APRIL 3, 2019 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda
The agenda of the April 3, 2019 board meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 20, 2019 were approved as presented.

Reports:
Superintendent – Mr. Dennis Chambers
1. Mr. Chambers let the Board know that kindergarten enrollment 2019-2020 will be next Thursday, April 11, 2019. If any families are planning to send a Kindergarten student to Cowan next fall, they need to contact Cowan Elementary as soon as possible.
2. Mr. Chambers informed the Board that the construction bids were opened on March 27, 2019. The bids came in higher than expected or estimated by the architect. A recommendation is later on in the agenda to table the bids until the next board meeting. This will give the architects more time to review the bids and come up with some cost saving measures.
3. Mr. Chambers gave the Board an overview of the amount of money spent on the electric billing over the last several years. Since 2014, we have incurred an approximate 40% increase. Mr. Chambers along with Roger Van Skyock and Ron Wilson are going to take a look at what possible electrical savings we could have with a solar power grid for the future.
4. Mr. Chambers told the Board that he is not planning to recommend an attendance incentive for the support staff this year due to an increased use of paid absences days.
5. Mr. Chambers asked the Board to put May 22, 2019, on their calendar to attend an ISBA Spring Regional Meeting in Hagerstown. The registration for the meeting will start at 5:30 p.m.
6. Professional Leave Requests approved by the Superintendent as of April 1, 2019 were presented.

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.)

Jake Turley commented on the construction bids and electricity costs talked about earlier in the meeting. He also reminded the Board that the PTO Carnival will be held Friday, April 12, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Mr. Leonard Reese, Monroe Township Trustee, was in attendance to reports services that are available through the township trustee office. These services include, but are not limited to:
- Diaper Bank through DY5 at no cost to the patron
- Limited Food Pantry
- Free Library and computer use
Volunteers are needed to staff the library so that it can be open more often. Please call (765) 282-2177 to volunteer with the library. The Delaware County Historical Society will be meeting on June 17, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lion’s Club to gather information for Monroe Township. Patrons with historical pictures can bring pictures to be scanned. Also the trustee’s office has contacted the Delaware County Board of Health to file a complaint about the property at Nottingham and 600 South. The Trustee was encouraging others to contact the Board of Health to also file a complaint.

Roger Van Skyock, Maintenance Director, was in attendance to express his thanks and appreciation to the School Board for all of the extra things they do for the school besides being a board member. He thanked the PTO for their contribution to the new playground equipment at the elementary. He thanked the parents of the baseball/softball teams for all of their work on the diamonds. He thanked Mr. Chambers for all of his help in snow removal, etc. The maintenance department appreciates all of the help that they receive!!

**Business Office Recommendations**

**Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Claim Docket**
The claims #16727 to #16782 (excluding #16778) and the payroll of March 22, 2019 as listed in Appendix #1942 were approved for payment.

The Board approved to table the bids for the HS Cafeteria Addition/Renovation until the April 17, 2019 board meeting.

**Donation**
The Board approved a donation of 2 dozen chicken eggs from Henderson Farms for Karen Bouw’s science class.

**Personnel**

**Retirement**
The Board approved the retirement of Debbie Edwards at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year.

**Employment**
The Board approved up to 14 hours for an after school Plato Lab for Meredith Lynn as assigned by the building principal.

The Board approved up to 98 hours of summer Plato for Meredith Lynn.

**Transfer Students**
The Board recommended to allow 25 transfer students for Kindergarten for 2019-2020.

**Opportunity for Board Communication:**
Mr. Alan Wright wanted to express his congratulations to all of the teachers who have received a Bell Grant.

Mrs. Angie Johnson let Mr. Chambers know about some eLearning Training that is available to the school corporation. She is going to forward an email to Mr. Chambers.

**Adjournment**  
The April 3, 2019 regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.