

ALLAMAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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, Dan Diercks, Jen Garin, Linda Groe, Dennis Mahr, Joe Griffith, Randy Nordheim, Shawn Gordon, Julie Magner, Barb Winters, Lisa Snitker, Amy Wasson, Louise Wild, Adrienne Gerst, Gretchen DeVore, Janice Rea, Board Secretary and Dave Herold, Superintendent;
Visitors – Ashley Turk, Callie Tjorson, Thea Meyer, Rachel Otting, Kaley Benzing, Hope Manning, Madison Snitker, Sully Bucheit, Mary Melcher, Michael Howe, Marshall Lyons, Peyton Hesse, Jacob Ronan and Landon Sivesind,
Reporter – Brianne Ehlers.

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

II. Agenda

Motion by Nordheim seconded by Waters to adopt the revised agenda as presented. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

III. Minutes

Motion by Baxter seconded by Melcher to approve the minutes from the regular monthly and reorganization meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

IV. Bills

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

V. Reports

-Dave Herold, Superintendent, shared Career Pathways Maps from NICC showing different learning paths students can take at NICC. Mr. Herold said the opportunities our students have by being able to take NICC courses at the Center here in Waukon saved parents over \$412,000 in tuition last year. He also said that 51% of 9-12 students take classes at NICC and 26% of our senior class from last year is currently enrolled at NICC.

-Ann Hart, East and West Elementary Principal, reported the end of the quarter was last Friday and she said the attendance at the three elementary buildings for the first quarter was at or above 97.5%. She also discussed the reading and math programs progress and upcoming events including: Red Ribbon Week, Quiz Bowl and Donuts with Dad.

-Joe Griffith, Junior High and Waterville Elementary Principal, reported on revenue and expenses for the Junior High Athletic Department, noting the revenue is not quite covering expenses with the difference having to be made up from other areas in the activity fund such as concessions and fund raisers.

-Jennifer Garin, Assistant High School Principal/Activities Director, reported the fall athletic season is coming to an end with state qualifying events beginning this week. Ms. Garin invited all present to the high school musical “Anything Goes” which will be presented Nov. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. each night. She also reported a Project Lead The Way Partnership Meeting will be held later this week and discussed activities with the Secondary 21st Century Program.

-Dan Diercks, High School Principal, discussed the CTE Advisory Meeting, the Farm Plot day held on October 2, 2014, the status of the house construction project and the strategic partners involved with the house project and the courtyard improvements.

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-Gretchen DeVore, Curriculum Director, reported on recently attended meetings, upcoming meetings and the writing of a TLC Grant. Mrs. DeVore also discussed staff involvement with the Elementary Math Academy, Early Literacy and Professional Development activities.

-Dennis Mahr, Buildings and Grounds Director, reported the underground sprinklers should be installed this week, the gas lines in the auto shop will be capped off, a meeting will be held on Wednesday with Shive-Hattery concerning the central kitchen project and the building custodians have begun the winterizing process at all buildings.

-Shawn Gordon, Technology Director, reported on the Tech Conference he attended along with six other staff members. He also discussed the first Technology/1:1 meeting, reviewed Inspire and Map testing timelines and touched on the upcoming Video Production Boot Camp to be held on November 19th.

-Julie Magner, Food Service Director, distributed the October lunch menu noting that October is National Farm to School Month with the Food Service Department recently purchasing over \$2,500 worth of local food products.

-Randy Nordheim, Transportation Director, reported on School Bus Safety Week activities and that bus inspection will be held next week.

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

VI. Communications

A. Information

1. Report of Building Program, Course Enrollment Data and NICC credits – Amy Wasson
Amy Wasson, 7-12 Guidance Counselor, reviewed the class breakdown of males and females taking courses. She noted some classes are more male dominated such as Industrial Tech and some classes are more female dominated such as Health Occupations. The District encourages students to look at classes in all fields of education. Mrs. Wasson also reviewed the NICC credits earned by students for the last few years, noting that current students for the first semester this year are taking 1,224 college credits.
2. Enrollment
The District is down 38.44 students from 2013-2014.
3. IASB School Board Convention
Informational

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 Business - None

VIII. New Business

A. Personnel: (All staff recommended for hiring is pending a background check.)

1. Recommendation to approve 21st Century After School Program personnel.
Motion by Baxter seconded by Waters to approve 21st Century After School Program personnel. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
2. Recommendation to hire Bill Hennessy as Buildings and Grounds Director. (\$56,000)
Motion by Melcher seconded by Baxter to hire Bill Hennessy as Buildings and Grounds Director. (\$56,000) The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Appointment of Designated Asbestos Contact for Allamakee Community School District.
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Waters to appoint Bill Hennessy as the Designated Asbestos Contact for Allamakee Community School District effective January 1, 2015. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

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4. Recommendation to approve Brooke Hudson Welsh as volunteer girls' basketball coach.
Motion by Waters seconded by Melcher to approve Brooke Hudson Welsh as volunteer girls' basketball coach. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 5. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Bernice Fischels from her paraprofessional position at Waterville.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Nordheim to accept the resignation for Bernice Fischels from her paraprofessional position at Waterville. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 6. Recommendation to hire Rachel Burrichter as paraprofessional at Waterville. (\$10.51)
Motion by Baxter seconded by Waters to hire Rachel Burrichter as paraprofessional at Waterville. (\$10.51) The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 7. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Pam Kruger from her food service secretary position.
Motion by Nordheim and seconded by Waters to accept the resignation of Pam Kruger from her food service secretary position. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Herold thanked Pam for her 16 years of service to the District.
 8. Recommendation to transfer Jessica Keenan from high school secretary to food service secretary.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Baxter to transfer Jessica Keenan from high school secretary to food service secretary. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Recommendation to approve students for early graduation, pending meeting all requirements.
Motion by Waters seconded by Nordheim to approve students for early graduation, pending meeting all requirements. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 - C. Recommendation to approve student for NICC contracted class.
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Baxter to approve a student for a NICC contracted class. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 - D. Recommendation to approve purchase of risers for music department.
Motion by Waters seconded by Melcher to approve purchasing risers for the music department from Wenger for \$6,522 with the Allamakee Music Boosters reimbursing the District for the cost of the risers. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 - E. Recommendation to approve Sunday vocal performances for 2014-2015.
Motion by Baxter seconded by Nordheim to approve the list of Sunday vocal performances as presented. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 - F. Recommendation to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Shive Hattery.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Waters to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Shive Hattery for the air conditioning unit for the central kitchen. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 - G. Recommendation to accept the bid for the LP gas tanks and fuel in tanks.
Motion by Nordheim seconded by Melcher to accept the bid for the two LP gas tanks and fuel in the tanks from Waukon Feed Ranch. The bid for the two tanks was \$1,500 each and the fuel will be reimbursed at \$1.30 per gallon. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
 - H. Recommendation to approve bus specifications.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Baxter to approve the bus specifications as presented. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Bids will be brought to the Board for their review at the November 17, 2014 meeting.
 - I. Recommendation to approve Superintendent Goals for 2014-2015.
Mr. Herold, Superintendent, presented a Power Point listing his goals for the 2014-2015 school year. After his presentation a motion was made by Nordheim and seconded by Waters to approve the Superintendent Goals for 2014-2015. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

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- J. Recommendation to appoint Board Committees for 2014-2015.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Waters to approve the following committee appointments: School Improvement Advisory Committee – Patty Nordheim and Tim Waters, Teacher Leadership and Compensation Planning Committee – Allan Rissman, Negotiations – Patty Nordheim and Tom Baxter, County Compensation – Scott Melcher, Wellness Committee – Tim Waters, Technology Committee/1 to 1 Allan Rissman and Patty Nordheim and the Administrative Team was appointed to the Teacher Quality and Professional Development Committee. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
- K. Recommendation to approve School Wellness Policy updated members.
Ashley Turk, Food and Fitness Initiative Coordinator, based at our school through Luther College was introduced to the Board. Ms. Turk briefly discussed the Food and Fitness Initiative, the promotion of local produce from the Farm to School program and the After School Program activities she is involved with. Motion by Baxter seconded by Nordheim to approve the School Wellness Policy member list as presented including Tim Waters as the appointed Board Member. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
- L. Recommendation to approve purchasing a vehicle.
Motion by Melcher seconded by Waters to approve purchasing a 2004 GMC Truck for Waterville from RW Pladsen for \$11,900. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.
- IX. Adjournment
Motion by Melcher seconded by Nordheim to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried. The next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the high school library.