

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education In the Board Room - 1103 N Elm St June 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. Members present were Emily Geertz and Lynne Sasmazer. Others present were Superintendent Joe Potts, Board Secretary Brietta Collier, ELC Director Missy Johnson, High School Principal Brenda Arthur-Miller, Melody Russell, Jeremy Pickard, and Stephanie Vallez from the West Liberty Index.

Motioned by Geertz, seconded by Sasmazer to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

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

No Fundraising Requests. No Overnight Trips.

Jeremy Pickard, Dean of Instruction at Muscatine Community College, presented information on a sharing program the college has with Louisa Muscatine and Columbus Junction Schools. The two districts approached Eastern Iowa Community College with the idea for a College and Career Ready Counselor. This individual is a licensed K-12 counselor and the agreement qualifies for operational sharing of 3 FTE. The position is split 40/40/20 with two districts and MCC. The current model has the counselor at one district 4 days a week in the morning and the other 4 days a week in the afternoon. MCC has the other day. This helps with relationships of seniors transitioning to college. District administration is very excited about this model and a neighboring district is interested in sharing. Ms. Arthur-Miller noted our counselors do a nice job but there is limited time to have the one-on-one interaction with students. The board thanked Mr. Pickard for his information and presentation. The board is interested in additional information.

ELC Director, Missy Johnson, presented information for preschool and kindergarten. Ms. Johnson reviewed parent attendance at events, staff training and retention. Ms. Johnson noted preschool literacy has improved. Preschool students that have been here all year have mastered literacy. Ms. Johnson reviewed Kindergarten English and Spanish FAST results. The board had several questions on which groups were reported and how they were reported. The board also had concerns with the pre-kindergarten class and noted this might skew kindergarten data. The board asked about a 100% preschool literacy level but 23 students being retained in pre-kindergarten. Ms. Johnson indicated most of these children are those that were on the cusp of academic proficiencies. There are multiple data points for retention, including parent involvement. The board is concerned with the developmental implications of an entire section of students that are younger than their peers. The board asked for data on the success of the pre-kindergarten model versus the prior model of promotion. Dr. Potts will help Ms. Johnson gather the requested data. The board thanked her for her presentation.

High School Principal, Brenda Arthur-Miller, presented SRI data. This measures Lexile scores and growth is the key. Ms. Arthur-Miller reviewed data for each grade. SRI data is used to help students select free reading materials, with ESL students and to encourage students to take AP tests.

End of Course data in the Math and Biology departments was reviewed. This is the final exam, not the final grade.

High School Principal, Brenda Arthur-Miller, reviewed Attendance & Discipline and “On Track” status data. The highlight of on-track data is 12th grade having 97% and two of the three not on-track will graduate this summer. Ms. Arthur-Miller also reviewed attendance and discipline data split by demographics and detailing actions for discipline.

High School Principal, Brenda Arthur-Miller, reviewed the OPI, or Oral Proficiency, scores. This is done with 5th and 8th grade ESL students. Ms. Arthur-Miller reviewed cohort data and the changes in proficiency levels. There were some testing problems that are being resolved through upgrading headsets, only testing 5th and 8th grades using OPI and developing an oral proficiency test for 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The board likes this plan.

Instructional Coach, Melody Russell, presented the TLC report. She reviewed 2017/18 staff. The main goals were split into 4 areas. Attract and retain, promote collaboration, reward professional growth and improve student achievement. Ms. Russell reviewed each goal and data to support these areas of focus. Plans for next year’s staff were shared and the number of 2018/19 certified staff participating in the program increased from 17% to 23%. The team is working to have more data to support the program goals. The board thanked Ms. Russell for her time.

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Geertz to approve the 28e Agreement with Muscatine County Ag. Extension for a 2018/19 Community Liaison. Motion carried 3-0.

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Geertz to approve the Second Reading of Board Policies 405.9 - 413.9. Motion carried 3-0.

Motioned by Geertz, seconded by Sasmazer to approve the Consent Agenda. Personnel items include: Resignations: Michael Gunn, Head Boys Soccer. New Hires: Caleb Studebaker - HS Assistant Wrestling; Melody Russell - TLC Coordinator; Kevin Grothe - Bus Driver; Dan Ruess - Bus Driver; Timothy Kuenzel - MS Special Education Teacher; Graciela Minjares - ES Paraprofessional (recall); Michele McMichael - FFA Assistant Advisor; Beth Bryce - Elementary ESL Teacher; Andrew Cutler - Elementary Music Teacher. Motion carried 3-0.

Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, July 16, 6:00 p.m. Items include: Consent Agenda; ELPA 21/ESL Report; Review and Set Legislative Priorities; Operational Sharing Potential

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Geertz to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved – July 16, 2018

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Chris Martin, Board President

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Brietta I. Collier, Board Secretary