

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 8, 2014

President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the high school media center.

Members present: Davis, Drumm, Herman, McNerney, Ryckman, Van Sickler

Members absent: Palmer

Administrators present: Hubbard, Walderzak, Weaver

Visitors present: Chelsey Kellams, Amber Mobley, Dustin Mobley, Laura Neelis, Tammi Daymon, Brian Zinn, Lori Wolfe, Jody Zinn, Dianne Wilson, Stephanie Smith

Approval of Agenda

Van Sickler amended the agenda by adding to New Business D. Approval of the 2014-2015 Amended Budget

Motion by Herman, Support by Davis to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests – None

Questions on Building Reports – None

Communications

HS Solo Ensemble Performance

Mrs. Smith had two 7th grade students give a performance of their piece that they will play at the Solo/Ensemble competition.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Davis, support by Drumm to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held November 10, 2014 with the change in Charlotte's name in the Oath of Office.

Treasurer's Report – December

Motion by Drumm, support by Ryckman to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda: None

New Business

Approval of Neola Policies Volume 29.1

Motion by Ryckman, support by Herman to approve the Neola policies volume 29.1

Motion CARRIED 6-0

ACT/CIT Presentation – Mrs. Weaver

Weaver presented to the board and the visitors in attendance on the ACT/CIT time. This is a 30 minute block and during this time they have worked on MEAP prep, Reading and lessons on respect.

In the high school they have ACT time (Academic Core Time). Close reading is one of the big things that the high school has been working on. Close reading is reading to uncover layers of meaning that lead to deeper comprehension. Weaver talked about what close reading looks like. The classes are given an article each week and different things to do with that article each day.

Hubbard talked about reading comprehension. Davis asked if any of these strategies are being carried over in the day to day instruction. Hubbard stated that yes the teachers are using this in their lesson plans.

Fourth Grade Class Size

Hubbard stated that this is just a discussion on different options they have been looking at for the class size of 39 in the 4th grade. Hubbard stated that Mrs. Vissman is doing a great job with the large class size. Hubbard went over the different options with the board. Hubbard stated that Mrs. Weaver met with the Mrs. Vissman and went over the options and what would be best for the students. Hubbard stated with budget already in the deficit the best possible option without going in the deficit too much would be a 5 hour parapro that would stay strictly in this classroom. Ryckman questioned why we need another parapro when we have fewer students this year. Weaver stated that last year when this class was in 3rd grade they were split between two classrooms. Herman questioned how long you can have a long term sub teacher in the classroom before the school district has to hire them. Herman asked if the administration approached the union about bringing in a long term sub. Hubbard stated that the option of a sub is no longer on the table. Ryckman questioned why we started the school year with 36 and now it is up 3 students and we are looking at changing. McNerney stated that sometimes it is the makeup of the classroom not just the numbers. The board would like to have the administration bring in a half time sub to help with the 4th grade class size.

Approval of the Amended Budget 2014-2015

Motion by Ryckman, support by Davis to approve the Amended Budget of 2014-2015.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business: None

Old Business

Power of One Award

Hubbard selected Kim Hansen for the Power of One Award. Kim is only in the media center for 1 hour and took it upon herself to get the book fair up and running and did an outstanding job with it.

Items for Discussion

Balanced Calendar Update

Hubbard stated that there will be a recommendation at the February meeting. Ryckman stated that there has been a 20 percent increase in the state on moving to a balanced calendar. Hubbard talked about making a brochure on the balanced calendar.

Political Update

Hubbard talked about a couple of big bills that are out right now. One is the transportation bill to fix the roads. Right now there is a 6% gas tax that comes directly to the schools for school aid. The bill is talking about taking away the sales tax from the school aid fund and using that tax money to repair the roads.

The other bills deals with the treasury and if your school district falls below the 5% fund equity. The 3rd bill deals with teacher evaluation.

Work in Progress: None

Recognition of Guests

Jody Zinn – 4324 Pine Grove Rd. She would like to thank Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Vissman for their work on trying to come up with a solution for the class size of the 4th grade.

Tom McNerney would like to thank Dan Ryckman for his years of service on the board. Dan has always come well-read and prepared for the board meetings. McNerney appreciates his opinions and thoughts pertaining to the board.

Items for next Board Meeting January 12, 2015

Van Sickler would like the evaluation rubric for the Superintendent evaluation to go over to see if their needs to be adjustments with the different job titles. Ryckman does not feel that you need to add to the rubric.

Motion by Ryckman, support by McNerney to adjourn at 7:55PM

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary