

Sergeant Bluff, IA
October 9, 2012

The regular October meeting of the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Schaar at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: John Baker, Amiee Krogh, Dean Williams, Jenna Wilson.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

President Schaar welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone present wished to address the board.

Motion by Schaar and seconded by Williams to approve the agenda with an addition to the information items concerning a school finance meeting taking place Nov 7, 2012 in Sioux City. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

The minutes of the meeting September 13, 2012 were reviewed by the board. Motion by Williams and seconded by Krogh to approve the minutes. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

The Secretary reports were reviewed by the board. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to approve the Secretary reports. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

The current bills were reviewed by the board. Motion by Williams and seconded by Krogh to approve the current bills, with the exception of Electric Innovations, C.W. Suter and Star Control. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Wilson to approve the Electric Innovations' bills. Ayes: Baker, Krogh, Williams, Wilson. Nays: None. Abstention: Schaar.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Krogh to approve the C.W. Suters' bills. Ayes: Krogh, Schaar, Williams, Wilson. Nays: None. Abstention: Baker.

Brad McCaulley recognized Dawn Hamann, Curriculum Secretary, concerning a letter from the Dept of Ed acknowledging her efforts to learn the new system and within two days having submitted our completed certified enrollment.

Williams commended the principals and staff on walk throughs he did last week. The buildings looked good, organized, and clean. Kids were mannerly and respectful. It speaks highly of the staff.

Krogh recognized the middle school for their Walmart award they received. It was a fun and exciting ceremony.

McKelvey recognized the students and their coaches from the middle school on their extra-curricular activities so far this year.

Mr. McKelvey briefed the board on the middle school enrollment numbers. There is an increase over last year's numbers. New lockers and lunch tables had to be ordered. He provided a School in Need of Assistance Update. New curriculum has been implemented and the students and staff are still adjusting to it. How the data is measured and how we compare to other schools in our sub group category was explained. A new parent-student-teacher conference change is being implemented. Parents will now meet with one teacher for 15 minutes who will cover all subjects. Parents are welcome to come back later that evening for open conferences if they feel the need to do so. An extra-curricular summary was provided in which more than 70% of the students are involved in some type of activity at the middle school as well as activities outside of the school.

Mr. Klingensmith provided high school happenings with enrollment information down slightly from last year. The high school mission statement was read. A brief update on AIW Initiative was given and ways to get the students to higher levels of thinking. 1:1 Initiative is in the second year and teachers are learning how to better use the 1:1 to continue to enhance it for the kids. Project Lead the Way is in its third year of implementation. Computer Integrated Manufacturing has been added. The Breakthrough Coach is a seminar that was attended by the high school administrators and secretaries. It has allowed the principals to spend more time in the classrooms. Student achievement goes up and discipline goes down when the Breakthrough Coach is implemented.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the Board approving the district's legal counsel for 12-13. He recommended the continued use of Ahler's Law Firm. Ahler's Law Firm presently charges the district \$225 per hour for Jim Hank's services. When we use other attorney's within the firm we are charged \$175 per hour. Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to approve Ahler's Law Firm as our legal counsel for 2012-2013. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the Board approving our official newspaper for 12-13. He recommended we continue to use the Sgt. Bluff Advocate as our official newspaper. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve the Sgt. Bluff Advocate as our official newspaper for 2012-2013. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the Board approving the official depository maximum amount of deposits for 12-13. After speaking with the office manager we recommend a maximum amount of \$8 million at Pioneer Bank. Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to approve \$8 million as the maximum amount of deposits at Pioneer Bank. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the appointment of Truancy Officer per Policy 410.3. The board needs to appoint our police liaison officer as our truancy officer. Motion by Krogh and seconded by Williams to approve our police liaison officer as the district truancy officer. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the Board appointing our Level I investigators for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to approve our Guidance Counselors and our School Nurses as our Level I investigators. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Supt. Earleywine provided a copy of the preschool community partner contract with Building Blocks for review. Motion by Williams and seconded by Krogh to approve the preschool community partner contract with Building Blocks. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Supt. Earleywine reviewed the Early Retirement Policy 407.3 with the Board. He recommended changing the minimum length of continual employment to the district from 10 years to 15 years beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Certified employees with 10 years of continual employment but less than 15 years of continual employment to SB-L would receive 75% of the benefits. He included a copy of the policy with the changes he is recommending for review. After a discussion took place it was recommended that starting with the 2013-2014 school year, certified employees with 15 years or more of employment would receive 100% of the benefits. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to approve the 1st reading of the proposed changes to 15 years of employment to receive 100% of the benefits. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the Unspent Authorized Budget Report and solvency ratio. He included a copy of the district's unspent authorized budget and solvency ratio for fiscal year 2011-2012. These are still estimates at this time but should be very close to the actual numbers.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the appraisal of the B Street ball field's property. The appraiser was unable to have it completed in time for the meeting.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the enrollment for 2012-2013:

- We are serving 1574 students including PK IEP–grade 12.
 - 10- Pre-K IEP students
 - 361 Primary School
 - 383 Elementary School
 - 369 Middle School
 - 451 High School
 - 65 Creative Preschool
 - 25 Building Blocks
 - 24 Happy Tots
- Last year we served 1529 students PK IEP-grade 12

Supt. Earleywine provided a copy of the quote for new library software. Brad McCauley explained what the software will do including running off of one database.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the Foster Grandparent Program which trains individuals age 55 and older to become volunteers in schools.

Supt. Earleywine discussed an upcoming meeting with state legislators on Saturday, Dec. 1 in Sioux City. He will provide more details in the near future.

On Nov 7th ISFIS will conduct a meeting on school finance with Larry Sigel and Margaret Buckton in downtown Sioux City from 6:30-8:30. Supt. Earleywine needs to know how many board members will be attending.

Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to adjourn. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

District Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Board President

Date Approved: _____