

## Regular Meeting

**Mission:**"Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Regular Meeting started at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 18, 2017. The meeting was held at ESU7/CPS Student Center, 2563 44th Ave.  
2508 27th Street  
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Present

Mike Goos: Present

Doug Molczyk: Absent

Timothy Pospisil: Present

Theresa Seipel: Present

Douglas Willoughby: Present

Molczyk was excused due to attending a City Council meeting.

### I. Board Meeting

#### I.A. Call to Order

#### I.B. Roll Call of Board

#### I.C. Pledge of Allegiance

#### I.D. Notice of Open Meeting Posted

##### I.D.1. President insures all can hear proceedings

#### I.E. Mission Statement

Tim Pospisil read the Mission Statement.

#### I.F. Opportunity for Public to be Heard

No one spoke to the board.

#### I.G. Board Special Functions

##### I.G.1. Close Up Program Trip Approval Form

## I.G.2. Acceptance of Superintendent's Letter of Intent to Extend

The board accepted the letter and will approve the Superintendent's evaluation at the January board meeting.

## I.H. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

## I.I. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

Items 4B, 5A, and 5B were removed from the Consent Agenda.

## I.J. Consent Agenda

### I.J.1. Approval of Minutes

### I.J.2. Financial Reports M2, M3, M4a

### I.J.3. Financial Report M4b

Payment to Seipel repair.

### I.J.4. Financial Report M5

### I.J.5. Financial Report M5a

Payment to Seipel repair.

### I.J.6. Financial Report M5b

Reimbursement to Doug Willoughby for state school board conference.

I.J.7. Certified Personnel

I.J.8. Classified Personnel

I.J.9. Class of 2018 Mid-Term Graduates

Board approved mid-term graduates

I.J.10. Professional Travel

I.K. Acceptance of Gifts/Donations

The total contributions for the month of November was \$34,219.26.

I.L. Business Operations and Human Relations

I.L.1. Policies

I.L.2. Administrative Functions

I.L.2.1. TERIP Proposal 2017-2018

The Temporary Early Retirement Incentive Program includes administrators.

I.L.3. Updates

Executive Director of Business Operations and Human Relations Dave Melick thanked board members for attending Christmas Socials.

I.M. Buildings & Sites/Technology

I.M.1. Policies

I.M.2. Administrative Functions

### I.M.2.1. City of Columbus Application for Use of School Facilities/Sites

Approval of snow fence at the Discoverer site.

### I.M.3. Updates

Mr. Kwapnioski gave an update on the steam pipe at the old middle school, the Technology Strategic plan, that started four years ago. Kwapnioski said this time around the plan was expanded to include a K-12. Kwapnioski said there is only \$1.2 million to spend. He said the committee visited four schools. Millard North is now working with Windows machines. There will be a meeting tomorrow from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the high school media center. Kwapnioski invited the board to attend. He said the committee must look at what the district can afford per unit per price tag. The board will be given an update after the meeting. Kwapnioski said the committee is looking at a wide variety of options such as iPads, Chromebooks, Windows machines. He said the committee will have a recommendation to Dr. Loeffelholz in February, and it will come to the board in March. Tim Pospisil said there is talk that Apple is going to end the Mac line and go to iPads and keyboards. Kwapnioski said Millard North paid less than \$300 a piece for the Tablets. He said he will be looking at getting the district the best deal possible on machines.

### I.N. Curriculum and Instruction

#### I.N.1. Policies

#### I.N.2. Administrative Functions

##### I.N.2.1. BOE State Results

There are a lot of changes with state assessments right now, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Amy Romshek said. Students in grades 3-8 took the NeSA English Language Arts(ELA) and College and Career Readiness(CCR). In 11th grade, the ACT took the place of NeSA. ACT ELA took English, reading and writing scores and added them all together.

With the new NeSA CCR, students are required to provide a select response and choose an answer that gives evidence from the text that supports the answer and write an essay. Since this is a new test, the results cannot be compared to previous years. This year the CPS seventh grade average score is a 191 and state average was 198. The CPS eighth grade average score was a 194, and the state average a 199.

When comparing other districts' ELA scores in grades 3-5, CPS is a little over 200. Romshek said in this grade range when compared to other districts with similar demographics, CPS did

well. In grades 6-8, CPS' ELA was a little below the state average and a little below other districts. The test for math did not change and stayed on the 1-200 scale. Over the years middle school and high school have stayed about the same with a scale score of 100, but last year it did decrease a little. When comparing CPS to other districts in math, grades 3-5 and 6-8 compared well to similar districts. In grades 3-5 and 6-8 the scores in math were above the state average. Science is still the old test and only grades 5, 8 and 11 are tested. From 2012-2017, CPS has been trending downward in elementary and up in the middle school a little bit. Grade 5 science scores decreased a little this year. The Grade 8 scores were close to other districts of similar size. Both fifth and eighth grades were above the state average.

The ACT score range is 1-36. On the ACT ELA the score was 18, which is a little below the state average. At high school, the ACT Math score was 19. This score shows that the students are on track and are prepared to go on to the next level, and the ACT score is equal to the state average. The grade 11 scores were a little above other districts of similar size.

One of the future changes will be a new math test next year and in 2021, there will be a new science test with the scores ranging from 100-300 and it will be closer to the ACT. The test platform will also change again next year.

#### I.N.3. Updates

#### I.O. Student Services

##### I.O.1. Policies

I.O.1.1. Second and Final Reading of Policy 501 Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students

I.O.1.2. Second and Final Reading of Policy 1005.12 Title 1 Parent and Family Member Engagement

I.O.1.3. First Reading of Policy 508.01 Student Health and Immunization Checkups

##### I.O.2. Administrative Functions

##### I.O.3. Updates

#### I.P. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Loeffelholz said he needs signatures from the board on the Nebraska United for Property Tax resolution. Dr. Loeffelholz said the board needs to put together his evaluation through survey monkey and come up with a timeline. Seipel said she wants to have the survey put together for January. At the national school board conference on Friday, Dr. Loeffelholz said there is an opportunity to go through the

Toyota manufacturing plant. He said there will be another opportunity on Monday, which other people can attend. A realtor is putting together pricing for the old middle school, which includes the land and buildings. Dr. Loeffelholz said it will be a closed bid format, and the board has a right to accept or refuse any offer. Once the realtor is done, he said he will get the building and sites committee together.

On January 12 from 6-9 p.m., there will be a holiday social for the board, administration and spouses. Dr. Loeffelholz asked the board if they want to move the regular meeting to a 5:30 p.m. start time so both will be on the same timeline. He said they will try the 5:30 p.m. start for both meetings in January. Dr. Loeffelholz will forward an email that Sen. Groene sent to all the board members. He said he will also write a response and carbon copy all the board members. Candy Becher said administration can't test students like a person tests a product. Theresa Seipel said it is a challenging issue because there must be some point of accountability. Dr. Loeffelholz said the problem is the state is always changing the target for schools. Becher said they are now wanting to change testing based on politics. CPS tested every junior in high school and the ACT average has gone from 18 to 19. Dr. Loeffelholz said CPS is way above state average in core scores. Romshek said people must remember the state test is one day, and it is just a snap shot of how the students did on that day.

#### I.Q. Board Sharing

The Board members wished everyone a happy holiday. Doug Willoughby also asked for prayers for the two Lakeview students that were in the car accident. Theresa Seipel said she will be gone Jan 13-20. Melick said with Seipel being gone, they will work around negotiations. Seipel said she could Facetime for negotiations if needed.

#### II. Executive Session

The board did not go into executive session.

#### III. Adjourn

The board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, December 18, 2017.

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President

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Secretary