

Board Meeting Update

December 11, 2014

Central Constituents,

As I do every month, the following are the highlights of the December 10, 2014 regular school board meeting. I hope you enjoy these updates that are focused on keeping you informed of what is taking place at the school board table.

- If you would like to view any of the public documents that are available to the board, you can visit our BoardDocs site to view the agenda and the supporting documents that go with each agenda item. This information can be found [at this site](#).
- Typically we have a video recording of the school board meeting, but there was a technical problem, and we ended up with a "corrupt file". We will keep working to see if we can get the video to play, and I'll send out another update if we're able to make it work. I apologize for this error.
- The Central High School Softball Coaches were in attendance to talk with the Board about a proposal to start a Middle School Softball Program. There are 8 school districts in our athletic conference that currently have middle school softball. There is some concern that young softball players are forced to take a year off after their 7th grade year because they are too old for a 12U team, and there aren't any 14U teams in the area. They then don't play until after their 8th grade year when they can join the high school teams. The coaches are proposing that they will fundraise for all associated expenses of the middle school softball program, including a coaching stipend, transportation, equipment, etc. in an effort to get the program going at no cost to the school district. The board was supportive of the proposal, and it will be brought back to the January board meeting for official action. The details of the proposal can be viewed [at this link](#).
- A tentative calendar for the 2015-2016 school year was presented to the board. A committee of two teachers from each school building and the administrative team developed the calendar. The tentative calendar includes a student start date of August 19, 2015 and an end date of May 23, 2016. After some final details are added, the calendar will be brought back to the board for official approval at the January board meeting.
- Mrs. Brittany Wedeking was in attendance to speak with the board regarding a proposal to trade in 25 Yamaha guitars that currently aren't being used in the school. The proposal allows Mrs. Wedeking to receive several other instruments that are needed in her program and also includes an in-store credit for future needs. The board approved this proposal which can be viewed [at this link](#).

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- Under the personnel report, resignations from Ryan Unruh (Assistant Varsity Football Coach) and Kevin Moore (Middle School Industrial Technology Teacher) were approved. The board also approved an increase in the hours of Rogena Owens (Preschool Associate) from 3 to 5 hours per day. Lastly, Diane Petersen was approved to participate in the district's early retirement incentive program, following this school year.
- Nine students were approved for early graduation and will complete their high school career this month. The students include Karlee Eberhart, Chad Marlowe, Katelyn Nodurft, Dylan Pereira, Bailey Peyton, Gabrielle Thumann, Alexis Tucker, Logan Warren, and Koltin Sulzner. The requirements for early graduation can be viewed [at this link](#).
- There was a substantial conversation regarding the Proposals for Banking Services that were received last month. Business Manager, Tina Bartels, spoke to the history of this conversation stemming from a recommendation from the district auditors, and she also explained the process the district went through to gather proposals from local financial institutions. Three financial institutions submitted proposals, including DeWitt Bank & Trust, First Central State Bank, and US Bank. Greg Gannon of DeWitt Bank & Trust and Renee Neese of First Central State Bank were in attendance and spoke to the board regarding their proposals and history with the school district. A side-by-side comparison of the three proposals, the three proposals in their entirety, and the request for proposals can be viewed [at this link](#). Following the review and discussion, the board decided to approval the proposal submitted by First Central State Bank. This process will take place again in three years.
- The Board approved the purchase of three copiers from Office Machine Consultants. These copiers will be replace copiers in the Ekstrand Office, Ekstrand Teacher Workroom, and Intermediate School Teacher Workroom. The comparison of quotes that were received can be viewed [at this link](#).

Those are the highlights of last night's regular meeting. The next regular board meeting is on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 6:00 pm, in the Central Middle School Media Center.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding what I've written here...or regarding anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thank you,



Dr. Dan Peterson, Superintendent
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