

Minutes for the regular board meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education in the Board Room - 111 W 7th Street, August 21, 2017, 5:00 pm.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Members present were Emily Geertz, Lynne Sasmazer and Jose Zacarias. Others present were Superintendent Joe Potts, Brenda Arthur-Miller, Ralph Hughes, Missy Johnson, Kira Achen and Jaclyn Hall.

Motion by Geertz, seconded by Zacarias to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 4-0. No one approached the Board during Communications and Visitors (Open Forum).

Motion by Sasmazer, seconded by Zacarias to approve the fundraising requests. Motion carried 4-0.

No overnight trips were presented.

A request for early review of Board Policy 603.1A ( Class Size Guidelines) was presented by community member Jaclyn Hall. Per Board Policy, 204.14, Ms. Hall was recognized by the chair. Ms. Hall indicated the class size policy, approved in 2016, insufficiently addressed current interest in enrollment in the Dual Language program. The policy appears too specific, not allowing for innovation or creativity in scheduling and providing no means to address larger cohort sizes. Ms. Hall suggested a policy that provides a framework to address financial and programmatic issues, as well as community interest. Motion by Geertz, seconded by Zacarias to approve review Board Policy 603.1A ahead of the normal policy review schedule in May 2020. Vote was 2-2; no action was taken on the motion.

An update on the Logramos assessment was provided by Brenda Arthur-Miller. Logramos is administered to students in the dual language program in grades 3-8; scores from 2016-17 provide a baseline for future years and help to establish grade-level equivalencies. Annual results from Logramos are used to determine where and how to strengthen Spanish-language instruction. Ms. Arthur-Miller will provide the Board with additional information regarding the 2016-17 Logramos performance of students identified as ELL.

Dr. Potts presented a First Reading of Acceleration Policy 505.2 (new policy). Additional guidance will be sought regarding student advancement from preschool/prekindergarten into kindergarten.

Remodel of property at 1103 North Elm. Dr. Potts presented documentation of results of bidding for renovation of the newly purchased building, which will house the new administration center. Six bids were requested and one bid was received, from KWM, Inc. in the amount of \$129,300. Although higher than the original estimate, the KWM bid included additional work not initially considered but needed for building functionality. Director Geertz stated that the bid does not include filling in a portion of the back of the property, which could then provide more parking.

This possible project may be taken on in the future at additional cost. Motion by Geertz and second by Zacarias to accept the KWM bid as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Zacarias and second by Geertz to approve the Consent Agenda. Personnel includes new hires: Brandy Vidmar, HS SPED Paraprofessional, 7 hrs/day, \$11.18/hour; Graciela Minjares, ES SPED Paraprofessional, 7 hrs/day, \$11.18/hour; Pilar Solis, ELC SPED Paraprofessional, 7hrs/day, \$11.78/hour; Kaysha Ruden, ES SPED Paraprofessional, 7 hrs/day, \$11.18/hour; Rocky Sidaxoth, 8th Grade Assistant Football Coach, Step 0-3, \$1,885; Steven Kuhl, 8th Grade Football Coach, Step 17, \$3,299. Motion carried 4-0.

Next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:00 pm. It was agreed to move the meeting to avoid the previous federal Labor Day holiday on September 4. Items for this agenda will include 4th Grade Reading Report/Summer Reading Report, Second Reading of Acceleration policy 505.2 and Superintendent Report. Items for for the following meeting of September 18th will include Consent Agenda, Annual reorganizational activities, Annual Certified Annual Report (CAR) and Special Education Finance Report (SES), School Board Goals 2017-18, and Superintendent Evaluation.

Motion by Zacarias, seconded by Sasmazer to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved – September 18, 2017

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Board President

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Brietta I. Collier, Board Secretary