

Sergeant Bluff, IA
January 7, 2014

The regular January 2014 meeting of the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Board of Education was called to order by Vice-President Amiee Krogh at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mike Laughlin, Dave Schaar and Dean Williams. Absent: John Baker.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-President Krogh welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone present wished to address the board.

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

The minutes of the meeting of Dec 12, 2013 were reviewed by the board. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Williams to approve the minutes. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

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

The current bills were reviewed by the board. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Schaar to approve the current bills with the exception of the Riverside Technologies (RTI). Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Laughlin to approve the Riverside Technologies (RTI) invoices. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None. Schaar abstained.

Legislative issues: Dr. Earleywine attended a session with the legislators. Legislation does not have much planned for education this year.

Mrs. Adams and Mrs. McCrory discussed enrollment numbers, professional development, Iowa Assessment testing which will take place in February, safety drills and student teachers (three in each building). The first semester report cards have been sent home with students. The 5th grade band/music program will take place Jan 17th.

Dr. Earleywine presented a resignation on Lance Zeleny an asst. Jr. High girls basketball coach. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Schaar to accept Lance Zeleny's resignation as an asst. Jr. High girls basketball coach. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a bus specifications document for review. Chris Plendl would like to purchase an 84 passenger bus which is similar to the bus we purchased last year. The bid specs will be sent to Blue Bird, Thomas and International. The board will review and award the bid at the February board meeting. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Schaar to approve the specifications for the purchase of a new bus as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided copies of the 600 series policies for review and revision. This will be the first reading. Motion by Schaar and seconded by Laughlin to approve the revisions to the 600 series policies as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of Policy # 905.2 Smoke, Tobacco and Nicotine –Free Environment, for review and revision. This will be the first reading of this policy. The Iowa Department of Health is encouraging schools to expand this policy to include nicotine to prevent smokeless tobacco products from being used on school grounds. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Schaar to approve the revisions to Policy 905.2 as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the At Risk/Dropout Prevention Modified Allowable Growth. Each year we are allowed to apply for modified allowable growth to help cover costs associated with at risk students and dropout prevention. We use these funds to help pay for alternative school placements, before and after school homework completion programs, tutoring programs, summer school programs, the police liaison officer, and our guidance services. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Krogh to approve the At Risk/Drop-out Prevention modified allowable growth application in the amount of \$422,486 for the 2014-2015 school year. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Ken Friedmann presented the initial contract proposal for The Sergeant Bluff-Luton Education Association to the board. After receiving and reviewing their proposal the board and the superintendent asked for clarification of their proposal. The board will offer their initial proposal at the February board meeting. We will then establish times to meet with the SBLEA. Amiee and Mike are the board members that will serve on the certified negotiations committee. All board members may be present during the negotiation sessions.

Dr. Earleywine provided an update for the District Facilities Committee. The committee met on Dec. 16 and interviewed two consulting firms to assist us with our facility needs. Dr. Earleywine is in the process of gathering more information from these firms as requested by the committee. Dean and Aimee were present at the meeting and informed the board of their views and opinions. There will be another meeting in February.

Items of interest for next month: Public hearing on the school calendar for next year.

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

Adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

District Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Board President

Date Approved: _____