

JANUARY 18, 2024 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made that the agenda of the January 18, 2024, board meeting be approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 4, 2024, be approved as presented.

Reports: Superintendent – Mr. Timothy Brown

1. Alan Wright asked the Board to consider adjusting the start time of the next Board Meeting on February 1st due to a home varsity contest. After some discussion, the next board meeting on February 1, 2024 will begin at 4:30 p.m.
2. Mr. Brown informed the Board that the high school office entrance project is nearing completion. Mr. Brown also shared that we will be obtaining a quote to adjust the main doors at the high school at both the athletic entrance and the main entrance. Mr. Brown presented a transfer summary from the IDOE documenting the districts where our students of legal settlement attend and where Cowan's transfer students are coming from. This report shows that Cowan has the sixth highest transfer percentage in the state. Mr. Brown briefly discussed the continued discussion taking place for future construction projects. Much more work will be done with this involving the Board in the coming months. Mr. Brown received a quote for a thorough analysis of our current building roofs in preparation for future work. After some discussion, it was decided to proceed with this quote. The Board and Mr. Brown talked about the progress that has been made with the use of i-Ready as a formative assessment tool in both buildings. The Board and Mr. Brown also talked about future landscaping work for the district and sprucing up areas when the weather warms up.
3. Mr. Brown let the Board know that the Elementary Cafeteria has been upgraded and the design project is complete. The students and staff gave great reviews of the changes that were made. Mr. Brown and the Board took a tour of the cafeteria after the board meeting.
4. Mr. Brown informed the Board that we received an Early Literacy Grant in the amount of \$3,969.50. This grant rewards schools and teachers who are responsible for the implementation and delivery of literacy instruction through grade three. Approval for this stipend distribution list will be later on the agenda.
5. Mr. Brown let the Board know about a future technology project this summer. Every five years we have access to money through E-Rate for category 2 funding. We are currently going through the process to seek quotes for an upgrade to our technology infrastructure. This upgrade would include the replacement of access points, switches, new cabling, etc.
6. Mr. Brown presented the last six months of ECA funds, receipts, and expenditures to the Board.
7. Professional leave requests approved by the Superintendent as of Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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.)

None

Business Office Recommendations

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Claim Docket

A motion was made that claims #23798 to #23838 and the payroll of January 5, 2024, as listed in Appendix #2332 be approved for payment.

2023 Transfer of Funds Resolution

A motion was made to approve the 2023 transfer of funds resolution as listed in Appendix #2333.

Personnel

Employment

A motion was made to approve Abby Sigler as the Elementary Math Bowl Coach for the 2023-24 season.

Compensation for Board Members

A motion was made to the Board to establish the compensation to serve as a member of the Cowan Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees for each sixth month period of the 2024 calendar year with benefits as outlined in Appendix #2334.

High School Course Offerings

A motion was made to approve the additional course offerings for the 2024-25 school year at the Junior/Senior High School as listed in Appendix #2335.

1003 Flexibility Waiver Resolution

A motion was made to approve the 1003 Flexibility Waiver Resolution as listed in Appendix #2336 that supports the request for Cowan Community Schools to implement six planned 2-hour delays for professional development for the 2024-25 school year.

Early Literacy Achievement Grant

A motion was made to approve the distribution summary for 2023-24 Early Literacy Achievement Grant as listed in Appendix #2337.

Opportunity for Board Communication:

Mr. Paul Hansard thanked Mr. Brent Adams for his work in providing new course offerings for high school students. This is very exciting!

Mrs. Kimberlie Campbell thanked Mr. Brown and Janet for all the work they put into taking care of Cowan's finances. She also wished good luck to the boys and girls bowling team going to the Regional this Saturday.

Adjournment

A motion was made that the January 18, 2024, regular board meeting be adjourned at

6:43 p.m.