier. Others present were Brittney Boffeli, Jeni Laughlin, Missy Johnson, Laura Rodriguez, Lynne Zeman, Cindy Mays, Cherie Lovell, Marci Goulette, Jim Kiwala and Stephanie Dengler.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Sasmazer to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

No one addressed the board during Communications and Visitors (Open Forum).

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Geertz to approve the five fundraising requests presented. Motion carried 5-0.

One Overnight Trip to Upper Iowa University for a Varsity Football Clinic July 25-27, 2017 was presented.

Ms. Cindy Mays from Midwest One Bank presented a Race for the Schools Update. The race will be the first Sunday in October at 3 p.m. The race committee wants to use this year's proceeds for water stations at the elementary. Ms. Mays wanted to inform the board to make sure there were no objections. No objections noted. The board thanked Ms. Mays for her time.

Ms. Laura Rodriguez provided an update on the Summer JumpStart Program. Fifteen students attended. Ms. Rodriguez noted low attendance due to late communication and college for kids program. Students were given pre and post tests. Every student improved at least 10 points. Ms. Rodriguez recommends replacing fifth grade band during school with the Summer JumpStart program at the end of fifth grade. Elementary principal, Jeni Laughlin, discussed school day scheduling challenges. Both Mrs. Laughlin and Ms. Rodriguez researched other fifth grade programs and many do after school or summer. The board thanked Ms. Rodriguez for her presentation.

The board reviewed the 2017 IASB Legislative Priorities. Consensus of the board was to set the following top four priorities: School Funding Policy, Supplemental State Aid, English Learners and Special Education - State.

The board reviewed the ELC Retention Form in Relation to Board Policy 605.3. The board might want to consider an acceleration policy. This will be put on a future agenda. Motioned by Millage, seconded by Zacarias to strike the "Note" in its entirety and remove the second sentence beginning "I understand..." from the fourth set of dates listed on the ELC Retention Form. Motion carried 5-0.

The board undertook a Second Reading of Board Policies 1004.1 - 1006. Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Millage to approve the suggested changes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Geertz, seconded by Sasmazer to pull the James Kiwala resignation from the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Zacarias to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0. Resignations: Marc Hauschildt, Co-head boys Track.

The board noted closed session concerns under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) in taking up discussion regarding the resignation of James Kiwala. Item postponed until legal counsel is consulted.

Next Regular Meeting, Monday August 7 at 6:00 p.m. 2017-18 Preschool Snack Fees, Acceleration Policy, Facilities Update.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Sasmazer to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved – August 21, 2017

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Chris Martin, Board President

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Brietta I. Collier, Board Secretary