

Sergeant Bluff, IA  
February 9, 2012

The regular February 2012 meeting of the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Board of Education was called to order by President John Baker at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Amiee Krogh, Dean Williams and Jenna Wilson. Absent: Dave Schaar.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The minutes of the meetings of January 12 and 30, 2012 were reviewed by the board. Motion by Wilson 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 Krogh to approve the Secretary reports. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

The financial reports and the claims were reviewed by the board. Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to approve the Current Bills, with the exception of C.W. Suter. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

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

Supt. Earleywine discussed a possible 4% allowable growth for FY14.

Dave Schaar arrived at 6:07.

Supt. Earleywine recognized the wrestling team for qualifying for the district dual.

Mr. McKelvey recognized Dawn Hamman for the background work she does for report cards.

Mr. McKelvey recognized the community members that attended the MVP, "Mentors in Violence Prevention" training.

Mr. McKelvey recognized the three 7<sup>th</sup> grade students that attended the board meeting (Ali Gaul, Naomi Schiller and Helen Zoss).

Mr. Schaar recognized Rick Admire for his induction into the Coaches Hall of Fame for the State of Iowa.

Mr. McKelvey presented on the Middle School enrollment numbers. Iowa Assessments will be taking place over the next week and a half. Mrs. Drees discussed the new Middle School Writers Club (Online Newspaper). She recognized Nathan Curtis for his assistance and many hours of time. Three 7<sup>th</sup> grade students provided some information on the newspaper. Ali Gaul discussed the assistance received from local newspaper editors and news reporters. Helen Zoss discussed how they came up with the name of the Middle School Messenger and the taglines and sections within

the newspaper. Naomi Schiller discussed how Mr. Curtis helped the students set the site up and how to operate it. Mrs. Drees finished by telling how positive it has been for the Middle School and the district. Mr. McKelvey gave a PLC update.

Mr. Klingensmith presented on the High School enrollment numbers as well as three foreign exchange students. He discussed the ACT Data and the high school goals, which include matching or exceeding the state average test scores. He presented a graph showing the trend of increased number of SBL students taking the test with improved scores over five years ago. Additional classes will be offered to students next year, including AP US History and Computer Integrated Manufacturing (3<sup>rd</sup> year of Project Lead the Way Classes). Two students were named National Merit Finalists. The Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW) team will be attending a conference on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. He also discussed the 1:1 Initiative, in which a team of teachers will be attending a conference.

Supt. Earleywine presented the resignation of David Shea as a part-time high school custodian. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve the resignation of David Shea as a part-time high school custodian. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Offer to purchase 33.41 acres of district owned land was removed from the agenda.

Supt. Earleywine provided a copy of the modified Building Blocks Pre-school contracts for review. Modification is necessary because Building Blocks changed their program and employs two teachers rather than one teacher. Motion by Schaar and seconded by Krogh to approve the modifications to the Building Blocks Pre-School contracts. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Supt. Earleywine presented the initial proposal to the SBLEA. A discussion followed in which Supt. Earleywine answered questions.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the Iowa NCLB waiver. Schools will receive a score based on required ACT test results. Evaluations concerning professional growth will be enforced. A growth model and individual growth models will be considered. If there are 10 or more students in a sub group, the school will have to report on that sub group.

Supt. Earleywine discussed the need for a part-time high school registrar. Due to the demands placed upon the high school secretarial staff he is recommending that we hire additional help at the high school to serve as our registrar. In checking with schools similar to our size it is apparent that we are under staffed in our high school. Supt. Earleywine provided a list of the duties of each of the positions. Without additional help he believes we will have a revolving door of secretarial staff in our high school office. This position would assist the guidance office and the principal with scheduling, registration, record keeping, transcripts and reporting.

At the request of a board member, a discussion took place to clarify our policy concerning having students go outside for recess during cold weather.

Supt. Earleywine provided a copy of a letter from Westwood CSD concerning sharing opportunities.

Supt. Earleywine discussed some preliminary budget documents for review. The Budget for fiscal year 2013 will be presented at the March meeting.

Supt. Earleywine discussed dates to meet with the SBLEA for contract negotiations. The SBLEA will get back with Supt. Earleywine after they meet next week.

The March board meeting date will be Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Items of interest for next month:

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

Adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

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District Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Board President

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_