

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 9^h. This meeting was advertised in the March 4th edition of the Battle Creek Enterprise. President Jeremy Pochop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Lori Mink, Toby Thompson, Tammy Bierman, Paul Kuchar, and Brent Bode. Also present were Superintendent Jake Luhr, Principals Jeff Heimes and Kyle Finke, Bruce Lefler, BCEA representative, and a visitor. The open meeting law was discussed and posted and will be followed at every Board meeting. To start the Board meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Toby Thompson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the March general fund bills which totaled \$84,984.39. Lori Mink seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Brent Bode made a motion to approve the Special Building fund bill from Community Building Solutions in the amount of \$177,016.00. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Bruce Lefler, of Piper Sandler, presented to the Board a three year lease purchase agreement for the HVAC and lighting improvements at the high school and elementary. After review, Paul Kuchar made a motion to approve the three year HVAC Lease Purchase Agreement with Piper Sandler. Lori Mink seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Mr. Luhr presented to the Board a copy of a letter sent on behalf of Nebraska Education Collaboration to the legislature in opposition to LB974.

Mr. Luhr advised the Board that all lighting improvements have been completed at both schools and the improvements are very noticeable.

Lori Mink made a motion to approve the e-rate project for installation of a fiber optic cable between the high school and the elementary. This will improve speed and communication between buildings. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Toby Thompson made a motion to approve the internet pricing change for the 2020-21 school year. This will increase the Mbps from 200 to 300 at the rate of \$698 per month, which will increase the Mbps at a lower monthly rate than what we are paying now. Paul Kuchar seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Lori Mink made a motion to approve the second and final reading of the Option Enrollment Policy 5006 as presented. Tammy Bierman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Tammy Bierman made a motion to approve the Ag and FFA contract of William(Billy) O'Brien for the 2020-21 school year. Lori Mink seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Toby Thompson made a motion to approve the teacher resignation of Dexter Hanzel, math teacher and coach, with regrets and appreciation for his four years of service to Battle Creek Public School. Paul Kuchar seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

The Board reviewed the two option arrays for classified staff pay. Brent Bode made a motion to increase classified staff pay .50 for the 2020-21 school year. Lori Mink seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with five ayes. Toby Thompson abstained.

Discussion was held on whether or not to contract with Norfolk Catholic on sharing a school nurse or not contract with them and keep the school nurse in our buildings 4 days a week instead of two days a week. This topic was tabled until the April board meeting.

Toby Thompson made a motion to accept the option enrollment form of Lily Anderson, kindergartner, for the 2020-21 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Paul Kuchar made a motion to approve the option request of Maddox Eischeid, kindergartner, for the 2020-21 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Lori Mink made a motion to approve the option request of Taylynn Aldag, eighth grader, for the 2019-20 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Tammy Bierman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Lori Mink made a motion to go into executive session at 6:57 P.M., to discuss principal salaries for the 2020-21 school year. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Toby Thompson made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:05 P.M. Paul Kuchar seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Lori Mink made a motion to increase each principal's salary by \$2,500 for the 2020-2021 school year. Tammy Bierman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Comments were heard from the Board, Principals, and Superintendent.

With no further business, Board President Jeremy Pochop adjourned the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

Submitted by,

Jake Luhr, Secretary Board of Education