

Sergeant Bluff, IA  
April 11, 2013

The regular April 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.

A Public hearing took place concerning the sale of the public property of the B St Ball Fields sold to the City of Sergeant at a price of \$82,500. No written or oral comments were presented.

A Public hearing took place concerning the early start date for 2013-2014 school year. This was an information item at the March 2013 regular board meeting. A discussion followed with some concern about the earlier start date. The calendar was recommended by the District Advisory Committee.

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

Steve Throne explained a new elective class, Strength Training, which is being requested to be added to the high school next year. It provides an opportunity to take an additional elective class that is within the school day and helps those students who would prefer strength training over the games played in PE. It also helps the athletes continue to develop their strength training when they are not in a sport. It would provide some flexibility for those students who currently lift in the mornings to attend other curricular activities that take place in the mornings. This was a program the school used to have when we had trimesters. This does not replace strength training that currently takes place when a student is in a sport and when off-season from their sport.

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

The minutes of the meetings of March 7, March 20, April 2 and April 5, 2013 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 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 Williams to approve the current bills with the exception of the CW Suter and Electric Innovations' invoices. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Krogh to approve the CW Suter and Electric Innovations' invoices. Ayes: Krogh, Williams and Wilson. Nays: None. Baker and Schaar abstained.

Legislative issues: The House passed 2% allowable growth for Fiscal Year 2014 and an additional 4% allowable growth for Fiscal Year 15. There is some concern that the Early Intervention grant of \$83,000 would lose funding.

Recognition:

Dr. Earleywine recognized K&L Landscaping along with Jenna Wilson for their donation of \$5,000 to the school for two Chrome Book carts for the Primary School and the Elementary School.

Dr. Earleywine recognized Brad McCauley and Doug Eriksen for two trips they made to Cedar Rapids to pick up used computers. Over the last decade we have averaged 60-75 computers each year from this organization.

Mr. Klingensmith recognized Mrs. Quinn and all those involved in the Spring Play of 12 Angry Jurors.

Mr. McKelvey recognized the 29 8<sup>th</sup> graders that completed the MVP training and for Mrs. Dewald, Mrs. Olsen and Mr. Koedem for their efforts with the program.

Mr. McKelvey recognized Mrs. Hansen for her first vocal recital performance with the middle school.

Dr. Earleywine recognized the community action team for the Stand for the Silent “Bullying Program” that they sponsored for 5-12 graders.

Mr. McCauley recognized the members of the Business Administrative Assistant Advisory Board that was put together by Ashley Hansen. The members are: Michelle Gaukel, Tammy Matthey, Jenny Cramer, Dawn Bostwick, Jason Kvidera, Bill Gaukel, Tim Buthe, Ashley Hansen, Jason Klingensmith and Brad McCauley. They evaluate and give their recommendations to fulfill the Perkins requirements.

Mr. Klingensmith gave an update on the high school enrollment numbers. He discussed additional classes that will be offered in the Culinary Arts Program, Pro Start I and II. He showed a short video explaining Pro Start. Pro Start is considered a high demand area in the employment field that our students can participate in. Students must attend the Culinary Arts Program before they can take Pro Start I. Some of the local restaurants with strong culinary programs will allow the students to work with them. Mrs. Held has visited several sounding schools and colleges to learn about the Pro Start program. She is ServSafe certified and trains her students to be ServSafe as well.

Mr. McCauley explained the Perkins IV legislation in which schools in Iowa are required to offer and teach programs in the career and technical fields. Sergeant Bluff-Luton's programs are: Marketing, Business Management, Family Consumer Science, and Industrial Technology. In three of the four programs, we must offer a complete program of study which outlines courses that students take while they are in high school and also the courses the student would need to take at the college level to complete an Associate of Arts Degree. The three programs of study are: Administrative Assistant, Mechanical Engineering Tech and Culinary Arts. Each of these areas has an Advisory Board made up of people employed in the corresponding industry. Mr. McCauley handed out the Program of Study document that explains the courses that students would take in the Culinary Arts Program.

Mr. McKelvey provided the current enrollment numbers for the Middle School. The T-Dap vaccination was offered to all middle school students. A new regulation will require all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have this vaccination prior to starting school in the fall. Mrs. Grote will be our guidance counselor in the middle school and Mrs. TeMeyer will be the new 8<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher. An update of the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program was given. It is a program to help students be aware of what they are doing and help stop bullying. An additional 20 students from the current 7<sup>th</sup> grade are being trained for next year. Upcoming events were reviewed.

Dr. Earleywine presented a resignation on Scott Barto as a part time custodian. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve Scott Barto's resignation as a part time custodian. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a resignation on Rahn Bertram as an Asst. Football Coach. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to approve Rahn Bertram's resignation as an Asst. High School Football Coach. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Hannah Grimsley as a kindergarten teacher for 2013-2014. Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to approve Hannah Grimsley as a kindergarten teacher, Step 0 for 2013-2014. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Holly Corcoran as an Elementary teacher for 2013-14. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to approve Holly Corcoran as an Elementary teacher, Step 1 for 2013-2014. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Monte Larsen as an Elementary teacher for 2013-14. Motion by Krogh and seconded by Williams to approve Monte Larsen as an Elementary teacher, Step 0 for 2013-2014. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Kati Bak from a ½ time Reading teacher to a full time teacher, ½ time Reading and ½ time Special Education for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to approve Kati Bak from a ½ time Reading teacher to a full time teacher, ½ time Reading and ½ time Special Education for the 2013-2014 school year. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Gina Zuercher from a 72% special education teacher to a full time special education teacher, for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Krogh to approve a change in Gina Zuercher's contract from 72% special education teacher to a full time special education teacher for 2013-2014. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Troy Husen as a head junior high soccer coach for 2012-2013. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve Troy Husen as the head junior high soccer coach for 2012-2013 Step 1 \$1,537. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine presented a new contract for Lexie Mathey as the asst. junior high soccer coach. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to approve Lexie Mathey as an asst. junior high soccer coach for 2012-2013 Step 1 \$1,210. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the Resolution for the Conveyance of Interest in Real Property for review. Motion by Williams and seconded by Baker to approve the Resolution for a Conveyance of Real Property. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the Start Date Waiver Request Resolution for review. This is necessary to provide the Iowa Department of Education with proper documentation concerning starting the school year prior to Sept. 1. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve the Start Date Waiver Request Resolution. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the School Calendar for 2013-2014 for review. This is the calendar which is being recommended by the District Advisory Committee. There was a public hearing at the beginning of this meeting concerning the new calendar. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Baker to approve the 2013-2014 school calendar as presented. Ayes: Baker, Schaar, Williams and Wilson. Nays: Krogh

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the 2012 GASB 45 Report for review. Motion by Williams and seconded by Krogh to approve the 2012 GASB 45 Report as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Audit for review. Motion by Baker and seconded by Wilson to approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Audit as presented. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided copies of bids to replace the Middle School and High School gymnasium roofs from Nohava Construction and Guarantee for review. These were bid as two separate projects so we will need to approve them as separate items. Nohava Construction presented the lowest bid for both projects. Motion by Williams and seconded by Baker to approve Nohava Construction bid of \$43,899 to replace the gym roof at the middle school. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.  
Motion by Williams and seconded by Baker to approve Nohava Construction bid of \$37,846 to replace the gym roof at the high school. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided copies of the Series 300 Board Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading with our legal counsel's recommendations for changes. Motion by Wilson and seconded by Krogh to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Series 300 Board Policies. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine discussed the Asst. Activities Director Position. Due to the number of spring activities he would like to have this position begin immediately and help during the remainder of the current school year. This will also help as we transition from Mr. Throne to Mr. Moore. Discussion followed concerning how long the contract would be and the amount of the contract. Motion by Baker and seconded by Krogh to approve beginning the position of Assistant Activities Director immediately at a salary of \$2,000 for the remainder of the school year to help with the transition. A new contract will start for July for \$12,500 for 11 months. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the Financial Audit bid for review. We received one response from our RFP. Nolte, Corman and Johnson P.C. submitted the bid. Motion by Williams and seconded by Krogh to approve Nolte, Corman and Johnson P.C. to serve as our financial auditors for the next three

fiscal years. For their services they will be paid \$8000 in FY 2013, \$8,300 for FY 2014 and \$8,600 for FY 2015. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Dr. Earleywine discussed changes in cheerleading. Mr. Throne has provided information he shared with the board. He has suggested two options to the board. A discussion followed. The board recommended option #2, with 8 freshmen/jv girls for football and basketball, which allows more participation for the cheerleaders.

Dr. Earleywine discussed incorporating weight training into our physical education classes at the high school. Mr. Throne has provided a proposal for the SB-L Strength and Conditioning Program he shared with the board. This program is intended to work with and support the school academics. The training would be available to all students, regardless of if they are in sports or not. If we are going to compete, we must have an emphasis on strength training. Our students often face barriers of being expected to complete strength training in the mornings and not able to attend other activities.

Steve Throne presented a petition for the auditorium signed by 158 students. The lighting, sound system and seating are the main issues. It is potentially in the budget for 2014-2015. Further discussion will take place at a facility meeting next week.

Dr. Earleywine and Denise Patterson provided an update on their findings concerning our TIF issue. He is still working on getting a legal opinion.

Dr. Earleywine provided a copy of the facility improvements with cost estimates and a time line for completion.

Mr. McCauley and Mr. Klingensmith presented their recommendations concerning math requirements at the high school. The school offers up to six years of math courses. A discussion followed concerning different options for the students and potential requirements. When it becomes a requirement, it impacts every student. It could also impact the need for additional staff.

Motion by Baker and seconded by Williams to adjourn. Ayes: All Present. Nays: None.

Adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

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District Secretary

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

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Board President

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