

## **DECEMBER 7, 2023 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda of the December 7, 2023 board meeting was approved as presented.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the regular board meeting of November 16, 2023 were approved as presented.

### **Reports: Superintendent – Mr. Timothy Brown**

1. The Elementary Spell Bowl Team members and coaches were honored for their outstanding 3<sup>rd</sup> place state finish. Team members were presented certificates of accomplishment by the Board.
2. Mr. Schwartz provided an update to the Board on the academic focus, community initiatives, and overall work taking place in the elementary school.
3. Mr. Adams provided an update to the Board on the academic accomplishments, building initiatives, and future statewide considerations at the Jr/Sr High School.
4. Mr. Brown let the Board know that we recently sold a school bus in an auction for \$10,300, well above the trade in value. The sold bus was replaced by our new school bus that arrived last month. Mr. Brown thanked the transportation director, Shannon Stout, for all his work with the sale. Mr. Brown also shared that he, along with Mr. Adams and Mrs. Abbott, met with our architect for some preliminary planning to renovate and update Mrs. Abbott's classroom and lab space.
5. Mr. Brown let the Board know that we have received our 1782 notice for the 2024 budget year. Mr. Brown reviewed the budget comparisons and projections for the actual rates for 2024.
6. Mr. Brown let the Board know that this is the second reading of the new policy updates, Volume 35, Number 2, from the last board meeting. Approval for these policies is up for approval later in the agenda.
7. Mr. Brown and the Board reviewed a recommendation for a new policy limiting the amount of reimbursement for meals while attending a conference. This policy will be up for approval at the next board meeting on December 21. After approval from the Board, this information will be put with our professional development form.
8. Mr. Brown informed the Board that the school received the Teacher Appreciation Grant Funds last week. This money was paid out on Friday, December 1, to returning teachers and administrators from 22-23 that were rated highly effective and effective. Highly effective teachers received a payment of \$653 and effective teachers received \$522.
9. Mr. Brown met with the calendar committee on Wednesday. Approval for the 2024-2025 school calendar will be on the agenda for December 21, 2023. A draft calendar was shown to the Board.
10. Mr. Brown let the Board know that the Staff Appreciation breakfast will be on Thursday, December 21, 2023, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:40 a.m.
11. Mr. Brown reminded the Board that our last board meeting for the calendar year is Thursday, December 21, 2023.
12. Professional leave requests approved by the Superintendent as of Tuesday, December 5, 2023 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.)*

Cowan student, Olivia Gick attended the meeting as a part of our Participation in Government class requirement.

### **Business Office Recommendations**

#### **Treasurer's Report and Approval of Claim Docket**

The claims #23606 to #23690 and the payrolls of November 17, November 24, and December 1, 2023 as listed in Appendix #2314 were approved for payment.

#### **Donations**

The Board accepted the donations received by the corporation as listed in Appendix #2315.

### **Personnel**

#### **Termination**

The Board approved the termination of Taylor Ross as an Elementary Custodian effective November 29, 2023.

#### **Resignation**

The Board approved the resignation of Nicole Pittsford as an Elementary Social Worker effective November 21, 2023.

### **Policy Updates**

The Board approved the Policy Updates for Vol. 35 No. 2 as presented in Appendix #2316.

### **Field Trip**

The Board approved a field trip for the English Literature and Composition class to Schaumburg, Illinois on May 9, 2024.

### **Opportunity for Board Communication:**

Mr. Paul Hansard thanked both principals for their outstanding presentations and all the great work that has taken place in the first semester.

Mr. Rick Jones shared that it was great to see the Spell Bowl Team and coaches at the meeting celebrating their great season.

Mr. Alan Wright shared that it is great to see our students attending meetings, and he would like to continue to see us welcome them to future meetings.

### **Adjournment**

The December 7, 2023 regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.