



Board of Education Meeting

January 11, 2010

Board Summary

Presentation – The board enjoyed a presentation from yearbook students at the high school. They reviewed with the board the yearbook process and highlighted pages of the upcoming yearbook.

Consent Calendar

Employment approved: Jeff Schuermann, Grounds and Utility

Approval of updated substitute list

Reports

Charlotte Miller stated that the current enrollment for this district is 1423. She reminded patrons of board member filing dates that are set for December 15- January 19. Interested patrons should sign up in the Office of the Superintendent. She also acknowledged the work and commitment of the board members. School Board Recognition Week is January 24-30.

Ms. Miller reported on the January 4 activities for the staff. The teachers spent half of this day in training on improving learning for students. With the addition of our late start Wednesdays, teachers are working on continuous learning for students and creating cultures of collaboration. The other part of their day was used to attend the health fair and work to prepare for the new semester.

Days missed in January because of the inclement weather will be made up on May 24 and 25. School will **not** be in session on MLK day, January 18 and Presidents' Day, February 15. These are guaranteed holidays for the district.

Rick Briedwell reviewed work that has been done in the area of maintenance throughout the district. The principals highlighted events from their individual buildings. Several parent/child activities are being planned. Check out your child's school webpage for details on planned activities. Bob Simpson reported on a celebration in the Alternative School. In December, six students completed their coursework and are now eligible to receive their HS diploma. Congratulations to the students and staff at the Alternative School!

A PTA representative updated the board on activities planned for the PTA.

Visitor Comments and Communications

Peggy Thompson, representing the staff at the Primary School, addressed the board with concerns regarding the possibility of reducing the instructional aides at the Primary School.

Instructional Reports/ Perpetual Calendar

HS Curricular/Course Revision for 2010-11- The board approved course offering changes in the HS curriculum. The major changes are in the science department as a follow up to their program evaluation. The addition of Ecology and Environmental Studies courses will take the place of Biology 2. These are semester courses which are both challenging and offer students a greater variety of choice in science. The HS will also move to Physics First for the freshman science requirement. Dual Credit Bio 105 will also be offered.

Offerings have also been enhanced through the introduction of eLearning Lab. This basically is a slate of advanced placement courses that will be offered to students who meet the criteria. These on-line courses will utilize the state MO VIP program. The following are the offerings available:

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| AP Calculus | AP Computer Science | AP English Literature |
| AP Chemistry | AP Physics | |
| AP Macroeconomics (sem) | AP US Government and Politics (sem) | |
| AP Microeconomics (sem) | | |
| AP Chinese 1 | AP Chinese 2 | |
| AP Latin 1 | AP Latin 2 | |

CSIP – The superintendent, Charlotte Miller, updated the board on the progress of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. The next CSIP meeting is scheduled for January 14, 6:00 PM in the MS Annex. The team will be working on the district values and will continue to detail the objectives for the plan.

Financial Information

Financial Reports - The board received electronically a monthly financial statement for review. Charlotte Miller, Superintendent, reviewed these document. The board approved an amended the budget that reflected changes in revenues and expenditures. These financial reports can be reviewed on the district website.

Budget Discussion – Charlotte Miller discussed with the board information regarding this year's budget and expected revenues, as well as beginning to look toward the next fiscal year. The district received notice of a reduction in Prop C revenues by \$80,000 for this school year. The Assessed Valuation for the district came in at 1.5% increase, which is down from last year's 3.6%.

During the 2010-2011 school year, retirement costs will be increased from 13.5% to 14% for certified and 6.5%-6.75% for non-certified staff. This will cost an additional \$33,518 for the district. Insurance rates are likely to increase. This past year they increased by 7.9%. An estimated increase of \$68,000 will be needed for insurance costs for employees. Several reductions were made to this year's budget, but as the revenues continue to be reduced, more cuts will need to be made as the district plans for the next school year. The board explored many

options. The superintendent will be discussing possibilities with staff throughout the next month and looking at all areas of the budget. It is evident that reductions must be made.

Old Business

School Safety – The district is researching the costs of security controls for our MS and HS campuses. Rick Briedwell discussed the bids that were received for video monitoring cameras and door access controls. It was decided to set a work session prior to the February board meeting to review options from two companies. With limited resources, it will be necessary for this to be a phase-in process. We will be looking for grants and other resources to fund this equipment.

New Business

Board/Administration Sponsored Scholarship – The board and administration will continue to donate personally toward a scholarship for two HS seniors.

Executive Session

A student discipline appeal was heard before the Board of Education. No action was taken.

Continuing Business for February:

Security Cameras and Building Access – Work Session

Program Evaluation – Communication Arts

Monthly financial information

Sale and Delivery of Bonds

2010-2011 Budget Discussion

Summer School Application/ Approval

Graduate Follow-up Report

Explore/Plan/ACT Performance Report

Update – Professional Learning and Collaboration - Late Start Wednesdays

HS Advisory Period

CSIP Update

Approval of Auditor for FY 2010

Executive Session

Superintendent Evaluation and extension of contract

Principal Evaluation