



SOUTHERN BOONE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

March 16, 2009

Board Summary

Presentation The board enjoyed a presentation conducted by Karen Barrett and primary and elementary students. These students gave board members and administrators some of their art work.

Consent Calendar

Resignations accepted Brenda Bell, HS Science

Ruth Tichenor, HS Counselor (Retirement)

Barbara Hilgedick, 3rd grade (Retirement)

Mary Pilkenton, HS Library/Media (Retirement)

Summer School Salary – The board approved the 2009 summer school salary at \$3500 (\$21.20/hr) per full time teacher. Summer school will be held for students in Pre-K through Grade 8 on June 1-26. Grades PK-2 will be held in the primary, grades 3-5 at the elementary, and students in grades 6-8 will be located in the high school. Offerings in the high school will include credit recovery and drivers' education.

Industrial Technology Grant – The board approved the application for an industrial technology grant to be submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This would be used to purchase computers for use in Engineering by Design classes. The grant total would be \$5000 with a district match of \$2500 that would come from budgeted technology funds.

Superintendent Report

- Rick Briedwell gave an update on transportation and maintenance throughout the district.
- The principals highlighted the instructional focus in their schools, as well as reporting on parent conferences that were held in March.
- Wes Derhoff from Septagon updated the board on the completion of the 5th grade addition to the Elementary School. Joe Miller acknowledged the excellent work of Wes and the Septagon Construction Management Company.
- Pat Lacy gave a report to the board and highlighted activities throughout the district. He also discussed with the board the coaching expectations and evaluation process that have been developed. He also recognized our students receiving "All-Conference" and "All-District".

Visitor Comments and Communications

Ashland Mayor Mike Asmus, City Alderman Mike Jackson and City Administrator, Chris Heard, gave a presentation to the board regarding the upcoming sales tax ballot initiative on the April ballot.

Instructional Reports/Perpetual Calendar/School Goals

High School Curricular/Schedule Changes for 2009-2010 – Dale VanDeven, HS Principal, discussed with the board the advisory period at the high school. Students can utilize this time for academic support. Academic Support can be used for any one of the following reasons:

- Students who are making a letter grade of a “D” or “F” in a core class.
- Teachers can request for any other student to attend his/her Academic Support; and,
- Parents and/or students can request that they attend Academic Support with a certain classroom teacher.

Graduate Follow-up Report Carolyn Deffenbaugh reviewed the required graduate follow-up report that is conducted annually at the high school. This is a survey of students that have graduated from Southern Boone, reporting their opinions about the preparation they received for their careers or college course work.

Alternative Program Changes – Bob Simpson discussed several issues relating to services offered for students “at risk” of school failure. Staff and administration have been working on a plan that will use existing staff and better meet the needs of the students. The board approved the alternative school plan presented. The proposal would create a “stand-alone” alternative school which would be designed to address the needs of students in grades 9-12, and on rare occasions, a middle school student. This classroom would be located in the vacated elementary school.

Professional Development and Collaborative Planning Carolyn Deffenbaugh, Assistant Superintendent, proposed to the board a plan for teacher professional development and collaboration. The board approved a late-start for teacher training and collaboration. One day per week, probably on Wednesdays, school will start at 8:45 to allow for this collaboration. Bus schedules will not change and parents can drop students off at regular times. Students who arrive earlier than 8:45 will be engaged in supervised activities. This plan will replace the current early release days in the school calendar.

Financial Information

Financial Reports - The board received electronically a monthly financial statement for review. These monthly financial reports are available to the public on the district web site.

Employee Insurance - Charlotte Miller, Superintendent, reported the employee insurance costs for the 2009-2010 budget year at an increase of 7.4%.

2009-2010 Budget - The board held a financial work session on March 9 in which the superintendent reviewed expected revenues and expenditures in preparation for the 2009-2010 budget. As a follow up to this work session, Charlotte Miller presented five budget scenarios, each resulting in different fund balances. The board agreed on several reductions that had little impact on direct instruction of the students. In addition, they discussed that a 17-18% fund balance was desirable as the budget is drafted. A preliminary budget will be presented to the board at the April meeting.

Food Service Bids –Bids have been received from two food service companies, OPAA and Fresh Ideas. The superintendent informed the board that there was a significant difference in the bid proposals. She requested that this item be tabled until April so that a more detailed comparison can take place prior to recommendation to the board.

Old Business

Messaging System – The board directed the administration to implement the School Reach messaging system. This system will be utilized throughout the district as a communication tool for parents.

New Business

Contracting Bus Services –Rick Briedwell discussed with the board his research about contracting for bus services. After his analysis, he recommended to the board that this would not be a cost effective plan for transportation services.

Continuing Business for April Meeting

Certification of Election Results

Reorganization of the Board of Education

Monthly Financial Report

Preliminary Budget for 2009-2010

Facility Discussion

 Summer Capital Projects

 Review Long/Short Range Maintenance Needs

 Facility Planning Discussion

Career Ladder Program

Food Service Bids

District Technology Plan

Special Education Report

Science Program Evaluation

IMPACT Update

MSBA Policy Updates

Stipend Review

Gifted (Eagle) Program Updates

Executive Session

The board reviewed the performance of the teachers and directors. Contracts were extended to these employees.