APRIL 17, 2019 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda
The agenda of the April 17, 2019 board meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 3, 2019 were approved as presented.

Kindergarten Lottery
The number of transfer requests has exceeded the 25 advertised openings for student enrollment. Children of employees and members of a household with current Cowan transfers filled some positions prior to the lottery. A lottery was conducted for the remaining positions. Remaining transfers were listed as alternates.

Reports:
Superintendent – Mr. Dennis Chambers
1. Mr. Chambers let the Board know that bids for the Cafeteria Management were opened on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. We received two bids from Chartwells Food Service and BF Foods. We are in the process of scoring the bids. The scoring will then be submitted to the DOE for approval and a recommendation will be on the agenda at the next board meeting.
2. Mr. Chambers informed the Board that he has talked with the company about installation of a solar power grid. We want to see about getting a preliminary estimate that gives a best case/worst case scenario at no cost before entering into any agreement to study further details.
3. Mr. Chambers presented the Annual Performance Report to the Board. This was published in the newspaper on March 30, 2019.
4. Mr. Chambers reminded the Board that the Spring Regional ISBA meeting will be May 22, 2019, in Hagerstown. The registration for the meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. We will make our reservation after the May 1, 2019, board meeting.
5. Professional Leave Requests approved by the Superintendent as of April 12, 2019 were presented.
6. Mr. Jim Thompson, Architect and Co-Owner of Gibraltar, was in attendance to go over options available on the high school cafeteria construction project. The construction bids were tabled at the last meeting. This information is to help decide which direction to go with the construction bids later in the agenda.

Opportunity for Public Comments
(No negative comments toward Corporation employees are permitted during the public meeting. Alleged misconduct by a Corporation employee is to be addressed in an Executive session of the Board following meeting with appropriate members of the Administration.)

Mrs. Holly Wilk was in attendance to introduce her student teacher, Mr. Aaron Minnick. He is doing his student teaching in seventh grade geography and sophomore world history.

Abigail Shaw was in attendance to participate in her government class P.I.G. (Participation in Government) project.
Business Office Recommendations

Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Claim Docket
The claims #16784 to #16861 and the payroll of April 5, 2019 as listed in Appendix #1943 were approved for payment as well as the payment to Reynolds Farm Equipment for a 2018 John Deere Gator.

After some discussion, the Board accepted the low bid from MacDougal-Pierce Construction, for the HS Cafeteria Project, as listed in Appendix #1994, subject to consultation between the Superintendent and MacDougal-Pierce to value engineer the project. (The project will not be rebid as presented in Appendix #1995.)

Donation
The Board approved a donation of an adjustable height table for Cowan Schools from Educational Furniture.

Personnel

Resignations
The Board approved the resignation of Tammy Hargrave as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. The Board approved the resignation of John Skinner as Junior High Cross Country Coach.

Employment
The Board approved Andrew Black to sponsor an elementary walking club with Wellness Grant Funds as assigned by the elementary principal.

Overnight Stay
The Board approved an overnight stay at the elementary school for 4th grade students on Friday, May 24th.

Opportunity for Board Communication:
Mr. Paul Hansard thanked Mr. Chambers for all of his help in getting information gathered to present all of options available for the construction project.

Mr. Alan Wright commented that the carnival went well and that he appreciated all of the help.

Adjournment
The April 17, 2019 regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.