

Minutes for the regular board meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education in the Board Room - 111 W 7th Street, November 20, 2017, 6:00 pm.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were Stephanie Dengler, Emily Geertz, David Millage and Lynne Sasmazer. Others present were Superintendent Joe Potts, Administrators Brenda Arthur-Miller, Ralph Hughes, Jeni Laughlin, and others.

Motion by Millage, seconded by Geertz to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0. No one approached the Board during Communications and Visitors (Open Forum).

No fundraising requests and no overnight trips were presented.

The board recognized OPUS Honor Choir Participants, students Amerie Alvarado and Mary Tharp, and their sponsor, Brenda Miller.

The Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency staff highlighted available services to WLCSD to support diverse learners, teaching and learning instructional supports, and create a system coherence.

Principal Brenda Arthur-Miller and counselors Russ Hughes and Steph Paulsen presented an ICAP/IHAPI update. This is the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) and I Have a Plan Iowa (IHAPI) programs, which are required components of the district's career and college readiness guidance offerings.

District Counselors presented a Counseling Staff Update. Student counseling staffing, service plans, scheduling issues and mental health concerns were highlighted.

Principal Brenda Arthur-Miller presented the High School SRI Update. The assessment will be delivered again in spring.

Principal Jeni Laughlin presented the FAST Bridge Update. This is a universal screener that measures reading proficiency at various grade levels. Results are used to identify students needing additional reading support and to better align curriculum.

Motion by Millage, seconded by Geertz to approve the purchase of 801 North Columbus for \$30,000. Motion carried 5-0.

The list of student organizations for 2017-18 was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

Superintendent Potts presented the concept of a policy review committee, which is utilized by many school boards to streamline standing policy review processes, and recommended that the

Board consider adopting such a committee. A motion by Sasmazer, seconded by Dengler, to establish a policy review committee was approved 5-0. Serving on the initial committee are Superintendent Potts, Board Secretary Brietta Collier, Board President Martin, Vice President Sasmazer and WLHS Principal Arthur-Miller.

Review Policies 100-105 (First Reading). The need for some minor updates were identified; the revised policies will be scheduled for a second reading.

Motion by Sasmazer and second by Dengler to approve the Consent Agenda. Personnel includes resignation of Mayra Narvaez, ELC Paraprofessional, effective December 2017; new hires Gretchen Nollman, Wrestling Cheerleading Coach, Step 6, \$1,739; and Matt McMichael, Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach, Step 3, \$2,827. Motion carried 5-0.

Next regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, December 4 at 6:00 pm in the new administrative center at 1103 North Elm Street. Items for this agenda will include Backpack Program Update, GOLD achievement results, ELL report, Attendance and discipline reports, Status report for "students on track," Second reading of Board Policies 100-105, Review of 200 and 400 Board Policy series, Superintendent report and Superintendent mid-year evaluation.

Motion by Geertz, seconded by Dengler to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved – December 18, 2017

Chris Martin, Board President

Brietta I. Collier, Board Secretary