

Attendees - voting members

Kecia Hickman	President
Susan Rensink	Vice President
Jessica Brink	Board Member
Mark Brown	Board Member
Randy Merley	Board Member

I. Call to Order - Roll Call

At 6:00 PM, Board President Kecia Hickman called the meeting to order, with the following members present: Mark Brown, Jessica Brink, Kecia Hickman, Randy Merley, Susan Rensink. Superintendent Robin Spears and Board Secretary/Business Manager LaDonn Hartzell were also present.

Administrators: Jason Groendyke, Elementary Principal; Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal; Sherrie Zeutenhorst, High School Principal; Justin Albers, Activities Director

Press: Tom Lawrence, Sheldon Mail-Sun

Visitors: Jim Gude, Alex Presthus, Mitchel Wolf, Wendy Robinson, Hannah Uhl, Tami Van Meeteren, Mallorie Van Meeteren, Hunter Jensen/Iedema, Drew Thies, Madison Van Meeteren.

II. Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the published agenda. Board President called for a motion to approve.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

III. Communications

A. Citizens, Organization(s) in Attendance

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Recognition

a. Student

Board members received student lists for recognition. There were no additions to the lists.

b. Presentation - Middle School

Mr. Jim Gude, Middle School science teacher and the following eighth grade students presented their Science Fair Projects: Mitchel Wolf, Alex Presthus, Hunter Jensen, Drew Theis, Hannah Uhl and Madison Van Meeteren. This group of students represented the top three places at the 20th Annual Science Fair held on November 17. These students will compete at the state level in March 2016.

B. Correspondence

1. "The Board" Publication

a. The Board, "What Matters When It Comes to Improving Learning," Volume 39, Number 15

b. The Board, "Five Leadership Actions We Often Overlook," Volume 39, Number 16

2. NW AEA Board Meeting Minutes - November Board Meeting

3. Receipt of "Thank You" Cards

The Board received a "thank you" from the family of Don Kruger. Board President called for a motion to accept all correspondence.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Board Member Reports

1. IASB Annual Convention

Mark Brown, Susan Rensink, Kecia Hickman and Superintendent Spears attended the IASB Annual Convention in November. Each of the board members shared highlights of the sessions they attended. Kecia Hickman and Superintendent Spears attended the legislative forum, as well as the Board President session.

IV. APPROVAL OF:

A. Minutes of Past Meeting(s)

Board President called for a motion to approve the 11.11.15 board minutes.

Motion made by: Mark Brown

Motion seconded by: Susan Rensink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Financial Reports

Board President called for a motion to approve November financial reports.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Approve Bills

Susan Rensink reviewed the bills and recommended all bills for payment.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

V. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

VI. REPORTS

A. Committee

1. District Leadership Team Meeting Update

Board members received an update from the 12.02.15 District Leadership Team Meeting.

B. Special

C. Administration

1. Elementary School Principal

Jason Groendyke, Elementary Principal, provided a written report for board member review and was available for questions.

2. Middle School Principal

Cindy Barwick, Middle School Principal, provided a written report for board member review and was available for questions.

3. High School Principal

Sherrie Zeutenhorst, High School Principal, provided a written report for board member review and was available for questions.

4. Activities Director

Justin Albers, Activities Director, provided a written report for board member review and was available for questions.

At 7:05 PM, board members took a five-minute break.

5. Superintendent

a. Update - No Child Left Behind Requirements for 2015-16

Superintendent Spears shared the 2015-16 No Child Left Behind update from the Department of Education.

- b. **ESEA Reauthorization**
Board members received documentation from the Iowa Department of Education regarding the NWAEA Mini-Summit as it relates to the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
- c. **Teacher Leadership and Compensation System**
Board members received information from NWAEA regarding Teacher Leadership & Compensation.
- d. **Early Literacy Progression Initiative**
Superintendent Spears shared the DE link for Early Literacy Implementation (ELI).
- e. **Iowa CORE and Early Learning Standards**
Superintendent Spears shared Standards for Learning in Iowa's PK-12 System, from the November 2015 NWAEA Mini-Summit. Board members were also encouraged to view the DE Iowa Core web link for more information.
- f. **C4K and MTSS Initiative**
Superintendent Spears shared information regarding the Iowa Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), also known as Response to Intervention. Board members were encouraged to view the DE link relating to MTSS.
- g. **Differentiated Accountability System**
Board members also received DE information regarding Differentiated Accountability, also from the November NWAEA Mini-Summit. Superintendent Spears noted this system will take the place of the "DE Site Visit."
- h. **Nurse's Report**
The November 2015 Nurse's Report was received for information.
- i. **Transportation Report**
The November 2015 Transportation Report was received for information.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board Policy Review

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board adopt the second reading for the following Board Policies:

- 502.2 Care of School Property/Vandalism
- 502.3 Freedom of Expression
- 502.4 Student Complaints and Grievances
- 502.5 Student Lockers
- 502.6 Weapons
- 502.6R1 Weapons – Administrative Regulations
- 502.7 Smoking - Drinking - Drugs
- 502.8 Search and Seizure 5
- 502.8E1 Search and Seizure Checklist
- 502.8R1 Search and Seizure Regulation
- 502.9 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
- 502.11 Student Use of Bicycles
- 502.12 Student Use of Motor Vehicles
- 503.1 Student Conduct

Motion made by: Mark Brown

Motion seconded by: Susan Rensink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Open Enrollment Application(s)

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board approve the Open Enrollment Application for 7th grade student "R.J." from MOC-FV for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Resignation(s)

Board members received resignation letters with intention to take advantage of the district retirement severance package, at the completion of the 2015-16 school year.

Tammie Boone -- teacher for 32 years (1983)

Angela Lickhart -- teacher for 20 years (1995)

Motion made by: Jessica Brink

Motion seconded by: Randy Merley

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Contracts

Superintendent Spears recommended the board approve the following contracts:

Samantha Klatt -- Elementary Special Education Instructional Associate, \$9.00/hour, 6 hours/day

Marcia Wassenaar -- MS Special Education Instructional Associate, \$12.00/hour, 6 hours/day

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

D. Review/Discuss 2016-17 School Calendar

Board members reviewed two options for the 2016-17 school calendar. One included 180 student contact days, while the other has 183 days. Discussion centered around what is best for student learning, as well as the benefits of professional development on full days versus only the early dismissal time on Wednesdays.

Superintendent Spears encouraged board members to review the two calendar options and report any feedback. Building principals and their respective Building Leadership Teams will also be reviewing the calendars.

Board members will receive a recommendation at the January meeting.

E. High School 2016-17 Registration Handbook (1st Reading)

Superintendent Spears and Sherrie Zeutenhorst reviewed minor language changes for the 2016-17 High School Registration Handbook. They recommended the board consider first reading of the handbook, with second reading and adoption scheduled for January 2016 meeting.

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

F. Approve District Developed Special Education Delivery Plan

Superintendent Spears recommended the Board adopt the District Developed Special Education Delivery Plan as presented.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

G. Board Policy Review

Board members reviewed the following Board Policies for first reading:

503.1R1 Student Discipline Policy

503.1R2 Student Discipline - Administrative Rules and Regulations

503.2 Suspension and Expulsion

503.2R1 Suspension - Administrative Rules and Regulations

503.2R2 Expulsion - Administrative Rules and Regulations

503.3 Fines - Fees - Charges

503.3R1 Student Fee Waiver And Reduction Procedures

503.3E1 Standard Fee Waiver Application

Motion made by: Susan Rensink

Motion seconded by: Mark Brown

Voting

Unanimously Approved

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. IASB Action Advocacy Regional Workshop

Superintendent Spears encouraged board members to consider attending the IASB Advocacy Regional Workshop in Sioux City on January 13, 2016. January 13 is the same date as our regular board meeting, which could be changed if there is interest in attending this workshop.

B. IASB Day on the Hill

Monday, February 8, 2016 is the date established for Iowa Association of School Board members to meet with legislature while they are in session.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Board President called for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Motion made by: Randy Merley

Motion seconded by: Jessica Brink

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary