

Regular Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012

The North Iowa Community School Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2012, in the Commons. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Pres. Giesking with members Balvance, Duve, Giesking, Holstad, Rygh, Sachs, and Thomsen answering roll call. Also in attendance were Supt. Myer, MS/HS Prin. Embrock, Sec. Meinders, and two guests.

Balvance moved, Duve seconded to approve the agenda. Ayes: 7. Carried.

Open Forum: None.

Communications: A letter from IASB notifying the district of the 11-12 Insurance Dividend was read. The board was notified of a donation received from the Farmers Cooperative for agriculture classroom materials. An invitation to "The Rural Brain Gain" was read.

Supt. Myer reviewed the following consent agenda items for approval:

- Payment of claims.
- Personnel –
 - Resignations: Nancy Hassebroek, Custodian
 - Contracts Adjustments: None
 - Contracts Offered: None
- Open Enrollments: None
- Designation of Buffalo Center Tribune as the primary publication of the North Iowa Community School District.

Rygh moved to approve items listed on the consent agenda. Holstad seconded. Ayes: 7. Carried.

Balvance motioned to approve minutes of the Dec. 12, 2011 Public Hearing and the Dec. 12, 2011 Regular meeting with correction to the regular meeting minutes striking Pres. Giesking and replacing with Vice Pres. Holstad in the first paragraph and in the signature location. Pres. Giesking was absent. The motion was seconded by Sachs. Ayes: 7. Carried.

Principals Embrock and Myer presented reports about their respective buildings. Supt. Myer updated the board on peer observations, iPad lab in the elementary, skating in P.E. classes, Catholic Church property, and the Slotter Land.

After reviewing the monthly financials reported by Sec. Meinders, Balvance moved, Thomsen seconded for their approval. Ayes: 7. Carried.

Committee Reports were heard:

- Facility/Transportation Committee discussed the application for the FEMA grant.
- Academics/Personnel Committee met teaching staff that had attended PLC Conferences over the summer.

- Finance Committee discussed the 12-13 budget and reviewed monthly bills while also reviewing vendor payments for the 2011 calendar year.

Old Business: Duve moved, Holstad seconded to waive the final reading of Board Policies in series 202, Board of Director's Members and pass as presented. Ayes: 7. Carried. Duve moved, Thomsen seconded to waive the final reading of Board Policies in series 203, Board of Director's Conflict of Interest and pass as presented. Ayes: 7. Carried. Rygh moved, Holstad seconded to waive the final reading of Board Policy 711.9, "District Vehicle Idling" and pass as presented. Ayes: 7. Carried.

New Business:

- The Board reflected on the Board Goal: *It is the goal of the NICS collect, analyze, and use data to strengthen the present curriculum resulting in increased student learning, test performance, and overall achievement.*
- Board policies in series 204, Code of Ethics, were reviewed with changes noted.
- Board policies in series 205, Board Member Liability, were reviewed with changes noted.
- Holstad moved, Sachs seconded to approve Laugerman Architects as the Architect/Engineer for the safe room. Ayes: 7. Carried.
- Balvance moved, Holstad seconded to approve an allowable growth request for Dropout Prevention in the amount of \$114,438 for 2012-2013. Ayes: 7. Carried.
- Balvance moved, Sachs seconded to approve an allowable growth request for Open Enrollment Out in the amount of \$5,883 for 2012-2013. Ayes: 7. Carried.
- Board members discussed a February board retreat.
- Topics were discussed for future open discussion during board meetings.

Agenda suggestions for the February 13, 2012 regular meeting were discussed.

Duve moved, Sachs seconded to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Carried. The time was 7:18 p.m.

Rande Giesking, President

Sara Meinders, Board Secretary

EOE/AA

A collective bargaining strategy session, as provided in Section 20.17(3) Code of Iowa was held following the meeting.