

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education in the Board Room - 1103 N Elm St, March 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. Members present were Stephanie Dengler, Emily Geertz, David Millage and Lynne Sasmazer. Others present were Superintendent Joe Potts, Secretary Brietta Collier, High School Principal Brenda Arthur-Miller, Activities Director Brittney Boffeli, High School Assistant Principal Ralph Hughes, Stephanie Vallez from the West Liberty Index and others.

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

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

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Geertz to approve the Fundraising Requests presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Potts presented two Overnight Trips.

Activities Director, Brittney Boffeli, presented the activities report. Ms. Boffeli began with a comparison of High School Athletic participation ranging from 2014/2015 through 2017/2018. Free and Reduced and ELL participation is increasing at the high school. High School fine arts participation was reviewed from 2014/2015 through 2017/2018. Ms. Boffeli noted speech participation is increasing. The board asked for a split of ELL and Free and Reduced participation for fine arts. Next, Ms. Boffeli reviewed Middle School trend data for athletics and fine arts. The overall Activities Department vision was highlighted. Ms. Boffeli wants each coach and sponsor to have his or her own vision as well. Ms. Boffeli reviewed long-term goals in many areas of the program and highlighted some accomplishments of the programs. It's an exciting time to be a Comet! The board thanked her for her presentation.

Motioned by Geertz, seconded by Sasmazer to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, Dated September 1, 2010 and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, dated September 1, 2010. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dengler, Geertz, Martin, Millage, Sasmazer. Nays: None.

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Geertz to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of Outstanding School Infrastructure Local Option Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds, Date June 26, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dengler, Geertz, Martin, Millage, Sasmazer. Nays: None.

Business Manager, Brietta Collier, presented the FY19 Budget and FY18 Budget Amendment. Ms. Collier reviewed the information that will be published in the Index on March 8th. The FY18 budget will be amended to increase instructional and noninstructional programs. Ms. Collier reviewed FY19 budget information and the proposed FY19 overall levy rate of \$16.32362, which is lower than FY18. Ms. Collier highlighted Special Education spending and efforts to reduce this deficit as well as overall Unspent Authorized Budget, UAB, for the General Fund five-year

forecast. Although the district is growing, if enrollment growth slows and state allocations continue to be 1% or less, the district's UAB is projected to decrease by over \$2.6 million dollars from FY18 to FY23. Administration is working to reverse the downward trend.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Geertz to approve the changes to board policies 300 - 314.3 (2nd Reading). Dr. Potts noted the language in Policy 300 had been changed and language on nepotism will be in a different policy series. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Potts presented the Superintendent Report. Highlights include as staff-only make-up day for the one snow day earlier in the years. Students will not return. This will be on June 5th. There is an upcoming Community Forum on March 21st on substance abuse. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 19, at **5:00 p.m.** Items include: Consent Agenda, Data Reports: on track status, attendance & discipline, chronic absenteeism, ELC Report on Results of Winter Screening Assessments (FAST and GOLD), Elementary Report on Results of Winter Screening Assessments (FAST), Teacher Leader System Update, Review Policies 400 - 403.7E10 (1st Reading), Review Middle School Memorial Request, Public Hearing on 2018-2019 Budget, Certify 2018-2019 Budget.

Motioned by Millage, seconded by Sasmazer to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved – March 19, 2018

Chris Martin, Board President

Brietta I. Collier, Board Secretary