

Regular Board Meeting
December 12, 2017
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Jennifer Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board 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: Melissa Bell-Yates. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. No members of the public attended.

Board Communications:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of November 7, 2017 and November 14, 2017. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Redman, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$90,726.93 be authorized; that salaries for the month of November in the amount of \$403,986.73 and bills quickly paid for the month of November in the amount of \$800,147.36 be approved and that December salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Adopt 2017 Tax Levy:

Dr. Pearson reminded the Board that he was still recommending the estimated levy figures set by the Board at the November 14th Regular Meeting. There were no objections or concerns voiced about those figures, since they had been thoroughly discussed in November.

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. St. Peters to adopt the 2017 Levy, as presented in the Estimated Levy during the November 2017 board meetings. Aye: Ms. Bartels,

Mr. Duncan, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

2018-19 School Calendar Adoption:

Supt. Pearson reported that Dr. Anderson at Wood River – Hartford District #15 had decided to retract his earlier request to change the Parent-Teacher Conference schedule for October 2018. This means that the combined calendar would revert back to version that was set by the three superintendents and their respective board presidents back in October.

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mrs. Bartels to adopt the 2018-19 “combined” school calendar, as presented at the November 7th Board meeting. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Hear 2nd Reading of and Adopt Recommended Policy Revisions:

Dr. Pearson asked the Board if they had any concerns or questions about these policy revisions, which had been presented and reviewed at the November 7th Board Meeting and that were, consequently on their second reading: 2.20-E (Waivers Resource Guide); 2.150-AP (Superintendent Committees); 2.250-E2 (Immediately Available Records); 2.260 (Grievance Procedure); 4.15 (Identity Protection); 4.170 (Safety); 5.90 (Abused Child Reporting); 5.200 (Terms & Conditions of Employment); 5.220 (Substitute Teachers); 5.240 (Suspension); 5.290 (Employment Termination); 6.50 (School Wellness); 6.60 (Curriculum Content); 6.150 (Home & Hospital Instruction); 6.310 (HS Credit for Non-District Experiences, et al.); 7.10-AP2 (Accommodating Breast-Feeding Students); and 7.15 (Student & Family Privacy Rights). No Board Members stated any concerns with the recommendations.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to adopt the PRESS-recommended policy revisions, as noted above. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adopt Revisions to the District’s Risk Management Plan:

The superintendent reviewed the additional language recommended for adoption in the Risk Management Plan, which described the identification of the need for camera-buzzer entry systems (two are identified by the Board through its Safety Committee and administrator recommendations) and a more secure fencing and gate system to cordon-off Whitelaw Ave. during the school day.

Motion by Mr. Redman; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the recommended changes to the District’s Risk Management Plan. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Add Course to Curriculum:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mrs. Bartels, to authorize the adding of the elective social studies course, "Honors Ancient World Civilizations," which would be primarily geared toward freshmen and sophomores already enrolled in Honors English classes, who would want a more rigorous social studies elective. The addition of this course would not require any additional personnel or textbook costs, according to Mrs. Robinson and the Curriculum Council. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Declare Buses #1 and #7 and the 1998 Green Ford Windstar to be Surplus and Obsolete Equipment and Authorize Their Disposal:

The superintendent noted that Transportation Director Jeff Foxall had recently recommended that buses #1 and #7 and the 1998 green Ford Windstar should be disposed. Bus #1 and Bus #7 were both in need of expensive repairs, which are not cost-effective, and the Windstar van, which hadn't been used in quite some time and was not needed. Mr. Duncan asked about the wheelchair lift-equipped bus, to which the superintendent replied that the District would not be down to one that is so equipped. Mrs. Robinson noted that we currently have no students enrolled who need that service and that the most we have had in recent memory was two in one year.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan to declare that Bus #1, Bus #7, and the green 1998 Ford Windstar as surplus and obsolete equipment and to authorize their disposal. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Robinson gave an oral report, which highlighted the following:

I. Upcoming dates to remember

Dec 20/21	Final Exams
Dec 22-Jan 3	Break for Students
Jan 3	Teacher Institute
Jan 4	First Day of 2 nd Semester

II. Committees

Focus groups will meet during the 2017-18 school year.

III. Miscellaneous

Finals will be administered on December 20th and 21st. As of now we have 274 students on the attendance exemption and 61 seniors on the community service exemption list.

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Pearson demonstrated how to interpret two of the typical Skyward financial reports (Summary Balance Sheet and Summary Fund Balance Report) that are found in each month's board packet.

He also reported that the EAWR Foundation had recently received a large donation of over \$37,000 from the Orville and Kathleen Brunjes Trust. The Foundation Board met last week and has determined that \$10,000 would be set aside to establish a college scholarship of \$1,000 each year for the next ten years, with much of the remainder to tentatively go to the high school for addressing the football field scoreboard problems.

He noted that the lion's share of that remainder would likely go for the replacement of the existing scoreboard and its installation, with some of the remainder perhaps going to some sort of "message board" that could be used for selling ads and, perhaps, a part of a bigger advertising program, upon which the Board could embark, working with a local firm that can help fund-raise and also help the school acquire additional sports equipment that, would eventually pay for itself over time.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to adjourn to executive session to: a) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, b) Discuss collective bargaining matters, c) Discuss individual student matters d) Discuss pending or current litigation, and e) Discuss building security matters. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 6:32 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Westbrook, to come out of executive session. Aye: Ms. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Motion Passed at 6:40 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Redman, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session Minutes of June 2016. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Westbrook, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 7, 2017 and November 14, 2017. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. Westbrook; second by Mr. St. Peters, to appoint Bret Mayberry as Volunteer Asst. Boys Basketball Coach, pending successful completion of ASEP certification. Mr. Mayberry is employed in management capacity at Liberty Bank. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Redman; second by Mrs. Bartels, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 6:42 p.m.