

Minutes – May 16, 2016

The North Cedar Community School Board of Education met in Regular Session Monday, May 16, 2016 with the following members present: Holst, Kemner, Horman, Nehring, Bendixen. Others: Superintendent Cooper, HS Principal Dohmen, Sun-News Reporter Hall, Citizen from the Community, Business Manager Esbaum. President Holst called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

General Business of the Board

Consent Items

Agenda –

Minutes – April 7, 2016 Special Meeting/April 18, 2016 Regular Meeting

Claims – General Fund \$121,391.78, Schoolhouse Fund \$8,938.52, Health Insurance Fund \$68,207.33, Daycare Fund \$36.76, Activity Fund \$17,704.20, Food Service \$22,582.45

Financials –

Personnel: Contracts, Modifications, and Appointments

- Jordan Hay – Assistant Baseball Coach (Step 1 - \$2,108)
- Niki Bunge – Assistant Volleyball Coach (Step 1 – Salary TBD)

Personnel: Resignations

- MacKenzie Schroeder from Jr/Sr High School Special Education Teacher/9th-10th Volleyball Coach
- Leroy Stolte from regular bus route driver effective July 4, 2016
- Donna Sander from Jr/Sr High School Associate

Bendixen moved, Horman seconded, to accept the consent items as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Termination of the Teaching Contract of Haley Peters

The recommendation to terminate this contract is being made for the following reasons:

1. Budget Restrictions and Problems Due to Decreasing Enrollment
2. Maintenance of Programs
3. Reduction of Position(s)
4. Reassignment of School Organization
5. The Master contract's Application of Article IX, Staff Reduction

Bendixen moved, Kemner seconded, to approve the termination of the teaching contract of Haley Peters. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Termination of the Teaching Contract of Katy Kash

The recommendation to terminate this contract is being made for the following reasons:

1. Budget Restrictions and Problems due to Decreasing Enrollment
2. Maintenance of Programs
3. Reduction of Position(s)
4. Realignment of School Organization
5. The Master Contract's Application of Article IX, Staff Reduction

Bendixen moved, Holst Seconded, to approve the termination of the teaching contract of Katy Kash. Ayes: Bendixen, Holst; Nays: Nehring, Kemner; Abstain: Horman. Motion defeated.

Consideration of the Renewal of the AEA Induction Consortium Agreement

We have been involved with the GWAEA Induction Consortium to provide mentoring for our first and second year teachers. The contract is included in the exhibit and includes the cost which has increased as compared to this year's cost. Horman moved, Nehring seconded, to approve the renewal of the GWAEA Induction Consortium Agreement for the 2016-17 school year. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consideration of Open Enrollment Requests

A North Cedar district family, who had one student in the district and one open enrolled out to CAM (online program) this school year. They are requesting to open enroll both of their students out of the district to the Marion Home Schooled Assistance Program. They filed this request with the Marion CSD on February 22, 2016 which meets the March 1st deadline. In this situation, the board cannot deny their request. Nehring moved, Kemner seconded, to approve the open enrollment requests. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Set Hearing Date for Budget Amendment

We are estimating that we will overspend the certified budget in the "Instruction" category and need to amend the certified budget to cover what we anticipate spending during fiscal 2016 in that category. In order to amend the budget, we need to set a Public Hearing date as required by law. Bendixen moved, Horman seconded, to approve May 31, 2016 at 7 AM as the Public Hearing date to amend the FY 2016 Certified Budget. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consideration of Open Enrollment Request

There is an open enrollment request for a kindergarten student who is a resident of the North Cedar district to open enroll out of the district to the Cedar Rapids CSD. The deadline for a kindergarten student is September 1st. The board cannot deny this request because it meets the deadline. Nehring moved, Horman seconded, to approve the open enrollment request. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consideration of AEA Purchasing Agreement

Annually the board is asked to approve an agreement with the AEA for purchasing some products. In the exhibit you will see we use this consortium for purchasing food, small wares, and ware wash. Bendixen moved, Nehring seconded, to approve the AEA Purchasing Agreement for the 2016-17 school year. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consideration of Open Enrollment Request

There is an open enrollment request for a kindergarten student who is a resident of the North Cedar district to open enroll out of the district to the Mount Vernon CSD. The deadline for a kindergarten student is September 1st. The board cannot deny this request because it meets the deadline. Horman moved, Bendixen seconded, to approve the open enrollment request. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consideration of Hiring Auditor for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year

Kay Chapman has been the district's auditor during my time as superintendent and Jean Esbaum and I are recommending the board consider hiring Kay for the 2016 fiscal year as the district's auditor. Kay's fee is \$7,250 for the district audit and this represents an increase of \$50 from the fee paid for fiscal 2016. Horman moved, Bendixen seconded, to approve the hiring of Kay L. Chapman CPA as the auditor for the North Cedar CSD for the 2016 fiscal year at a rate of \$7,250. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consideration of Bleacher Purchase for Ball Fields in Lowden

The bleachers at the Lowden city park do not meet EMC requirements. If they are not upgraded a fee will be applied. Board member Horman spoke to the City Council at their May meeting. New bleachers will cost \$20,000 and they are willing to split the cost with the school with the agreement that when the school contract has ended, the bleachers could be moved to another location. Bendixen moved, Kemner seconded, to approve the purchase of new bleachers for the ball fields in Lowden at an estimated cost of \$10,000. Ayes: Nehring, Kemner, Bendixen, Holst. Abstain: Horman. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Nehring moved, Bendixen seconded, to adjourn. Ayes: All. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Esbaum, Business Manager

Approved:

Tessa Holst, President