

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 11, 2018, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross and Administrators Mr. Ritchey, Mr. Manuel, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Beaven, and Mrs. Morgan were present along with Mr. Engerski. Mr. Littlejohn and Mr. Gard were absent.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Crews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the open comment session, Pastor Richard Lewis offered a prayer.

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and bills from the month of December. On roll call the vote was as follows, Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved minutes,
treasurer's report, bills

Mr. Ross talked to the Board about the process which is used to determine whether or not to have school during bad weather. Mr. Engerski and Mr. Ross go out at 4:00 a.m. and drive the roads. They drive the country roads to see if it is safe for the buses to travel them.

Process for bad weather
days

The parent's cell phone numbers are put into the district's Lumen system, messages are sent out quickly to inform parents that school will be closed. A parent can opt out if they do not want to receive a text.

Mr. Ross updated the Board on the progress with Honeywell on a final contract for the facilities updates. The updates at the Jr. High will include windows, HVAC, ceilings, and lights on the old wing, and replacing the south east doors. The high school updates include windows on the Vocational wing; outside doors on the Band/Chorus room; double doors to the Band/McNary pass through; double doors on the north east corner of McNary; doors to the ag shop including the bay door; and restroom addition to the Ross gym foyer.

Update on facilities
update

A special meeting date was set for January 17, at 5:00 pm. at the Unit Office for Mr. Ross to discuss the financing for these updates.

Special Meeting for
updates financing

The Athletic Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Items of discussion included proposals for the possibility of adding Jr. High baseball and softball. The programs would be privately funded at the beginning for at least 2 years. A formal proposal will be presented to the Board at the February or March meeting.

Athletic committee
meeting; jh
baseball/softball
discussed

Mr. Ross is on a committee that has been working toward developing a regional Career Exploration and Leadership class opportunity for juniors and seniors for all schools in Clark and Edgar Counties. Classes would be held three days a week and the students would be working with businesses the other two days. They would earn two high school credits for this program. There would be four to six spots available to our students. Mr. Ross commented, "We want our students to connect with businesses here in our region."

Regional Career
Exploration/Leadership

Mr. Ross and the Board reviewed the mid-year budget.

Mid-year budget
reviewed

The Board is required to review the existing closed session minutes every six months. These are reviewed every January and July. The review is necessary to determine whether the Board would like to make any of these records open for public

view or to keep them closed.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to keep closed the closed session minutes from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 closed. All present voted aye.

Voted to keep closed session minutes closed

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to destroy closed session minutes over 18 months old. All present voted aye.

Approved to destroy closed session minutes over 18 months

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve professional leave requests for Mrs. Beaven and Mrs. Morgan to attend at Title I Reading Conference in Chicago and for Mrs. Husinga to attend a Title I Math Conference in St. Louis. On roll call the vote was as follows, Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved professional leaves:
Beaven/Morgan/Husinga

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve a spring youth softball group. All present voted aye.

Approved spring softball camp

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (personnel). On roll call the vote was as follows, Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The Board went into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

Closed Session

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The Board returned to open session at 7:20 p.m.

Open Session

There was no action taken after closed session.

No action taken

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Unit Office.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education