

NORTH SCOTT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Eldridge, Iowa

Board Minutes – October 8, 2018

NOTE: These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board at the next regular meeting.

A regular meeting of the North Scott Board of Directors was held on October 8, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Office. Members present were: Glen Keppy, Molly Bergfeld, John Maxwell, Tracy Lindaman, and Mark Pratt. Joni Dittmer and Donn Wilmott were absent.

President Keppy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

Audience comment included, Gina Schlicksup, mother of four children who homeschools her children, spoke on behalf of her son. She expressed her disappointment in the District and felt staff focused on the behavior of her child and not the “why” of it. She feels educational opportunities for teachers, administrators, and AEA staff are much needed to help identify learning disabilities, as the students are not behaviorally challenged, they are simply misunderstood. She encourages the District to make this a priority and encourages the facilitation of meetings among regular and special education staff to really focus on the most important question regarding a challenging child: “What am I missing?”

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Maxwell moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows; seconded by Lindaman. Motion unanimously approved.

- Minutes of the September 24, 2018, Regular Meeting.
- Retirement from Mary Anne Braden, School-To-Work Coordinator, effective 1/3/19.
- Resignations from Kyle Billups, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach Co-Share, effective 2018-19.
- Employment of Christina Blodig, History Day Co-Advisor, effective October 3, 2018, Amber Lindle, Food Service Helper, effective October 1, 2018, Lori Suiter, Food Service Helper, effective October 1, 2018, Crystal Waldbusser, Food Service Helper, effective October 1, 2018, Marcie Bradley, Food Service Helper, effective October 1, 2018, Dustin Leigh, Custodian, effective October 1, 2018, Ben Nagle, Co-Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective October 2, 2018, Kyle Billups, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective October 2, 2018, Michelle Skadal, Special Ed/BD Aide, effective October 3, 2018.

- Revenue and Expenditure Reports, School Nutrition Fund Report, Child Care Report, Activity Fund Reports, and Trust & Agency Reports for September 2018.
- Open Enrollment In Request: Brayden Williams, resident District is Pleasant Valley (HS-10th), Carson LaMaster, resident District is Davenport (JG-K)

BILLS

Jill Van Roekel reviewed several items regarding the bill list, and presented the following bills for approval: General Fund - \$170,561.63, Student Activity Fund - \$29,056.40, Management Fund - \$3,807.80, Sales Tax Fund - \$6,689.63, PPEL Fund - \$30,791.62, School Nutrition Fund - \$2,110.52, Child Care Fund - \$4,582.72, Self-Funded Health - \$364,047.36, Agency Fund - \$3,058.63, for a total of \$614,706.31. Maxwell moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Lindaman. Motion unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Administrative Updates

Sue Kane, Curriculum Director, reported on the first Curriculum Cabinet meeting in September. The Junior High hosted classroom walkthroughs for the Cabinet. Members visited five classrooms, seeing 7th-grade instruction in Social Studies, English Language Arts, Science, and Art. The committee read a short excerpt from Focus by Mike Schmoker which identified three areas for schools to focus on in order to improve. He reminded us that we need 3 things in place which is a Coherent Curriculum, soundly structured lessons, and literacy activities. He encourages us to stay focused on these things so we can move forward in our instruction and growth in students. Floating PD percentages from last year were shared with the committee. 53% of the teachers signed up and took a class or workshop for further professional development, 23% were in curriculum writing, 14% attended a conference and 11% took part in book study outside of contract hours.

Bernie Brustkern, Ed White Principal, reported that on September 28th they held their 10th annual Fun Run. CogAT testing for 3rd and 6th graders was last week and they should be getting the results back fairly soon to send home to parents. Today they had Professional Development. K-6 was hosted at Ed White. This afternoon the teachers were engaged in Challenging Behavior training, led by Dr. Sarah Bergthold from AEA. Tier 2 intervention was discussed and has been a missing component for them so they are excited to get this up and running. As for Curriculum, their first ELA unit is starting to wrap up and in the next week or so they will take the first ELA assessment. It is Fire Prevention Week and the Eldridge Fire Department will be observing a Fire Drill and then will visit Kindergarten through 3rd-grade classrooms. Parent Teacher Conferences are this Tuesday and Thursday. They typically have 99% turnout. The 6th, 8th, and 11th graders will be taking Iowa Youth Survey at the end of the month.

John Hawley, Jr. High Principal, reported that Paul Davis was there last week and spoke to all of their students on the latest and greatest news on digital safety and how to keep kids safe with their phones

and computers. Their Healthy Walk is this Wednesday. Today in their Professional Development the focus was on PLC and Gradual Release. In Fall sports they are almost done with Volleyball. This year only 9 kids in the 8th grade did not participate in something after school. They are proud that kids are getting involved in something. John commented that Jodie Brotherton, Special Education Teacher, has a student running Cross Country and a news channel did a feature on him. The 8th graders participated in the Financial Literacy Fair. Camp Shalom sent staff to work with our kids on Team Building and Character Building. They took the kids to see Hidden Figures, which is a great movie with different themes they incorporate into their classes.

Shane Knoche, High School Principal, reported that Paul Davis was a great opportunity for their kids, they were able to hear him speak on social media security and cybersecurity. This past Sunday was the 60th FFA Ag Banquet. They had past teachers come back and speak. Last Friday two apprentices came from Future Ready of Iowa. James Simmons and Garrett Buckland and gave a very powerful presentation. Today at our in-service was on PCL, Gradual Release, and 21st Century Skills.

Chad Ruth, Alan Shepard Principal, reported that Conferences are this week. They are now using a new Conference sign up. It is a website called PTC fast and they have 100% of their families signed up. They have their Book Fair going on this week. Last week they participated in the Homecoming parade. 20 students and their parents and 3 teachers all handed out candy during the parade. Today was their second Professional Development Day. Kindergarten through 6th-grade teachers were at Ed White working on Math, specifically looking at Math Practice Standards and in the afternoon they returned to their buildings and discussed the ELP program. Officer Bruce Schwartz was there today working on an ALICE Drill refresher for staff. Last Friday they participated in Bus Expectation Day. LuAnn and her staff reviewed bus expectations and safety. The students went out on the bus and the driver reviewed how to safely open windows and doors in the event of an emergency. The 4th, 5th and 6th graders participated in Paul Davis presentation last week. On Halloween, they will have their first Halloween parade.

Michael Kline, Grissom Principal, reported it was a busy week last week. Last Tuesday the intermediate students went to the Quad Cities Literacy Conference at the River Center. Wednesday was the Homecoming parade. The 6th graders and their parents did an awesome job with the float. Last Friday they held their 10th annual walk-a-thon.

Kelly Rohlf, John Glenn Principal, reported that the Literacy Conference was fantastic. The kids came back excited about it. CogAT testing is finished. They participated in the Paul Davis presentation. Lego League has started. Fire Prevention Week activity is planned for the pre-k through 3rd grade. They will be going to the Firehouse for a demonstration this Friday. They are gearing up for their Fundraiser. They will be selling The World's Finest Chocolate.

Tim Green, Armstrong Principal, reported they had their first walk-a-thon on September 27th. It was the first time at the track and they had a DJ. At their Professional Development day today they talked about Math in the morning and in the afternoon they talked about beliefs. Focused on "would we want to be in our own classroom?" Conferences are Tuesday and Thursday this week. On Wednesday the

Rotary Club is taking students to the Pumpkin Patch. October 19th will be their bus evacuation drill. Coming up in November they will have their 5th & 6th grade Music program.

Michael Kline, Grissom Principal and Jodie Brotherton, Special Education Teacher gave a Special Education Overview. The focus was on an Individualized Education Program that gives the students the least restrictive environment for their success.

Facilities Updates

Stutting reported that the punch list is being completed on the Auditorium and will be completed soon.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Transportation Report

Joe Stutting presented the 2017-18 annual transportation report. He noted it is consistent and below average. The District is ranked 14th in the state as far as square miles, and the transportation department operates very efficiently. Maxwell moved to approve the annual transportation report as presented, seconded by Pratt. Motion unanimously approved.

Annual School Bus Replacement

Joe Stutting reviewed the timeline and bid procedures for the annual replacement of three school buses. The bid results will be presented at the November 12, 2018 school board meeting for approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The superintendent's report included the following items:

- (a) The open position report was provided.
- (b) The student enrollment report for October was provided.
- (c) American Education Week – November 12-16, 2018.

Stutting commented that the Homecoming parade went very well and it was a great chance to interact with the public.

BOARD COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Glen Keppy commented that all schools were well represented in the Homecoming parade and was very proud of all the schools and kids that participated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved:

Terina Bruns, Secretary

Glen Keppy, Board President