

1st Regular Board Meeting
October 3, 2018
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Jennifer Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Melissa Bartels, Leroy Duncan, Mike Redman, Mark St. Peters, Jamey Westbrook, and Jennifer Murray answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Missy Bell-Yates. Also present were administrators/directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, and Gerry Mattix-Wand.

Public Comments:

None.

Review of Agenda Items for the October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting:

Media Center Guidelines Review. As per usual, the Board will need to conduct its annual review of the ISLMA “Media Center Guidelines” as a prerequisite for receiving the Illinois School Library Grant from the Secretary of State / Illinois State Library. The superintendent noted that the only guideline that the District chooses not to follow is the recommendation for a full-time certified media specialist (i.e. librarian), due to the cost and that Mrs. Budde very capably manages the Library.

Appoint FOIA Officers: As is the case each year, we will recommend that the Board again appoint Dr. Pearson and Mrs. Guthrie to be the FOIA Officers. The function of that position is to receive and respond to FOIA requests, as well as keeping records of the requests and our responses to those requests.

[Missy Bell-Yates arrived at 6:13 p.m.]

Disposal of Bus #3: The Board will be asked to declare that Bus #3 – a 65-passenger, 1997 GMC model - is a piece of surplus and obsolete equipment and authorize the administration to dispose of said bus. This bus becomes redundant due to the recent purchase of a better and newer used bus from Roxana last month. The district will attempt to sell the bus.

Hear 1st Reading of Selected Board Policy Changes: The superintendent reported that there were several policies that were somehow left off the approval list back in December 2017, but were meant to be included for Board approval at that time. The policies are all updates recommended by the IASB PRESS Service attorneys, and

reflect legislative changes since our earlier versions of the same policies. The policy numbers and titles are: 7.20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited); 7.70 (Attendance & Truancy); 7.180 (Preventing Bullying); 7.250 (Student Support Services); 7.260 (Exemption from Physical Activity); 7.305 (Concussion Policy). The Board will be asked to review these at the October meetings, with approval at the November 13th meeting.

School Board April 2019 Election: Dr. Pearson shared a spreadsheet which showed the historical progression of the 7 Board seats, with the focus on the 2019 election and who will be up for re-election in April 2019. Those whose terms will expire this May are: Jennifer Murray, Melissa Bartels, Leroy Duncan, and Jamey Westbrook.

Strategic Plan Update: The superintendent reported that the majority of the goals are either attained or in progress. He observed that the Board would need to change its strategic plan structure and focus due to the needs of the Balanced Accountability Model, EBM funding, and ESSA, while still maintaining the necessary goals related to building and grounds, technology infrastructure, extracurriculars and other items not directly tied to student achievement. The Board will need to increase its role in student achievement and academic improvement regarding its planning process.

HLS Fire Alarm Project Update: Dr. Pearson met recently with Jeff Foxall, the architect (Tim Downen), and Wegman project manager Dennis Underwood, to review a long list of proposed change orders to our recently completed new fire alarm system. He noted that, in a project such as this, not every need is known when the plans are drawn and bids are submitted based on those plans. This results frequently in additional work and costs along the way that was unforeseen by the architect or the contractor. The agreed-upon change orders for this project totaled about \$15,000, which represents a 9% increase in the original contract price of \$168,200. However, the final invoice for these change orders has not been received as of this report.

Executive Session:

Executive Session was tabled.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Redman; second by Mr. Westbrook; to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:30 p.m.