

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on April 16, 2018 at the Unified District Office. Those present were Juanita Morris, Rosemary Neaderhiser, Ray Swearingen, Jeremiah Van Doren, Robert Miller and Rani Pecenka; Administrators Craig Gantenbein, Steven Kimmi and Curtis Nightingale; Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Clerk Cindy Regnier and 68 guests.

President Robert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren, seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to adopt the consent agenda, approval of March 12 and April 2, 2018 minutes, and checks 58398-58516 totaling \$168,517.99. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

The board discussed student drug testing with students, staff and patrons. The issue may be revisited when further information is available. A committee will be formed to study the issue and make recommendations to the BOE as it relates to this topic and mental wellness for students.

The board discussed the request for a school sanctioned GSA group with students, staff and patrons. The consensus was to leave GSA as a non-school sponsored group until the end of the 2017-18 school year. The issue may be revisited when new schedules under Redesign are implemented for the 18-19 school year.

Principals and superintendent made reports to the board.

Superintendent Van Ranken reported the district had received \$33,900.00 as a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for the purchase of Chromebooks.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to accept the bid from Sound Products for secure entry equipment and installation at Bennington and Tescott schools totaling \$14,154.50. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to approve the attendance of one out of district student at Bennington High School as recommended by principals. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to accept the bid of Comfort Heating & Air for replacement of HVAC systems of Roof Top Unit #10 at Tescott Schools and Roof Top Unit #2 at Bennington Schools totaling \$17,760. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to accept the price quote from Apple Inc. for MacBooks totaling \$41,966.40. Seconded by Rosemary Neaderhiser. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to accept the price quote from Dell for Chromebooks totaling \$45,398.48. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reviewed policy JHC.

The board and principals discussed Redesign.

Motion by Ray Swearingen that the board enter executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0. The board entered executive session at 10:30 p.m.

The board reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

Motion by Rani Pecenka to accept the resignation effective with the end of the 17-18 school year of Marcy Hanzlicek as Title 1 Aide, Rachel Larson as district Spanish Instructor and Jamie Spoonemore as BJH-HS Math Instructor. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Juanita Morris to approve the hiring of Rebecca Downing as BJH-BHS Math Instructor effective with the 18-19 school year. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve the hiring of Rachel Ehlers as THS Head Volleyball Coach, Lisa Walker as THS Assistant Volleyball Coach, Lisa Walker as Head TJH Volleyball Coach, Lisa Walker as TJH Head Girls Basketball Coach, and Bill Scheef as THS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, all effective for the 18-19 school year. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rosemary Neaderhiser to give Superintendent Van Ranken the authority to approve unearned leave for Vicki Aufdemberge. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 6-0.

President Robert Miller adjourned the meeting.