

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2018 7:00 PM
Fort Calhoun High School Media Center
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

Mike Bonacci: Present
Mike Conrad: Present
Jon Genoways: Absent
Robin Kister: Present
Kim Lukasiewicz: Present
Kelli Shaner: Present

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 5 members and 5 visitors present.

Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

Excused Absences

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was passed as presented with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Mike Conrad. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Absent, Jon Genoways

PRESENTATION - SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER-Mike Robinson, Washington County Sheriff

Sheriff Robinson said our resource officer is outstanding who works half time in both Fort Calhoun and Arlington and the county absorbs the full amount of the cost. The main focus of the position is safety to the officers, staff and schools and to do whatever we can to do better in the case of an emergency. The SRO's role is that of an educator, mentor, officer and emergency planner and there is so much more they can do if in the building on a full time basis. One main clause of their job description is to "initiate interaction and be a positive role model" and in this way may prevent future problems. He cited incidents and disasters that have happened in schools. At present the SRO is half time and shared. The proposal is to have a full time SRO and for the schools to pay a percentage of the salary and benefits. The County Board is 100% behind this---they believe in the program. Other than times for training the SRO would be in the schools every day school is in session. Robin Kister had been an SRO and said it is priceless in regard to relationships and the information you can receive-it is a good thing and she supports it. Sheriff Robinson said the position will be their primary one in the schools and the officer, equipment, vehicle will be provided. During summer months, they will be working within the department. The costs presented will run on a yearly basis starting January 1, and could change every year with their yearly negotiations. These costs will be split between the two schools. For this first year, the program would continue as it is now and will start in January 2019. The Finance Committee will discuss this again at their next meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Participation: No asked to address the board.

Approval of Claims: Moved that the Claims for August be approved in the amount of \$366,540.04 from the General Fund, \$825.00 from the Building Fund and \$71,439.87 from Savings and Depreciation passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Genoways Absent.

Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Jon Genoways Absent.

Genoways arrived at 7:08 PM.

Standing Committee Reports: Jon Genoways reported on the state of the 2017-18 school budget, and being under in expenses and over in anticipated receipts. Concerns were expressed on the increase in enrollment and will recommend to the whole board for the administration hire an additional teacher and para for 3rd grade. Another issue along this same topic is to allow for late resident student growth when figuring option enrollment openings. A grant has been applied for to acquire a new bus through the EPA in an effort to get old buses off the roads and more efficient ones in use.

STAFF

Approving Contract for Elementary Teacher: Moved that a contract of employment be approved for Bailey Beacom beginning with the 2018-19 contract year passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. She will be a good fit.

Approval of Elementary Handbook: Moved that the Elementary Handbook be approved as presented and discussed passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The handbook was updated to reflect current district policy changes and wording clarifications.

Board Goals 2018-19 -- Discussion and Possible Action: Moved that the board goals as discussed be adopted with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. They are: The Board of Education will develop a comprehensive Mental Health Program and communicate it to all stakeholders in the District. The Board of Education will work to develop long range building plans that will encompass community growth and needs. The Board of Education will develop a replacement schedule that will account for all District projects including curriculum, equipment, vehicles, and all other district material needs, and set a replacement schedule budget.

Continuation of Regular August 2018 Meeting – Discussion: The Board of Education will recess the August 13th meeting and reconvene on August 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM to conclude business for 2017-18. One item on the agenda will be the proposed 2018-19 budget in order for it to be complete and published within the required timeframe.

Board Member Reports: Members said it was nice to see the happy and excited staff and listen to the excellent motivational speaker; it is a busy time with kids going back to school and the excitement here; putting a graphic on the Band trailer and using drivers for our school vans from

outside the staff; lights for walkers on the track; the foreign exchange students; and the new traffic patterns at the elementary.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Green: 7th Grade and new student/iPad Orientation and went well as did new teacher orientation, training and CPR with almost 70 being trained; the numbers of new students and transferring students is still changing; state testing is complete, but the state will embargo scores until the cut scores can be determined; ACT dates will become more flexible for schools, having 3 dates beginning in 2020; and it is good to have staff in the building.

Mr. Wagner: Welcome Back Night; new staff members; new traffic plan with staff helping and officers on site to help in the transition; 1st day of school and anticipating numerous parents on site; additional 3rd grade; handbook update; setting staff goals; upcoming events; and changes coming for AdvancED. New teachers will be instructed in Marzano on 8/17.

Mr. Wemhoff: Attended Administrator Days where there was networking and information; proper restraint training; the Fall Sports Kickoff; getting a digital, touch screen trophy case that will be used to showcase athletics, activities and eventually the yearbook up and running; working on the sound system for the football field now that the new lighting is almost complete; internet broadcasting of sporting events beginning with the football scrimmage and how the press box is set up for this; and upcoming events.

Superintendent Report: The projects are complete excluding the speakers on the football field lights. The Music Room at the elementary is wonderful and all buildings are in good shape. Bids were opened for a new bus with International winning the bid. It will be 71 passenger and will be paid though S&D monies that have been put aside over the years. If the grant for a bus is won, a second new bus will also be purchased. The new person for Before and After is a veteran educator with experience in the field, and a night custodian has been hired.

RECESS

The Board President declared the meeting recessed at 8:05 and it will reconvene on August 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM.