

COON RAPIDS-BAYARD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 10, 2014

6:30 P.M.

Coon Rapids-Bayard Board of Directors met in regular session March 10, 2014 in the Library (Media Center) at the Coon Rapids-Bayard Int/Jr.-Sr. High School.

President Davis called the regular meeting to order at 6: 30 P.M.; Rosenbeck verified the public meeting notice posted in at least three locations (Int/Jr.-Sr. High School Commons-Coon Rapids, IA, News Gazette-Bayard, IA, Coon Rapids Enterprise-Coon Rapids, IA and Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities-Coon Rapids, IA) on March 7, 2014. Present on roll call: Anthofer, Davis, Leighty, McAlister, Oswald, Rosenbeck, Schlatter, Supt. Stoffers, Principal Jorth, Margie Schwenk and Sec'y Hopkins.

Board Finance Ad Hoc Committee Members: Larry Lenz, Rich Baker, Katie Mason, Denise Ernst, Melissa Finnell, Justin Roetman, Ben Kolars, Laura Hachmeister, and Dr. John Clayburg.

Visitors: Connie Ankenbauer, Title I Instructor, Jolene Peters, School Nurse, Mary Greving, New Opportunities, Amy and Rich Wiskus, Katelyn Kirkland, Rhonda Lenz, Steve Dentlinger, Greg Peters and Bryan Kinnick,

Charlie Nixon, *Coon Rapids Enterprise*, and LuAnn Waldo, *Bayard News Gazette*, arrived at 6:33 P.M.

There were no public comments.

Schlatter moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Rosenbeck. Ayes: Anthofer, Davis, Leighty, McAlister, Oswald, Rosenbeck and Schlatter. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by Oswald to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 board meeting, seconded by Leighty. Ayes: Davis, Leighty, McAlister, Oswald, Rosenbeck, Schlatter and Anthofer. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by Rosenbeck, seconded by Leighty to approve the bills and claims. Ayes: Leighty, McAlister, Oswald, Rosenbeck, Schlatter, Anthofer, and Davis. Motion carried 7-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received the following information: IASB Weekly Memos from Tom Downs, IASB Advocacy in Action Newsletter, RSAI Updates, Board Finance Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes, and a Thank You from the family of Erna Lund.

REPORTS

Board Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report –

Larry Lenz, Katie Mason and Rich Baker summarized the Board Finance Ad Hoc Committee activities over the past month. The committee's purpose was to seek approx. \$400,000 of cost saving recommendations for the Board. Harry Hiligenthal, IASB, Gary Sinclair, IASB and Kurt Subra, AEA 11, facilitated the three meetings (February 17, February 27 and March 3).

February 17th meeting summary: purpose setting for Ad Hoc Finance Committee (Cost savings recommendations for FY15); school finance presentation; current district realities; prioritized criteria for making cost savings recommendations; and discussion of first draft of itemized cost savings measures.

February 27th meeting summary: analysis of cost savings measures (presentation of elementary, secondary, and administrative scenarios); prioritization process (weighted rating of 21 itemized cost savings measures); and criteria for prioritization (1. Minimize the impact on student learning/achievement, 2. Minimize the impact on classroom teaching and learning, and 3. Minimize impact on instructional programs).

March 3rd meeting summary: discussion of prioritized cost savings measures as a result of weighted rating process; collection of comments from committee members to be shared with the Board of Education; and creation of team to present to the Board of Education.

The other ad hoc committee members present were introduced and offered their comments to the board; Justin Roetman, Ben Kolars, Melissa Finnell, Denise Ernst, Dr. John Clayburg and Laura Hachmeister.

The Board President, Joel Davis, thanked the committee for their time and effort. The Board will have a special work session to review the committee's recommendations for final board action/approval on Monday, April 7th.

Financial Reports –

McAlister moved to approve the Nutrition, Activity, General and Schoolhouse Fund Reports and set the hearing date for the 2014-2015 District Certified Budget for Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:30 P.M., seconded by Rosenbeck. Ayes: McAlister, Oswald, Rosenbeck, Schlatter, Anthofer, Davis and Leighty. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Connie Ankenbauer, Title I Teacher, Jolene Peters, School Nurse, and Mary Greving, New Opportunities, update the Board on the CR-B Summer Food Program Proposal. The summer food program would coincide with the summer academic program at the CR-B school kitchen for 4 weeks. New Opportunities would assume fiscal responsibility for the program and complete the administrative paper work. The Board will take action under new business.

Administrative Reports –

Supt. Stoffers reported on the following items:

District Facilities – Buildings and Grounds Committee, keyless entry system update and other miscellaneous projects/items.

District Finances – Ad Hoc Finance Committee update, staff communications, Rural Schools Advocates of Iowa (RSAI), copier/printer update, and Negotiations Committee update.

District Student Learning/Achievement – Curriculum program (C.I.A.), DE Site Visit update, Collaborating 4 Iowa Kids (C4K) – RtI Program for 2013-2014---F.A.S.T. Literacy Assessment, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Iowa Assessments, and Summer Academic School/Food Service Program.

District Leadership – Legislative update, 1:1 Initiative, Professional Leadership, and SIAC-CTE meetings.

District Public Relations – ISFIS/IASB, School Foundation meetings, and Preschool/PreK/Head Start sharing program.

Miscellaneous Items – Extra-Curricular update, Parent-Teacher Conferences (March 4th and March 6th), snow make-up days, and District Calendar of Events.

Principal/AD Jorth submitted a written report which included the following items:

Student Learning – 3rd Quarter, Tri-Term #2 Grades, PLC Summaries, Athletics Update and Other Activities.

District Finances – Ad Hoc Finance Committee Summary.

District Facilities – Gym Project Update.

Michael Lewis submitted a written report on the following items: 1:1 program update, new printers installed last week, and Microsoft settlement money needs to be spent before June 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

After a brief discussion, motion by Rosenbeck, seconded by Schlatter to approve the 2014 Summer Food Program in partnership with New Opportunities and Academic Summer School. Ayes: Rosenbeck, Schlatter, Anthofer, Davis and Leighty. Nays: Oswald and McAlister. Motion carried 5-2-0.

Principal Jorth reviewed 2014-2015 District Calendar options with the board. Rosenbeck moved to approve the Early Start Calendar Waiver Request Hearing for Monday, April 7, 2014 after the budget hearing, seconded by Leighty. Ayes: Rosenbeck, Schlatter, Anthofer, Davis, Leighty, McAlister and Oswald. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Oswald moved to approve the FY13 Independent Auditor's Report submitted by Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, P.C., seconded by McAlister. Ayes: Schlatter, Anthofer, Davis, Leighty, McAlister, Oswald and Rosenbeck. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Board Committees –

Negotiations/Finance Committee will meet briefly after the board meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet in April.

Negotiations –

Moved by Schlatter, seconded by McAlister to approve 2014-15 Certified Staff total package increase of 1.24%, which includes the following salary items: base salary increase from \$29,550 to \$29,950 (\$400 increase), Longevity stipend increases from \$675 to \$750 (\$75 increase), Eliminate 7 Intramurals from the Supplemental Salary Schedule and add Webpage Supervisor 2% to the Supplemental Salary Schedule, increase \$10,000 term life/AD & D insurance to \$20,000, with 6 language item changes (4.1.2, 4.3, 5.1, 6.2, 6.4 and 7.5.3) and the 2014-15 Support Staff base salary increase of a 1.75% average. Ayes: Anthofer, Davis, Leighty, McAlister, Oswald, Rosenbeck and Schlatter. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Miscellaneous -

The Board will have a work session on Monday, March 17th at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the work session will be the following: 1) Review cost savings recommendations from the Board Finance Ad Hoc Committee and 2) How to communicate the board's recommendations for possible action on Monday, April 7th board meeting.

Crusader Celebrations –

Successful Scholastic Book Fair, five individuals advance to state speech, and eleven boys are participating in Mock Trial, with CR-B being the smallest school competing.

Moved by Anthofer, seconded by Schlatter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 P.M. Ayes: Davis, Leighty, McAlister Oswald, Rosenbeck, Schlatter and Anthofer. Motion carried 7-0-0.