

Sergeant Bluff, IA  
February 13, 2014

The regular February 2014 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, Mike Laughlin, Dave Schaar and Dean Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC HEARING regarding calendar. No written comments were received. Paula Olson advocated the later start date. Dr. Earleywine stated that August 21 is currently the proposed first day of school.

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

The minutes of the meetings of January 7, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and February 3, 2014 Facilities Committee Meeting were reviewed by the board. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Schaar to approve the minutes with the correction that Mr. Baker was absent. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

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

The current bills were reviewed by the board. Motion by Krogh and seconded by Williams to approve the current bills with the exception of CW Suter. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Schaar and seconded by Laughlin to approve the CW Suter invoices. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None. Baker abstained.

Legislative issues:

Dr. Earleywine attended a legislative session last week. There will not be very many education bills this year because of the education reform package that was passed last year. Democrats passed a 6% supplemental state aid package; the House will not pass anything this year unless it is 2%. The legislature will probably not set the increase this year even though it is breaking the law.

Recognition:

Dr. Earleywine recognized three employees who will be retiring: Maria Williams, Leslie Ellerbeck and Cynthia Goetz.

Jason Klingensmith recognized the wrestling team for their success and the jazz band for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Morningside College competition.

Mrs. McCrory recognized Mrs. Hansen for two excellent concerts.

Mr. Klingensmith's Report:

There are currently 471 students in high school; last year at this time there were 449. The high school is exploring the possibility of a 5 period per day schedule. Study hall would be the last 30 minutes

every day. At this time the discussion is very preliminary and if it is determined that this change is in the best interest of the students, the board will be consulted.

The high school AIW team will be presenting at a conference in Sioux Center. Over 360 teachers will be attending this conference. Mr. Klingensmith & Dr. Earleywine will also be presenting information on the instructional rounds. Six teachers will be visiting Council Bluffs to view their implementation of Chromebooks.

Student Professional Development focused on AIW will occur in March as well. The high school will begin professional development with the staff on the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of AIW implementation.

Dr. Earleywine reported that the administrative team is discussing the possibility of starting the school day earlier.

Dr. Earleywine received the following resignations:

Maria Williams as a PK teacher

Leslie Ellerbeck as media specialist

Cynthia Goetz as guidance counselor

Amy Hicks as daycare director

Julie VanDyke as a cheerleading coach pending finding a suitable replacement.

A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Laughlin to accept the resignations as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None except Williams voted ayes for all and abstained from voting for Maria Williams.

Dr Earleywine recommended approving Maria Williams and Leslie Ellerbeck's application for early retirement benefits. A motion was made by Laughlin and seconded by Schaar to approve the early retirement benefits as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None except Williams voted aye for Leslie Ellerbeck and abstained from voting for Maria Williams.

Dr. Earleywine presented new contracts for the following:

Michelle Tooley as the Director of Little Steps, \$11.09 per hour.

Parker Staroscik as the Asst. High School Boys Soccer Coach, Step 1, \$2112.

Chuck Hutchinson as the Head Jr. High Boys Soccer Coach, Step 3, \$1,710.

Donna Baird as a van driver, Level 1, \$10.84.

A motion was made by Krogh and seconded by Schaar to approve the contracts as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the start date waiver request resolution for the 2014-2015 school year for review. The Iowa Department of Education allows school districts to begin school prior to September 1 if the local school board holds a public hearing and passes a resolution. Motion by Schaar and seconded by Laughlin to approve the resolution to begin school prior to Sept. 1 2014. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided copies of bids for the purchase of a new bus for review. Hoglund submitted a bid of \$122,466 with a trade in value of a 2002 Thomas bus of \$6,800 for a total cost of \$115,666. Thomas submitted a bid of \$122,292 with a trade in value of a 2002 Thomas bus for \$3,800 for a total cost of \$118,492. Blue Bird submitted a bid of \$120,609 with a trade in value of a 2002 Thomas bus of \$1,600 for a total cost of \$119,009. Chris Plendl recommended purchasing the Blue Bird bus. Motion

by Schaar and seconded by Williams to approve the purchase of a new Blue Bird bus for a total cost of \$119,009. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the review and revision of the 600 series board policies. This is the second reading of the revisions of the 600 series policies. Motion by Krogh and seconded by Laughlin to approve the revisions of the 600 series policies as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the review and revision of Policy # 905.2 Smoke, Tobacco and Nicotine – Free Environment. This will be the second reading of the revision 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. A copy of the policy with changes was provided for review. Motion by Baker and seconded by Krogh to approve the revisions to Policy 905.2 as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine discussed demographics, enrollment projections and capacity consultant. He is working with RSP to develop an agreement/contract for RSP and Associates to provide these services. Motion by Krogh and seconded by Williams to approve a contract with RSP and Associates to provide consulting services with the district concerning demographic, enrollment projections and capacity per the recommendation of the district facility committee. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a contract with Estes Construction to provide construction consulting services per the recommendation of the district facility committee. A motion was made by Laughlin and seconded by Krogh to approve the contract as presented. Ayes: All present

Dr. Earleywine discussed a football sharing agreement with Siouxland Christian. They had a sharing agreement with Whiting this year but Whiting is seeking sharing opportunities with other school districts because of low numbers. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Schaar to approve a football sharing agreement with Siouxland Christian. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Band uniforms will be an action item at the March board meeting.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the board's initial proposal to SBLEA for review. 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. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Winkel presented information regarding the short and long term plans for the City. The City would like to begin annexing the area around Sergeant Bluff. They would like to change the designated farm to market road to the south. They also plan to change two railroad crossings this year so they qualify as silent crossings. The City would like to have joint meetings twice a year.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the preschool site visit summary for review. Mrs. Adams has already responded to the State regarding their recommendations.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the proposed school calendar for 2014-2015 for review. The calendar will be an action item at the March meeting.

A technology update was given by Daniel Kuecker and Nathan Curtis. Brad McCauley also presented information about the technology committee and their plan. The original vision was 1:1 computers for students 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade. The technology department has been researching possibilities to upgrading the wireless capabilities for a 1:1 district wide. More access points are needed to extend computer battery life. The technology plan is to provide a more consistent and a more manageable network. The network will be designed by zoning that will enhance controls for the technology.

Mr. Moore presented information concerning a freshman boy's baseball schedule. Mr. Admire & Mr. Nelson stated there is an interest with the students to add a freshman baseball schedule. They could easily have a 32 game schedule; most of the games would be double headers. Mr. Moore spoke with Brent Brown from city parks & recreation department who was in favor of this change. Numbers would support having a freshman team the next few years.

Items of interest for next month:

- Band uniforms
- 2014-15 budget
- Technology bids
- Freshman baseball

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

Adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

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District Secretary

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

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Board President

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