

Board Meeting Update

July 10, 2014

Central Constituents,

As I do every month, the following are the highlights of the July 9, 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. The July school board meeting is typically the shortest meeting of the year. It was definitely the case last night as we were done with the regular meeting in 45 minutes, but there were some very important issues discussed and decisions made, including the following:

- First off, we've been working on doing a quality video recording of our regular board meetings, and we have our first recording that we can share. If you'd like to view last night's board meeting, feel free to visit [this link](#). We're still working out some kinks and adjustments, but we're getting there.
- Second, 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](#).
- The board met in a special exempt session at 5:00 pm, which the board is allowed to do in accordance with Iowa Code 21.9. This code allows the board to have an exempt session, not open to the public, to discuss the employment conditions of employees who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. The board used this time to discuss the employment conditions (salary and benefits) of the superintendent (me), building administrators, central office employees, supervisors, maintenance workers, and our juvenile court liaison officer.
- The regular board meeting started at 6:00 pm, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance, agenda approval, approval of minutes, and the public forum. No one from the public addressed the board.
- Keith Walker, Director of Operations, was present to give an update on this summer's facilities projects. We currently have several projects going on this summer. We are replacing lighting in the original part of Ekstrand Elementary. The boilers are being replaced at Ekstrand Elementary and our High School. The parking lot at our Operations Department building is also being replaced this summer. Keith reported that all three of these projects are going exceptionally well, and they should all be completed on schedule this summer.
- The personnel report included several employee changes throughout the district. Please view the full personnel report [at this link](#).

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- After discussion during the 5:00 exempt session and additional discussion during the regular meeting, the board approved a 3.99% total package increase for those school employees not covered by collective bargaining. These employees include superintendent (me), building administrators, central office employees, supervisors, maintenance workers, and our juvenile court liaison officer. The total package increase is not a 3.99% salary increase. The total package takes into consideration any cost increases for Fica, IPERS (retirement contributions), Health and Disability insurance, etc.
- The board moved on to additional conversation regarding facilities project planning. As the board has discussed in prior months, we are moving towards some additional improvements to the athletic facilities. We've also received a \$120,000 grant from the Clinton County Development Association to help with these projects. The board gave approval to send the following projects out for bids:
 - Expansion of the home football bleachers, including ADA compliance
 - Replacement of the visitor football bleachers, including ADA compliance
 - Baseball and softball competition field permanent seating
 - Replacement of the fence around the football field
 - New play clocks for the football field
 - All site work included with these projectsAll of these projects will be bid together, but the board will be able to pick and choose which projects move forward once we receive the pricing from bidders. If you'd like any additional information on these projects, I would encourage you to review the plans and specs available [at this site](#).
- The board then approved the sale of four school buses. The district budgets for two new school buses each year, so that we can keep our fleet updated. The four buses that will be sold include two that were replaced this past school year, and we also have two new buses that should be arriving prior to school starting this fall. Information on the buses that will be sold can be viewed [at this link](#). Similar to past years, the sale will take place through the district's eBay account. Information on the timing of the sales will be listed in The Observer as well as on our district website and Facebook page in the near future.

Those are the highlights of last night's regular meeting. The next regular board meeting is on Wednesday, August 13, at 6:00 pm, in the Middle School Media Center.

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

Thank you,



Dan Peterson, Superintendent
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