

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Riley Holman.

Members attending: Riley Holman, Sarah Fay, Sarah Wadsack, Nicole Blanks, Chris Irwin, Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Also present: Employees Hilary Irwin, Carrie Holman, Kelsey Greydanus, Rocio Hernandez, Olivia Ferrario, Megan Brown, Jenna Rank, Kim Geil, Karen Humphreys; and patron Nick Wade.

Minutes: Sarah Fay moved to approve the minutes of Board Meeting September 11, 2023 as presented. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda: All items on the consent agenda were reviewed and discussed. Sarah Wadsack moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Nicole Blanks. Motion carried 5/0.

Meet the Teachers: In attendance to discuss their classes so far this year were Rocio Hernandez, and Karen Humphreys. The board thanked them for coming and sharing their time with them. The board reminded them that if they need anything from them to please ask.

Construction Update: Mr. Crowson reported that both projects are complete. A final walk-through has been scheduled for this Thursday. Teachers report that the play structure is being used a lot now that it is raining. Chair Holman reported that the grade school parking lot was lined for bus use.

Enrollment was reported at 381 grades K-12.

Administrative Update: Kim Geil reported that classes are in full swing. PTG has met for the first time this year and fundraisers have been scheduled. Field trips to the Fire Station, a local farm, and the pumpkin patch have either already been taken or have been scheduled. Open House is scheduled for October 19 for grades K-5. Science Night is scheduled for November 9, partnering with OSU. All positions are now filled, but substitutes are very scarce.

Mr. Crowson explained that the October 13 Inservice is an AVID professional development day for teachers K-12. They are partnering with Central Linn and Harrisburg on that day.

Special Ed Department update: Mr. Crowson explained that the high school teaching position is still open. There was one applicant, they interviewed the person and offered the position but it was declined. Another option is to hire more aides now that students are scheduled into classes rather than into the Resource Room.

Ms. Geil reported that there is a lot of need at the grade school. They are working with individual students regarding their needs rather than working one program for all students.

The first reading of IGDJ Interscholastic Athletics was reviewed and discussed. These changes were created by Senate Bill 1522. The second reading will be in November.

Report to the Community, Division 22 Standards for 2022-23: Board members and the Superintendent reviewed and discussed the Report on Compliance with Public School Standards for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Crowson specified that the district has policies and procedures in place and the district is in compliance with all Standards. Future changes may include more robust nursing services, perhaps shared personnel with other districts or purchased time from the ESD. He will also check with Benton County Health Clinic to see what their parameters are. There were no comments or questions from audience members.

Superintendent Evaluation time line and process was reviewed. Evaluation forms to staff will be sent by November 1, returned by November 10. The Executive session to review evaluation forms was scheduled for 6:00 PM November 20, 2023.

District Certified Substitute position: Mr. Crowson explained that he would like to open a temporary position for the rest of this year. This would be a full time position with benefits. The substitute would fill in any classroom that needed a teacher, district-wide. They would remain on staff, attend inservice days, etc. We could re-evaluate the position for next year. There were no objections.

Public Comment: Nick Wade asked why there was so much police activity on the grade school campus last year? "This year police chased a female student and arrested her on campus." Board Chair requested to add a summary of police incidents on the November agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Riley Holman, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary