

A Tour of the Courtyard and Greenhouse was held at 6:30 p.m. Those attending were: Tom Baxter, Patty Nordheim, Scott Melcher, Al Rissman, Tim Waters, Dave Herold, Dan Diercks, Jen Garin, Jessica O'Connor, Shawn Gordon and Randy Nordheim.

ALLAMAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2014 – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
7:00 P.M.

I. Roll

Board Members: Tom Baxter, Scott Melcher, Patty Nordheim, Allan Rissman and Tim Waters;
Staff Members - Ann Hart, Linda Groe, Jennifer Garin, Dennis Mahr, Randy Nordheim, Shawn Gordon, Julie Magner, Gretchen DeVore, Barbara Winters-Kelly, John O'Neill, Jessica O'Connor, Janice Rea, Board Secretary and Dave Herold, Superintendent;
Visitors – Don Meyer, Dave Davies, Madison Snitker, Rachel Otting, Katelyn Kolsrud, Thea Meyer, Leslie Sivesind, Gunnar Grangaard and Brent Ziegler;
Reporter – Brianne Ehlers.

Allan L. Rissman, Board President, called the meeting to order.

II. Agenda

Motion by Melcher seconded by Baxter to adopt the agenda adding under New Business resignation of Ben Rausch from his 10th grade basketball coaching position, pending finding a suitable replacement and deleting Item H. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

III. Minutes

Motion by Nordheim seconded by Waters to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, July 21, 2014. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

IV. Bills

Motion by Waters seconded by Melcher to approve the bills for payment as presented. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

V. Reports

-Dave Herold, Superintendent, reported the first day of school went great, the Annual Progress Report will be sent to every constituent in the District, and enrollment is down 34 students compared to the 13-14 official enrollment. He also updated the Board on the recent meetings concerning the construction house project. It is anticipated that construction will begin on September 3, 2014.
-Joe Griffith, Junior High and Waterville Elementary Principal, reported on the following: a great first day of school, Meet the Teachers and 7th grade orientation nights, the first football practice was held on the city fields next to the school, Corn Days was a huge success with 48 students attending the dance on Friday night and the Junior High Partners in Education fundraiser in the park.
-Ann Hart, East and West Elementary Principal, reported a great first day stating teachers are working on setting up the grade level parent meetings and on the new reading assessments.
-Jen Garin, Assistant High School Principal/Activities Director, reported the high school also had a great first day, that Freshmen Orientation went well, the PLC Training in Decorah was very good and the computer roll out went well. Ms. Garin also reported this Friday the fall sports scrimmages will be held and the Booster Club will be hosting their kick-off meal. She also said the official fall sports season will begin next week and Homecoming is scheduled for September 26th.
-Gretchen DeVore, Curriculum Director, reported on the excellent PLC training conducted by Solution Tree held in Decorah on Thursday and Friday of last week with over 450 area teachers attending.
-Dennis Mahr, Buildings and Grounds Director, reported building sprinklers and fire extinguishers have been inspected, the Waterville windows have been installed, the water shut-offs at West have been installed and the railing around the new football bleachers has been installed.

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-Shawn Gordon, Technology Director, reported on the smooth student computer roll-out and the change in the Student Help Desk times.

-Julie Magner, Food Service Director, reported on a great first day and noted the numbers for the second session of the summer feeding program were down from the first session but the numbers were comparable to last year.

-Randy Nordheim, Transportation Director, reported on a good first day at the bus garage and updated the Board on the status of the two new buses.

Motion by Baxter seconded by Nordheim to approve the Secretary's Financial Report, Activity Fund Report, School Lunch Bills, Superintendent's Report, Principal's Report, Curriculum Reports, Buildings and Grounds, Food Service Report and Transportation Report as presented. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

VI. CommunicationsA. Information1. AYP Report Power Point.

Mr. Herold reviewed the Annual Yearly Progress Report. The material presented showed growth in math, reading and science this past year.

2. ACT Results.

Mr. Herold presented the ACT test scores comparing our District to state test scores for the last five years. The results show students taking the ACT test from Allamakee compared well to other students in the state taking the test.

B. Visitors

Allan L. Rissman, Board President, welcomed the visitors and asked if there was anything anyone wished to comment on the agenda. No comments were made.

VII. Old BusinessA. Recommendation to approve the second reading of the following Board Policies:

601.1 School Calendar, 601.2 School Day, 803.1 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment, 502.10 Use of Motor Vehicles.

Motion by Melcher seconded by Waters to approve the second reading of the above Board Policies. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

VIII. New BusinessA. Personnel: (All staff recommended for hiring is pending a background check.)1. Recommendation to hire Joe O'Neill as head varsity softball coach. (\$4,302)

Motion by Nordheim seconded by Baxter to hire Joe O'Neill as head varsity softball coach. (\$4,302) The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

2. Recommendation to hire Kristi Fletcher as a 7.5 hour associate 3 days per week. (\$10.51)

Motion by Baxter seconded by Melcher to hire Kristi Fletcher as a 7.5 hour associate 3 days per week. (\$10.51) The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

3. Recommendation to hire Debbie Rissman as a 5.75 hour per day associate. (\$10.51)

Motion by Baxter seconded by Waters to hire Debbie Rissman as a 5.75 hour per day associate. (\$10.51) The vote was as follows: Ayes: Baxter, Nordheim, Melcher and Waters. Nay: None. Abstaining: Rissman. Motion carried.

4. Recommendation to hire Jackie Johnson as a 5.75 hour per day associate. (\$10.51)

Motion by Nordheim seconded by Waters to hire Jackie Johnson as a 5.75 hour per day associate. (\$10.51) The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

5. Recommendation to approve Matt Teslow as a substitute bus driver, pending meeting all requirements.

Motion by Melcher seconded by Nordheim to approve Matt Teslow as a substitute bus driver, pending meeting all requirements. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

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6. Recommendation to approve Brent Beyer as a volunteer cross country coach, pending a background check.
Motion by Baxter seconded by Waters to approve Brent Beyer as a volunteer cross country coach, pending a background check. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 7. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Julie VanderVelden from her associate position at Waterville.
Motion by Waters seconded by Melcher to accept the resignation of Julie VanderVelden from her associate position at Waterville. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 8. Recommendation to accept the resignation of MaKenzie Slaght from her associate position at West.
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Baxter to accept the resignation of MaKenzie Slaght from her associate position at West. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 9. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Mark E. Young from his substitute bus driver position.
Motion by Waters seconded by Melcher to accept the resignation of Mark E. Young from his substitute bus driver position. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 10. Recommendation to hire Dave Schoeberlein as assistant football coach. (\$3,977)
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Baxter to hire Dave Schoeberlein as assistant football coach. (\$3,977) The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 11. Recommendation to approve Scott Ness as a volunteer football coach.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Baxter to approve Scott Ness as a volunteer football coach. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 12. Recommendation to approve Ken West as driver education instructor. (\$177.50)
Motion by Waters seconded by Melcher to approve Ken West as driver education instructor. (\$177.50) The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 13. Recommendation to approve 21st Century After School Program personnel.
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Melcher to approve 21st Century After School Program personnel. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Baxter, Nordheim, Melcher and Rissman. Nay: None. Abstaining: Waters. Motion carried.
 14. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Andy Sires from his assistant baseball coaching position.
Motion by Baxter seconded by Waters to accept the resignation of Andy Sires from his assistant baseball coaching position. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 15. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Cassie German Lane from her associate position.
Motion by Waters seconded by Nordheim to accept the resignation of Cassie German Lane from her associate position. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 16. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Ben Rausch from his 10th grade boys' basketball coaching position, pending finding a suitable replacement.
Motion made by Melcher seconded by Baxter to accept the resignation of Ben Rausch from his 10th grade boys' basketball coaching position, pending finding a suitable replacement. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Baxter, Melcher, Rissman and Waters. Nay: None. Abstaining: Nordheim. Motion carried.
- B. Recommendation to approve the purchase of volleyball equipment.
Motion by Waters seconded by Melcher to approve the purchase of volleyball equipment from Decker Sporting for \$5,800. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 - C. Recommendation to approve the Treasurers' Annual Report.
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Baxter to approve the Treasurers' Annual Report as presented. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 - D. Recommendation to approve bus routes for 2014-2015.
Motion by Waters seconded by Melcher to approve the bus routes for 2014-2015. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

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- E. Recommendation to approve participation in a drumline clinic on Sunday, September 21st.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Waters to approve participation in a drumline clinic on Sunday, September 21st. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Recommendation to approve Teacher Quality/Professional Development Administrative Team.
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Melcher to approve the Teacher Quality/Professional Development Administrative Team. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
- G. Recommendation to approve Gruhn Law Firm as the school's attorney.
Motion by Waters seconded by Baxter to approve The Gruhn Law Firm as the school's attorney. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
- H. Recommendation to approve purchase of new compressor from Winona Controls.
This item was deleted.
- I. Recommendation to approve a Foreign Exchange Student attending Allamakee.
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Waters to approve a foreign exchange student attending Waukon High School. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
- J. Recommendation to hold September Board Meeting at Waterville.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Nordheim to hold the September 15, 2014 Board Meeting at Waterville Elementary. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Board Member, Tom Baxter, said Louise Wild recently hosted a tour of the school for a 35th year class reunion. Two former students, Dave Wiedner and Jeanine Larkin, both commented on the school's outstanding facilities compared to the school district's they reside in Cedar Rapids Kennedy and the Quad Cities.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Melcher seconded by Waters to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried. The next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Waterville Elementary.