

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2017 7:30 PM

Boone Central High School Library

605 South 6th St.

Albion, NE 68620

Justin Frey: Present

Ed Knott: Present

Sean Kohl: Absent

Patti Meyer: Present

Tim Stopak: Present

Darren Wright: Absent

1. Opening the Meeting - Call to Order

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication to the public and to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance. The Open Meetings Act is here and available for review.

2. Approval of Absent Board Members if Necessary

Motion to approve the absence of Board Member Darren Wright and Board Member Dr. Sean Kohl for professional/work related reasons. This motion, made by Justin Frey and seconded by Tim Stopak, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

3. Welcome Guests

3.1. Greenhouse Presentation - Katie Wilson, Mitch Osborn

Ms. Katie Wilson and Mr. Mitch Osborn, science department teachers, presented information pertaining to the possible consideration of a greenhouse. Ms. Wilson presented the positive benefits and opportunities a greenhouse would provide our students. A proposal was received from Stuppy Greenhouse Manufacturing for a 30' x 60' greenhouse. The board facility committee will continue to review details with the science teachers. The Albion Education Foundation has committed to funding the project based on final proposed budget and other funding sources. Proposal and design may be considered at the December Regular Board of Education Meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and to authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks as presented. This motion, made by Justin Frey and seconded by Ed Knott, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

4.1. Meeting Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund and Lunch Fund Reports

4.4.2. Activity Fund Reports

4.4.3. Building Fund, Depreciation Fund, and Bond Fund Reports

5. Board Committee Reports

5.1. Transportation

Transportation Committee met on Monday, October 23rd to review and discuss bus and vehicle fleet. Mileage, condition of vehicles/buses, and usage were considered. Committee discussed applying for 3 diesel bus replacement grants and possibly retiring 2 buses from the fleet. Committee discussed replacing two mini vans with two 4-wheel drive vehicles. Rules and regulations for passenger vans were discussed.

5.2. Policy

Policy Committee met on October 25th to review and discuss multiple board policies including new policies on Memorials and Registered Sex Offenders. Committee reviewed multiple memorial policy recommendations and met with guidance counselors and administrators prior to bringing a suggested memorial policy to the board.

5.3. Negotiations

Board Negotiators (Darren Wright, Ed Knott, Patti Meyer) met with the Boone Central Education Association Negotiators (Chris Grundmeyer, Dan Zoucha, Michael Volker) on

October 30th and November 8th. Negotiators agreed to the following school array selection: Wisner-Pilger, Centura, Madison, Battle Creek, Twin River, Central City, St. Paul, Pierce, Ord, David City, O'Neill, North Bend Central.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 29th.

6. Administrative Reports

6.1. Elementary Principal

Elementary Principal Mr. Jimmy Feeney updated the board on the Reading and Math curriculum. Assessment data has been consistently reviewed when discussing and considering interventions and strategies for students.

6.2. Middle School Principal

Middle School Principal Mr. Tanner Schutt discussed a possible change to the format for spring parent teacher conferences. A character retreat was held at the Middle School on October 23rd focused on courage. Guest speakers included Jenni DeWitt, Clyde Stuhr, Arnie Johnson, MADD, and Corey Jones from Cleveland, Ohio. Students and staff participated in a food scavenger hunt with all collected items being donated to the Boone County Food Pantry. October CARDS winner was Nyla Redler. NeSA and ACT assessment data was reviewed at the last teacher inservice on November 8th.

6.3. High School Principal

High School Principal Mr. Erik Kravig noted that the Junior class participated in County Government Day on November 8th and that the Freshman and Sophomores attended college visits at UNL and UNK. Clyde Stuhr was the guest speaker for the annual Veteran's Day Program; Girls/Boys State Representatives Maggie Cleveland and Walker Stuhr spoke; Scott Wright won the Voice of Democracy Award and former student Thomas Hosford was recognized for being the state winner in 2016. 38 students had perfect attendance for the first 9 weeks.

6.4. Activities Director

Activities Director Mr. Marcus Donner recognized the Fall participants for their great seasons and achievements, and updated the board on upcoming winter activities.

6.5. Superintendent

Superintendent Hardwick updated the board details for the Grand Opening event on November 22nd and remaining construction items. A hot food display/warmer and a new popcorn popper were purchased for the concession stand. There will be no school on Tuesday, November 21st

for the State Football Championships in Lincoln. The audit and annual financial reports have been completed and submitted.

7. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

8. Action Items

8.1. Thomas Freightliner Bus Purchases

Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Thomas Freightliner C2 buses from Nebraska Truck Center for a total cost of \$199,460. This motion, made by Patti Meyer and seconded by Tim Stopak, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

Current bus fleet was reviewed by the transportation committee. Recommendation from the committee to trade/sell/scrap the 1997 Thomas and the 1999 Blue Bird (gas bus; not eligible for rebates) and to purchase two (2) 2019 Thomas Freightliner buses from Nebraska Truck Center (both with A/C) for a total cost of \$199,460. Three different rebate incentives are available to eligible applicants to replace diesel school buses powered by model year 2006 or older engines with new buses powered by a certified 2017 or newer model. Rebates range from \$15,000 to \$100,000. All available rebate applications will be applied for and submitted; only a select number of rebates will be awarded to applicants.

Bus purchase agreements will be held by the Transportation Committee and submitted following the awarding of bus replacement rebates.

8.2. Sell/Trade/Scrap Thomas and Blue Bird Buses

Motion to allow the Transportation Committee to determine the appropriate removal of the 1997 Thomas, the 1999 Blue Bird, and the 2007 Thomas Freightliner buses from the fleet based on awarding of bus replacement rebates this winter. This motion, made by Ed Knott and seconded by Tim Stopak, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

Rebates will be submitted for replacement of 1997 Thomas bus and possibly the 2007 depending on determination of Volkswagen funds awarded to the State of Nebraska. Transportation committee will determine appropriate removal of 1997, 1999, and possibly 2007 buses based on rebate funding and selectees. Diesel School bus Rebate Programs require that replaced buses be disabled (scrapped) within 90 days of replacement. The 1997 diesel qualifies for the rebates.

8.3. Fleet Vehicle Purchases and Trades

Motion to allow the Transportation Committee to make final determination on purchase of replacement fleet vehicles and to trade the 2004 and 2005 Chevrolet Venture, and 2017 Ford

Transit Van if necessary. This motion, made by Tim Stopak and seconded by Justin Frey, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

Transportation committee will begin looking at replacing 2004 Chevy Venture and 2005 Chevy Venture, and 2017 Ford Transit due to safety reasons and mileage. 4-wheel drive vehicles will be considered.

8.4. Sealed Bid Invitation - Notice of School Property for Sale

Motion to approve the acceptance of sealed bids for the 2000 Ford Econoline Van according to Exhibit A. This motion, made by Tim Stopak and seconded by Ed Knott, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

8.5. 2016-18 Boone Central, Newman Grove, St. Edward Cooperative Wrestling Agreement Amendment

Motion to approve the amended 2016-18 Interlocal Wrestling Cooperative Agreement as presented. This motion, made by Ed Knott and seconded by Tim Stopak, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

The 2016-18 Interlocal Agreement Cooperative between Boone Central, St. Edward, and Newman Grove for Wrestling contained inaccurate information. The agreement has been adapted to accurately reflect the extra curricular wrestling joint venture. The wording revisions in the amendment do not change any of the prior practices or agreed upon functions of the extra curricular cooperative between the three schools.

8.6. Repeal Policy #5505 Safe Pupil Transportation Plan

Motion to repeal Board Policy #5505 Safe Pupil Transportation Plan. This motion, made by Patti Meyer and seconded by Ed Knott, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

8.7. Board of Education Policy Approval

Motion to approve board policy #3251 Sex Offenders and #1320 Memorial Policy as presented.

This motion, made by Ed Knott and seconded by Tim Stopak, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

8.7.1. Policy #3251 Sex Offenders

Recommended Sex Offender Policy according to Nebraska Sex Offender Act, rules, and regulations. Policy 3251 provides guidelines for handling registered sex offenders on school property or in attendance at school activities.

8.7.2. Policy #1320 Memorials

The board of education and administration recognize the difficulty and the desire to remember the loss of a loved one. Policy 1320 provides guidelines for memorializing deceased students and staff.

8.8. Beef in Schools

Motion to approve the Beef in Schools Program at Boone Central. This motion, made by Tim Stopak and seconded by Patti Meyer, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Patti Meyer: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

Design and planning for the Nebraska Beef in Schools Program will begin in December. A committee of administrators, board members, staff members, and community members will focus on the healthy benefits of locally raised beef and the value of beef production and agriculture in the state of Nebraska. Goals for the program will be developed, a timeline for implementation will be discussed, and expected outcomes will be established.

9. Next Meeting Date

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Boone Central Middle School in Petersburg.

10. Questions by the Media

11. Adjournment

Chairperson

Superintendent