

School Board Meeting Dec 12, 2017

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Carman calls the meeting to order at 4:45 pm (Bob will be arriving shortly)

B. ROLL CALL

Carman, Verena, Kirby, Kania, Sue, Bob, Jake

C. Lauth Presentation

D. Stifel Presentation

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Minutes Approval from the November meeting

Carman makes a motion to approve November's meeting minutes. Kania seconds and the board votes in favor to approve meeting minutes.

B. Policy Review - nothing to review

C. Summer Camp Proposal

The STEM Club has requested to use our space over the summer. Sue requested a deposit between \$500-\$1000. Projected attendance is 80-100 children. Children other than GMA students would be invited to attend and we would receive 15% of proceeds. The question of a sublease is discussed and it seems that the situation does not fall into the category of sublease. Kirby motions to allow Sue to move forward with the STEM camp to use our space over the summer, Jake seconds and the board votes, passing the motion unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. For Information: Executive Director's Report

Enrollment Numbers: Enrollment has stayed steady.

Staff Changes/Additions: We have had some movement with assistants. Some of the part time assistants wanted to go full time when the positions became available. We still need to hire two part-time assistants and a teacher to fill Meagan's maternity leave in March. We have been working on it, but have not been able to find anyone as of right now.

Grant Activity: Sue will provide an updated spread sheet at every board meeting. Sue did hear that we may be eligible to apply for the Charter School Program Grant. Ball State is trying to get the IDOE to look at our history of excellence and not just our current grade. Sue will keep us posted on the progress of this grant.

Special Education: We are conducting Annual Case Reviews for several of our students. This means we meet with the parents and discuss their previous goals and if they are or are not meeting the goals in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Goals are updated and revised for students according to their need.

Materials Fees: Karinda will provide the most recent update on material fees.

Community Outreach: The Lower Elementary went to see the Nutcracker. The Upper EI went to the see A Christmas Carol at IRT.

Student Testing: The students are taking round two of the NWEA test. This gives an idea of how much the students have grown since the beginning of the year.

PTO: The Bongo Boys will be returning on December 18th and 19th for the students. We will have an author come to school who will conduct a cookie and canvas event for the students next semester.

Building Needs: We have had some issues with the heating unit this past month. We are hoping it is fixed!

Technology: Nothing new to report.

Ball State: Sue met with Bob Marra last week. He was very happy to sit down and discuss items with me, but basically told Sue to keep doing what she is doing. He loves speaking to folks who “are not in trouble.”

B. Finance Committee Report

We have seen a steady increase in our investment account. Revenue is up 8-10% from last year. We are below budget and expenses are as expected

C. Facilities Committee Report

Nick is not present. We are moving forward and we will be receiving architecture proposals by the end of the week. Board has previously approved the committee to make a decision with Larry Longman from Lauth. Bob reaches out to the public to ask if anyone is interested in being on a building planning committee.

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Strategic Plan

Bob encourages the Board to review Strategic Plan and be prepared to discuss in January.

B. Capital Campaign

The goal of the campaign would be to fund the inside of the building. We need help to decide how best to move forward. We would possibly begin the after the design process.

C. Board Member Search

Please forward names of interested parties to the Board.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm