

TO: BENTON COMMUNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DR. JAMES BIESCHKE, SUPERINTENDENT
RE: REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TIME: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024
6:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting
PLACE: Central Office - Board room
304 1st Street
Van Horne, Iowa 52346



REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.**

Directors Present: Directors Becker, Kaiser, Schanbacher, Thompson and Werning

Directors Absent: Nolte and Shaw

A quorum was declared present.

Also Present: Dr. Bieschke, Anna Selk, Rob Arnold, Shawn Pfiffner, Ryan Junge, Jason West, Katie Bauder, and Melody Spence.

2. **Delegations, Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda**

None

3. **Action Item #31, Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Kaiser, second by Werning to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

4. **Open Forum**

None

5. **School Improvement Report – Anna Selk**

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) is a state-mandated test that measures Iowa students' understanding of the Iowa Core academic standards. Anna Selk presented the results to the Board.

- Iowa State Assessment of Student Progress - Results

6. **Administration Report**

- October 2024 Administrative Board Report

7. Action Item #32 – Certified Enrollment Report

Certified Enrollment 2024

Districts are required to Certify by October 15, 2024.

Legal Citation: Certified Enrollment data is collected under Iowa Code 257.6

District is certified on 10/15/2024 10:05:04 AM by James Bieschke

Summary		
Description		Student Count
Resident Public Students Attending your District (1)		Details
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School (2, 3)		Details
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes (4, 5)		Details
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes (4, 5)		Details
Actual Enrollment (7)		Details
Non-Resident Public Students Attending your District (8, 9)		Details
PK 4 Students Attending your Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (10)		Details
Supplementary Weighting (12)		Details
Limited English Proficient Weighting (13)		Details
ESA Funded Students		Details
Summary Comparison		Details

Application Status		
Application	Submitted	Certified
SRI	Oct 11 2024 11:10AM	NA
Certified Enrollment	Oct 11 2024 11:10AM	Not Certified

Our certified enrollment is 1,475.6 students which is down 6.4 students. This will equate to approximately \$50,330 less dollars in the budget. We have increased open enrollments by another 20 students, covering the loss of funding in our certified enrollment.

Motion by Kaiser, second by Schanbacher to approve the Certified Count for Fall 2024.

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8. Early Retirement Plan (Discussion Only)

The board was provided a list of eligible employees for early retirement, per requirements used last year which was reaching the age of 55 and having 20 years of continuous service in the district. The early retirement incentive offered last year was 35% of the base salary as well as paying \$50 per unused sick day up to a maximum dollar amount of \$6,000.

- Eligible Employees
- Early Retirement Documents
- Retiree Meeting- Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 4:00 (Central Office)
*No action or vote, informational only

9. Action Item #33 – Business Services:

- WARRANTS
- ADDITIONAL WARRANTS
- SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

- **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion by Werning, second by Kaiser to Approve the warrants and financial reports as presented.

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10. Action Item #34 – Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda includes common topics.

*ALL HIRES ARE CONTINGENT ON BACKGROUND CHECK, PROPER LICENSING, AND RELEASE FROM CURRENT CONTRACT IF APPLICABLE

- a. HIRES
 - Cherise Zuck, Food Service, MS/HS
 - Easton Patterson, L2 Baseball Coach
 - Jodi Metz, Special Ed Associate
 - Garrett Albers, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 - Travis Dirks, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 - Mindy Wallace, Special Ed. Associate, Atkins
- b. Lane Change
 - Kim Fisher, MA15 to MA30
- c. Resignations
 - Ashley Mellecker, Custodian, Keystone
- d. MEETING MINUTES -
 - September 18, 2024
- e. VOLUNTEERS
 - Jesse Bries, Show Choir Volunteer
 - Kelly Becker, Show Choir Volunteer
 - Jason Schanbacher, Show Choir Volunteer
 - Aric Becker, Show Choir Volunteer

Motion by Kaiser, second by Becker to approve the consent agenda as presented

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11. Action Item #35 – Policy Review

- **2nd Reading:**
 - 501.09 - Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy (IASB Guidelines)
 - 501.09-R (1) - Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy (IASB Guidelines)
- **Existing Policy Review**
 - 412.4 - Classified Employee Tax Shelter Programs (Edits from IASB)
 - 409.1 - Licensed Employee Vacation-Holidays-Personal Leave (No Changes from IASB)
 - 414.1 - Vacations of Support (Classified) Personnel (No IASB Policy-No Changes)
 - 414.4 - Classified Employee Jury Duty Leave (No IASB Policy-No Changes)
 - 414.6 - Substitute for Support (Classified) Personnel (No IASB Policy-No Changes)
 - 505.2 - Student Promotion - Retention - Acceleration (Edits from IASB)
 - 603.16 - Summer School Instruction (Edits from IASB)
 - 802.3 - Emergency Repairs (Edits from IASB)

Motion by Schanbacher, second by Kaiser to approve the policies as presented.

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12. Superintendent Report

- a. Finalization of IASB Convention Attendees - IASB convention - Nov. 20 - 22
- b. Grant Wood AEA Communications Support
- c. Facilities update

13. Action Item #36 - Adjournment

Motion by Kaiser, second by Schanbacher to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.