

Regular School Board Meeting

Board Members Present-Brett Moore, Steve McLean, Scott Spears, Meg Moore, Julie Culver-Witten

Others Present- Bruce Neil, Mat Miles, Amie Breshears, Kelsey Stitzel, Blake Manley, Michaela Hill, Lisa Murchison, Deb Hansen, Kristina McLean, John Frisch.

Call to Order- Chair Brett Moore called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Steve McLean was sworn in as the new School Board Member.

Communications-Brett read letter from Arnold Coe. Bruce will comment and answer his questions pertaining to the letter during his superintendent report.

Consent agenda- July 21st minutes. Scott moved to approve the minutes for July 21st. Meg seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Good of the order- Mat reported 2014-15 yearbooks are here and will be handed out on the first day of school. Lacey Baird did a fantastic job on them.

Reports:

Student Body- Michaela Hill reported that the student body is getting ready for the first day of school. They would be meeting the next day.

Booster Club- Deb Hansen reported Cherry Fair went really well. They made \$300 from cherry lemonade. The new popcorn popper is here and ready to use.

September 2nd will be the next Booster club meeting @ 7 p.m. in the high school library. The goal is to raise enough funds to purchase a scorer's table for the gymnasium.

The community/booster club breakfast has changed dates; it will be September 19th from 7-11 a.m. The group is hoping for a good turn-out.

Superintendent- Bruce addressed the issues that Arnold Coe had asked for in his letter:

1. Operating contingency; expenditures not foreseen.
2. Unappropriated ending fund balance is money you cannot use. Capital improvement money is budgeted to use for improvements.
3. Function 6110: operating contingency is money budgeted that can be transferred by the school board and must be classified under the proper expenditure code. If the amount of the transfer is above 15% of the general fund budget, then the transfer needs to be approved by the school board.
4. Bruce explained the language in our school policy is adequate regarding the length of time we have to post the minutes to the public on the website. Our policy follows the law.

Bruce may look into purchasing a recorder for the meetings to get a true reflection of the comments and discussions at the meetings. It will be up to the administration to determine the need and the approval of the recorder.

Benefits to our school from holding a football camp were discussed. In the past, when Todd Shirley was here, it was very successful. After he left, Jason Gorham had picked up the camp and has been running it since. The board has asked for Jason to come present the camp and relate how the money will be spent. Bruce is going to look into the checks that were written and have a discussion with Jason and have him present it to the board as well.

Latest update with student enrollment: we are under the cap. Students are coming and going in the high school level. There have been questions about why the students leave. In the high school level this is normal. People move, students or families may simply want a change of environment, or they may believe another school might be a better fit for their situation. However, several do end up coming back.

The audit report will be presented by Mike Poe at our next board meeting. Mr. Poe will present findings from the audit about questions concerning electronic signatures on checks. The board discussed whose signature is valid on electronic payments. The board discussed how to best separate job duties so the correct people have signature authority.

Bruce talked about PO's and proper protocol for ordering items.

Principal- Mat reported that school starts in a week. He has been working on updating student handbooks. Every student needs to read the handbook this year and sign it. The administration compiled a staff handbook which will leave room for improvements as needed. Staff will receive handbooks next week for tools and focus areas.

Financial-Amie handed out a check disbursement with detail listings and explained that other deputy clerks combine July/August books since audits are not finished by then. The IMESD are off the checking account. Amie is investigating other school districts and how they handle their lunch program. We have transferred more funds to the lunch program than in previous years. She found out we are in the same ball park as 3 other districts.

AD- Blake Manley held a meeting last week with all fall coaches. Covered safety, facilities, school being open, pebbles on the gym floor, and sportsmanship.

He attended an AD meeting in Pendleton last week as well. OSAA modified the "On Track to Graduate" rule and will coordinate with Mat regarding student eligibility. Athletes have to pass 5 classes to be eligible to play. Home school students have to pass a test to be able to play this year.

Fall sports schedules are almost completed and will be posted shortly on the website.

Blake got a quote on a new volleyball net, rims, and backboards for the small gym.

We received a verbal resignation from Ron Rees for HS JV Boys Basketball coach position. Will be posting the position ASAP.

We will not be hosting any tournaments this year, as of now. Cove Booster club has 4 teams confirmed for their tournament.

Old Business- Had 2nd reading of field trip policy. Changed some language from board to administration. Mr. Neil will have the say in trip approvals. Brett had some concerns that if anything went wrong, it would all come back on Bruce. Change language of timeline of approval for field trips to reasonable timeline for those approvals.

Bruce met with Kathleen and Dave Leer from Mid Co. The lease would cost \$6,300.00, with 70% reimbursement up to \$1,889.86, should we move forward with one year lease for the Type #20 bus.

Action- Blake Manley recommended Ron Rees for Middle School Boys Basketball coach. Meg moved to hire Ron Rees, Scott seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Blake recommended Bruce Neil for Middle School Girls Basketball coach. Scott made a motion to hire Bruce for the Middle School Girls Basketball coach, Meg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Blake recommended Kacie Kitzmiller for JV High School Girls Volleyball coach. Scott made a motion to hire Kacie, Meg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Scott made a motion to appoint fiscal authority for Amie Breshears, Meg seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Julie motioned to lease another type #20 bus, Steve seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Patron Comments-John Frisch stated that the minutes are not reflecting the meeting. He would like his comments in the minutes. He also stated that he has concerns on the budgeting process and how it is done. He voted for it this year, but will vote against it next year if it does not change.

Future Agenda-

- 3rd Field trip reading
- lunch program report
- status report of changes this year
- schedule a goal setting time
- OSBA training in October
- Audit Report
- Report on Football camp
- JV Boys Basketball Coach
- Checking account signatures.

Julie motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:44 p.m., Meg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.