

Sergeant Bluff, IA
March 13, 2014

The regular March 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. Mr. Eggerling and Mrs. Massey along with several band students and their parents were present. Noah Black and Ali Gaul spoke about the need for new band uniforms. New band uniforms would cost around \$50,000. Questions were asked by the board, with a discussion taking place.

A Public Hearing took place concerning the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. No written or oral comments were given.

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

The minutes of the meetings of February 13 and March 4, 2014 were reviewed by the board. Motion by Schaar and seconded by Laughlin to approve the minutes. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

The Secretary reports were reviewed by the board. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Schaar 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 Riverside Technologies (RTI). Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

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

Legislative issues: Allowable growth not settled yet.

Mr. McKelvey recognized Mrs. Miltenberger and her band students for their great performance at the solo/ensemble contest.

Mrs. Adams recognized the Sergeant Bluff Fire Department for their quick responses getting to the primary school when the alarms have gone off.

Mrs. Adams and Mrs. McCrory: Discussed enrollment numbers for preschool, TK (full) and kindergarten (76) for next year. Kindergarten parent night and round up takes place later this month. Fun Day is this Saturday. The school has received a grant for a Walking School Bus. Volunteers will help get the students to school. It will run April 25 through May 21. Professional Development was discussed with an update on SINA. The 2nd Grade concert is on Friday and parent/teacher conferences are next week. New schedules for next year are being worked on. Assessments results were discussed.

Dr. Earleywine presented the following resignations:

- Christine Stultz as the JV Football and JV Basketball Cheerleading Sponsor.

- Elizabeth Criss as a Little Steps Daycare worker.
Motion by Schaar and seconded by Laughlin to approve the above resignations. Ayes: All Present.
Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented the following new contracts:
- Noel Henrich as the Asst. Jr. High Girls Soccer Coach, Step 1.
- Kim Croston as the Asst. High School Girls Soccer Coach, Step 1.
Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Williams to approve the above contracts. Ayes: All Present.
Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the approval of the 2014-2015 budget. The board needs to approve the budget as published and presented. We are proposing a tax rate reduction from \$13.01 to \$12.71.
Motion by Schaar and seconded by Laughlin to approve the 2014-2015 budget as published and presented with new tax rate. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None

Dr. Earleywine discussed the purchase of Chromebooks. We would like to purchase 60 Chromebooks (30 for the middle school and 30 for the high school). He included copies of the bids for review, with RTI being the lowest. Motion by Laughlin and seconded by Williams to approve the purchase of 60 Chromebooks from RTI for a total cost of \$20,233.86. Schaar abstained.

Mr. McKelvey gave a presentation concerning schedule changes at the middle school that are needed to accommodate the large class of 5th grade students moving to 6th grade. The middle school may go to a slightly longer day with 10 periods versus the current 8 periods this year.

The Administration reviewed staffing needs for next school year. We are looking at the possibility of adding Spanish for the lower grades. TK, 2nd grade, high school guidance, K-12 Media Specialist and a 6th grade teacher, as well as coaching positions will be available.

Dr. Earleywine discussed designating a Director of Fine Arts. He recommended that Brad McCauley be appointed as the Director of Fine Arts. Brad has a solid background in Fine Arts and has a passion for improving the quality of these programs. A discussion took place with some comments from visitors.

Dr. Earleywine discussed being chosen to attend three days of Instructional Rounds training at Harvard University. The AEA will pay his travel expenses and the cost associated with the training.

Dr. Earleywine provided copies of the 2013 Financial Audit. The board will need to approve the audit at the April board meeting.

Items of interest for next month: Fine Arts Director and the RFP for technology.

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

Adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

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District Secretary

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Board President