

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

On October 13, 2014, Chairman Goracke called the meeting to order in the library of the elementary school at approximately 6:30 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Members Present: DeeDee Thomas, Mark Penrod, George Frasier, David Goracke, Chris Wyne, Charley Wolff, and Eric Gerber.

Employees Present: Brian Gardner, Superintendent; Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary; Jon Zwemke and Amanda O'Brien, Principals; Bart Rothenberger, Director of Facilities; Celeste Van Cleave, Business Manager; Art Kallai, Kim Smith, JoAnn Neddeau, Classified; Melissa Shaw, Jamie Derrickson, Danee Kallai, Sue Foster, Carole Boaz, Jen Cancino, Licensed; Marguerite Burleigh, Non-Represented.

Others: Sue Frasier, Joe and LeAnn Ervin, Debie Wyne, Patty Linn, Kaye Fox, Dace Phearson, Tammy Fitch, Elissa Branson, Pat Fitzmorris and others.

3.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 **Agenda Adjustments** – Add to Agenda 4.2 Staff Changes – Kyle Kivett (not Wendy) as Drama Advisor; Justin Smith as Varsity BBX Coach.

3.2 **Community Facilities Advisory Committee** – Director Rothenberger reported he put together a facilities advisory group that included a grant writer, fire chief, retired plumber, steam boiler operator, retired contractor, two electricians and a mechanical engineer. This group would be meeting this next month. He reported on current maintenance projects and that he was obtaining bids for Tier I and II projects.

3.3 **Building Principals** – Principals O'Brien and Zwemke reviewed the written reports they had submitted to the Board. Principal Zwemke added there was an additional communication system now in place for those with access to texting where the district can inform parents/patrons of the good things happening in the buildings. The system is called Remind 101 and people may sign up for this service by texting 971-216-3743 and msg: @mrzwem. This will not take the place of automated AlertNow calls made to parents. Principal O'Brien, in addition to her report, thanked her staff for their hard work. Based on the state report card, if the state were qualifying today, Central Linn Elementary School would not be a Focus School.

3.4 **Linn County Pioneer Association** – Debie Wyne from the Linn County Pioneer Association and Joe Ervin, Event Chair, presented the Board with a donation check in the amount of \$1,775 for the district track fund. This came from the Pioneer Dam Run held this past June.

3.5 **Student Body Report** – Bailee Holt, ASB Representative, reported on upcoming homecoming activities at the high school and student council members would be attending the annual Leadership Conference in Seaside on November 5th.

3.6 **First/Fifth Grade Showcase** – Art work was displayed in the library.

3.7 **Superintendent's Awards** – Recipients for the Superintendent Award for the month of October were: Greyson Johnson, third grade; Makenna Watson, fifth grade; Payton Holt, seventh grade; and Kara Branson-Byerly, tenth grade. The award is given in recognition of outstanding personal accomplishments. The meeting recessed briefly at 7:00 p.m. for photo session and reconvened at approximately 7:10 p.m.

- 3.8 Wilson-Heirgood – Tammy Fitch, of Wilson-Heirgood Risk Management and Insurance Services reviewed the 2014-15 renewal summary with the school Board. She also notified the Board of the SAIF dividend being mailed to the district in the amount of \$10,021.
- 3.9 Youth Transitions Program – Marguerite Burleigh, YTP Coordinator, reported she was working with 13 students this year. The program serves students who experience additional barriers to success such as low academic skills, poor social and independent living skills, and other obstacles that can limit life's opportunities. The partnership with vocational rehabilitation provides the support these youth need to achieve their goals.

4.0 **ACTION/BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Approve Meeting Minutes – Director Thomas moved to approve meeting minutes of September 8, as submitted. Director Penrod second, motion passed 7-0.
- 4.2 Acknowledge Staff Changes – Superintendent Gardner reported he had approved leave for Maria Guerrero from mid-November to mid-February; hired Marcus Campbell as Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach and Justin Smith as Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach. The Board acknowledged the extra duty assignments as follows: Title III Coordinator, Maria Guerrero; Literacy Magazine, Jennifer Cancino; District TAG Advisor, Jennifer Fogerty-Gibson; and Drama Advisor, Kyle Kivett.
- 4.3 Approve Concordia Agreement – It was the consensus of the Board to approve the contract with Concordia University and the District. The University commits to awarding grants and scholarships to qualified candidates applying for admission to graduate degree programs or courses offered by Concordia. Superintendent Gardner stated this offer covers all employee groups.
- 4.4 Accept Resignation of Track Committee Chair – Director Frasier moved to accept the resignation of Director Thomas as Track Committee Chair. Director Wolff second, motion passed 7-0.
- 4.5 Approve Achievement Compact 2014-2015 – Director Wolff moved to approve the 2014-2015 Achievement Compact as submitted. Director Wyne second, motion passed 7-0.
- 4.6 Financial Update – As requested by the Board, Business Manager, Celeste Van Cleave, had provided the Board with an account detail report in addition to the regular revenue and expenditure function level reports. She cautioned the Board on how to read the detail report and to forward all questions to herself or the superintendent. It was the consensus of the Board to receive a detail report every quarter, next one in January. The District will arrange some professional development in fund accounting for the Board and invite District Budget Committee members.
- 4.7 Superintendent Update – Superintendent Gardner discussed the current student enrollment numbers where we are showing a decrease in about 30 students. This equates to approximately \$200,000 in revenue we will not see next year. Last December, we submitted our projected enrollment for 2014-15 as higher than our current enrollment. This means we will be overpaid in state revenue by about \$200,000 this year which will be deducted from the district's school support funds in May 2016 when the state reconciles 2014-15 student numbers. We will need to budget next year (2015-2016) accordingly.

The decrease in enrollment this year can be attributed to the new proficiency system. Although the system generates good for students the community doesn't understand it and are moving their students from Central Linn. We are doing the right thing and want to strive towards excellence.

The Board questioned the new high school math lab. Superintendent Gardner reported students are more motivated and very focused on what they are doing and it's working. Director Wolff concerned he is hearing from parents we are sending students to work on computer with no teacher lecture. Mr. Gardner stated there is more one on one instruction than full classroom lecture. Teachers are more focused on where each student actually is in their learning than ever before. He has placed articles in the newspaper, district newsletter, offered community math nights, spring community meetings, trying to communicate to parents and our community how the system works. He spoke to every student in the Jr/High School about the system and answered their questions. Teachers are working hard to have students understand the pathway to earning an "A". Superintendent Gardner stated the elementary is starting a proficiency grade book this year. Teachers are taking on phenomenal tasks tracking a great deal of data on what students need individually. It is a lot of work, lot of change, we have increased the work load and teachers are working every Friday, with Friday School in the morning and professional development in the afternoons.

5.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Goracke adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.



Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary



David Goracke, Board Chair

11-10-14

Date Approved