

Sergeant Bluff, IA
February 7, 2013

The regular February 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 and Jenna Wilson.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Krogh and seconded by Baker to approve the agenda. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

The minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2013 were reviewed by the board. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams 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 Wilson and seconded by Krogh to approve the current bills with the exception of the CW Suter & Star Control. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Williams to approve the CW Suter and Star Control invoices. A motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Williams. Ayes: Schaar, Williams, Wilson and Krogh. Baker abstained.

Legislative issues:

Dr. Earleywine stated that the Iowa Senate passed a bill for 4% allowable growth; the bill is in the house. There is a push to have the legislators approve a 4% allowable growth for FY2015 also. There are numerous bills being proposed for Educational Reform.

Board Committee Reports.

The facility committee of Baker & Krogh met to tour the grounds and buildings. Their findings report will be presented at the March meeting. The most significant items are replacing the roofs, high school lockers; primary doors, water fountains and carpet replacement in middle school office & media center. Thrasher Basement has completed the repairs needed at the high school.

Recognition:

Dr. Earleywine recognized Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Olsen for their service and dedication to the Sergeant Bluff-Luton students and community.

Mr. Baker recognized the wrestlers that made it to the district tournament.

Mr. Mckelvey recognized Mrs. Miltenberger and the honor band students that performed at WSC.

Mr. Klingensmith:

The HS enrollment numbers were presented. The ACT scores for SBL students were above the state average. There will be new classes offered next school year: culinary arts program and engineering design & development. AIW continues to progress positively. Math classes are being aligned with the common core.

Mr. McKelvey:

Although there is no formal ELP program at the MS, accelerated students are identified and allowed to take classes above grade level. Some students are two years ahead of grade level.

All new curriculum is being taught this year in all areas which have presented some challenges. MS soccer will be starting this year. There are 40-45 boys & girls signed up. There will be four coaches hired. Volunteer coaches must be endorsed to help. Uniforms, soccer balls, goals, nets, and officials are the immediate budget requirements. Students are being encouraged to participate in soccer and track.

Dave Schaar – left meeting at 6:43 – Krogh acting president

Dr. Earleywine presented a resignation for Mary Heller as a part-time point of sale lunch associate. Motion by Baker and seconded by Williams to approve Mary Heller's resignation as part-time point of sale lunch associate. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a resignation for Karen Blake as the National Honor Society Sponsor. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve Karen Blake's resignation as high school National Honor Society Sponsor contingent upon finding a suitable replacement. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a resignation for Pauline Temeyer-Visocsky as the High School Speech Coach. Motion by Williams and seconded by Baker to approve Pauline Temeyer-Visocsky's resignation as the high school speech coach contingent upon finding a suitable replacement. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a resignation for Randy Crawford as a 4th grade teacher, Kathy Davies as 5th grade teacher and Christine Olsen as a Middle School Guidance Counselor. Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to approve Randy Crawford's resignation as a 4th grade teacher, Kathy Davies as 5th grade teacher and Christine Olsen as Middle School Guidance Counselor and approve their early retirement benefits per Early Retirement Policy 407.3. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Aaron Witmer as the Boys High School Soccer Coach. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve Aaron Witmer as the Boys High School Soccer Coach Step 1 \$3,360. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Cameron Meter as the Girls High School Assistant Soccer Coach. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to approve Cameron Meter as the Girls High School Assistant Soccer Coach Step 1 \$2,060. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dave Schaar joined the board meeting at 6:51 P.M.

Dr. Earleywine presented an offer to purchase the B. Street Ball Field property from the City of Sergeant Bluff. The total offer is \$82,500 with \$2,500 due at closing and the remainder paid in \$16,000 installments over the next 5 years. The board can accept the offer, reject the offer, make a counter offer and/or add provisions to the agreement.

The board discussed the provisions of the agreement. A motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Krogh to approve the following: The board will accept \$82,500 for the land paid at closing or payments over four years with 3% interest. The land must be used as ball fields for 25 years. If the City decides to sell the land, the school board has the first option to buy the land at \$82,500. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided copies of the bids received from two vendors for the purchase of a new bus. Ryan Robley is recommending the purchase of a Blue Bird rear engine bus from School Bus Sales Co. The cost after trade in will be \$112,282. Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to approve the purchase of a new Blue Bird 84 passenger rear engine bus from School Bus Sales for a total cost of \$112,282 including the trade in allowance of \$12,300 of a 2004 Thomas bus. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a summary of the bids received from various vendors for the purchase of a new sport utility vehicle. Ryan Robley is recommending the purchase of a Chevrolet Suburban because they have a front bench seat which can hold 3 passengers. The Ford Expedition does not have a front bench seat available. The cost of a 2 WD Suburban is \$33,405 and a 4 WD Suburban is \$35,922. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve the purchase of a 4 WD Suburban from Knoepfler Chevrolet for \$35,922. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a summary of the bids received from various vendors for the purchase of a new riding lawn mower. Jesse Craig-Hansen is recommending the purchase of a Grasshopper from Pete Bollin Distributing for a total price of \$12,575 after trade in. Motion by Williams and seconded by Krogh to approve the purchase of a new Grasshopper from Pete Bollin Distributing for a total price of \$12,575 after trade in. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a request from a parent for a waiver of the one mile requirement for a school permit due to extenuating circumstances. Motion by Baker and seconded by Williams to approve the one mile waiver for a school permit only while the husband is deployed. Ayes: Baker, Williams and Wilson. Nays: Schaar and Krogh

Dave Schaar – left meeting at 7:12 – Krogh acting president

Dr. Earleywine discussed a School Funding Resolution which requests the legislature set allowable growth for 2014 and 2015 at 4%. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to pass the School Funding Resolution which requests the legislature set allowable growth for 2014 and 2015 school years at 4%. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dave Schaar joined the board meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the Education First Foundation – Student Foreign Exchange Program Group who were present and spoke to the board about their program. They would like to help the community to be more aware of their program. If the school refers a child to the Education First Foundation, the school can receive a \$250 grant for each student.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the disposal of used/obsolete equipment items that are being stored in the bus barn. He would like to offer some items to the Sergeant Bluff Museum if they want the items and sell

any of the remaining items. We currently have cabinets, library furniture and old file cabinets in storage.

Dr. Earleywine discussed a request from the City of Sergeant Bluff for assistance in purchasing a new lawn mower for the rec. complex. The city has asked for financial assistance for the lawn mower. We currently use the complex for some physical education classes and use the soccer field for all of our high school practices and games.

Dr. Earleywine at the request of a board member asked the board to review the cold weather policies for before school admittance and outside recess. The Primary and Elementary Schools use zero wind chills as their deciding factor as to whether students go out or stay in. The Middle School brings students in if the temperature is below 20 degrees. Middle School students tend to not dress as warmly as the younger grades.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the district valuation due to City of Sioux City TIF. He provided the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 valuation documents for review. Our TIF valuation increased approximately \$107 million. A meeting has been setup with the county for next week. The school will receive an additional \$550,000 from state aide.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the Health Care Reform. Due to Health Care Reform we will most likely need to make some changes. We are waiting for details from the Federal Government but we may have to subsidize health insurance for some of our part-time employees who work 30 or more hours per week. This includes all of our classroom associates. The cost could be as much as \$300 per month which has the potential to add up to \$150,000 of reoccurring costs to our annual budget. Denise Patterson explained some of the possible options.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the budget for fiscal year 2014 which will be presented at the March meeting. Denise Patterson presented some preliminary budget information.

Dr. Earleywine asked if the March Board Meeting date could be changed to Thursday, March 7 to avoid a conflict with PT conferences. The board agreed.

Items of interest for next month: Curriculum purchase and credit recovery.

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

Adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

District Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Board President

Date Approved: _____