

Minutes 04-17-2017

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education in the Board Room - 111 W 7th Street April 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Members present were Emily Geertz, Lynne Sasmazer, Jose Zacarias, Superintendent Steve Hanson and Secretary Brietta Collier. Others present were Josh Jackson, Brian Rance, Missy Johnson, Tonya Gingerich, Emily Reed, Kristina Murphy, C. McFerren and Jacob Lane from the West Liberty Index.

Motioned by Sasmazer, seconded by Zacarias to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Communications and Visitors (Open Forum): Ms. Kristina Murphy thanked the board for recognizing the need for a new counselor and addressing this issue. Mr. Josh Jackson of Shift9Labs, past employee, parent, community member and son-in-law to Mr. Hanson noted the district is losing a dedicated employee with Mr. Hanson's resignation and asks the board to find a competent individual to fill the vacancy.

Motioned by Geertz, seconded by Zacarias to approve two fundraising requests. Motion carried 4-0.

No overnight trips presented.

Mr. Sam Johnson of BLDD presented the long-range facilities planning report. There is a five-phase strategic master plan based on capacity, projected enrollment and finances to bring the district to three educational buildings. Phase I is to relocate the bus barn. Phase II is a remodel at the middle school to provide space to support music and ESL needs. Phase III is moving administration and freeing space for ELC students. Phase IV is an addition to the middle school of a 5th grade wing. Phase V is an addition to the elementary school, creating a PK-4 facility. The board thanked Mr. Johnson for his time and work.

Mr. Hanson presented information relating to Preschool Staffing for 2017-18. Mr. Hanson noted preschool teachers have seniority among PK-6 teachers. There is potential for the least-senior preschool teacher to bid into a current district opening. Ms. Collier presented budget information and trend data. Ms. Johnson asked if a waiting list would be created if the position was eliminated. The consensus was yes. The board asked when we might know final preschool numbers. Mr. Hanson answered if this was a pattern similar to past years, we can have last minute registrations in late July and staff changes in August.

Mr. Hanson presented the open enrollment report. He noted 9 new open enrolling in and 4 new open enrolling out for a total out of 69 and total in of 42.

Motioned by Zacarias, seconded by Sasmazer to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0. Resignations: Hector Garrido, ES Paraprofessional, effective March 31, 2017; Ashley Smith, HS Color Guard, end of 2016-17; Jessica Newton, JH Assistant Softball, effective April 13, 2017. Retirements: Charlotte Smith, Food Service, effective May 30, 2017; Rich Hambright, 6th Grade Math Teacher, May 31, 2017; Patty Laughlin, 4th Grade Teacher, May 31, 2017; Carolyn Probst, 6th Grade Science Teacher, May 31, 2017; Marilyn Rasmussen, 8th Grade Math Teacher, May 31, 2017; Steve Hanson, Superintendent, June 30, 2017; Helene Saleminck,

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Bus Driver, May 30, 2017. New Hires: Stacey Beeler, 2017-18 DL Spanish Teacher 3rd Grade, Step BA/6, \$39,051; Brittney Boffeli, 2017-18 Activities Director, Step 0-3, \$6,283; Jennifer Laughlin, 2017-18 Elementary Principal, \$93,000; Caroline Halverson, 2017-18 K-8 Guidance Counselor, Step BA24/0-3, \$38,222; Michael Hart, Part-Time HS Assistant Girls Track, Step 0-3, \$1,178; Danielle Reagle, 2017-18 8th Grade Literacy Teacher, Step BA12/5, \$39,270.

Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 1, 6:00 p.m. Superintendent report; Wellness Policy Revisions.

Motioned by Geertz, seconded by Sasmazer to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved – May 15, 2017

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Chris Martin, Board President

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Brietta I. Collier, Board Secretary