

**COON RAPIDS-BAYARD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESCHEDULED ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING FROM JANUARY 25TH, 2016
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2016**

The Coon Rapids-Bayard Board of Directors met on February 9th, 2016 in the Library (Media Center) at the Coon Rapids-Bayard Int/Jr.-Sr. High School for the rescheduled academic board meeting from January 25th, 2016.

President Rosenbeck called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. President Rosenbeck welcomed all visitors and press and asked for public comment. There was none.

Present on roll call: Lee, Rosenbeck, Mason, Davis, McAlister, South, Superintendent Ward, Principal Frakes, Curriculum Director Schwenk, and Secretary Huntley. Leighty arrived at 6:33 PM.

Press present - Charlie Nixon, Coon Rapids Enterprise

Lee moved to approve the agenda second by Davis. Motion passed 7-0-0

There was no public input to non-agenda items and there was no correspondence.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Curriculum Director Schwenk sent the board members the APR goals prior to the meeting and commented that all APR goals in academics were met this year. In Social studies, last year, the 9th through 11th grades were 80% proficient; this year 92% were proficient. Last year, in science, the 5th and 6th grades were 85% proficient; this year 92% were proficient. Last year in math, the 5th through 7th grades were 72% proficient; this year 80% were proficient. Last year, in reading,, the 6th through 8th grades were 70% proficient; this year 73% were proficient.

Schwenk had sent proficiencies in the Iowa Assessments to the board members prior to the meeting. Overall, the proficiencies were good over all areas. Schwenk pointed out there were a couple of areas that were borderline and pointed out that it is better to look at numbers rather than percentages since our classes are small and one or two outliers would skew the data. Schwenk commented the only area she was concerned with was 8th grade social studies. In the other areas, administration is looking at the students that are not proficient and getting the students into intervention groups. Schwenk is also looking into how advisory groups at the high school level can be utilized to help the students meet proficiency levels.

Schwenk commented that FAST testing is not complete; however, our elementary K-4th grade scores were higher than the other schools in the Heartland area. 2nd and 4th grade scores were lower and Schwenk is looking at ways to increase those scores. 5th and 6th grades scored a little above the other Heartland area schools. Schwenk expressed concern that while the scores in the areas have slowly been increasing, there is a leveling out at the high school level. The administration would like to see more academic growth in the high school. Schwenk commented there were three main factors that may contribute to the leveling test scores – effort, attendance, and rigor.

Schwenk commented the window for accepting TLC applications was extended to February 12th. The leadership team will survey the teachers during professional development on Wednesday to gauge if there would be more applicants. Schwenk also stated there would be a major shift in science standards and increasing the quality of STEM classes.

McAlister and Davis left at 6:49.

Schwenk entertained questions from the board regarding Denise Krefting's visit last board meeting regarding AEAPD Online. Lee wondered if the courses that were offered by AEAPD Online would be state certified. Schwenk stated that there would be a pretty good chance that the courses offered would be certified. Schwenk talked about how schools in Southwest Iowa had formed a consortium and are developing classes together as well as sharing teachers and schedules. The board expressed interest in hearing more about this. Schwenk invited a representative from the Fremont-Mills School District to talk to our teachers in late February and would let the board know the date and time.

PRINCIPAL ACADEMIC REPORT

Principal Frakes shared with the board that our attendance was at 94.99% for the first semester. He commented there are a few habitual offenders. Frakes handed out a table that displayed the distribution of grades A-F to the board members. The data included the high school displayed separately from junior high. The chart of most interest was the distribution of final grades for the high school students.. 29.34% of final grades were A's. 27.21% of final grades

were B's. 18.48% of final grades were C's. 9.85% of final grades were D's. and 1.79% of final grades were F's. Discussion was held on how to help students increase their final grades. Effort, attendance, and rigor were again discussed. Frakes expressed concern about the number of freshman who did not pass semester tests. Schwenk, Frakes, and Bill Orlando have discussed the possible reasons for the large percentage of "F's" on semester tests. Discussion was held on the benefits and disadvantages to holding semester tests before Christmas break. Administration commented that it is difficult for students to prepare for semester tests occurring only a week after coming back from Christmas break.

Davis returned at 7:14 pm.

Frakes reminded the board that, with the TLC grant and the size of the 3rd grade next year, 2.5 teachers will need be hired for the 2017 school year. Also, another classroom will be needed for the additional 3rd grade.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee, second by South. Motion carried 6-0-1. Adjourned at 7:16.

**COON RAPIDS-BAYARD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 8TH, 2016
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2016 FOLLOWING RESCHEDULED ACADEMIC MEETING FROM
JANUARY 25, 2016**

The Coon Rapids-Bayard Board of Directors met on February 9th, 2016 in the Library (Media Center) at the Coon Rapids-Bayard Int/Jr.-Sr. High School for the rescheduled regular board meeting from February 8th, 2016. This meeting followed the rescheduled academic board meeting from January 25th, 2016.

President Rosenbeck called the meeting to order at 7:16 P.M. President Rosenbeck welcomed all visitors and press and asked for public comment. There was none.

Present on roll call: Lee, Rosenbeck, South, Leighty, Mason, Davis, Superintendent Ward, Principal Frakes, Curriculum Director Schwenk, and Secretary Huntley. McAlister was absent.

Press present - Charlie Nixon, Coon Rapids Enterprise

Lee verified the posting of the regular board meeting on January 11th, 2016.

Mason moved to approve the agenda; second by Leighty.

Leighty moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Lee.

Mason moved to approve bills and claims. Second by Leighty. Motion carried 6-0-1.

There were no communications.

ACTION ITEMS

SBO Huntley presented the financials for the district as of January 31st.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There was no student representative present.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Two wrestlers qualified for district meet which will occur next Saturday. The speech contestants overall received a II in districts. On February 11th, the girls start basketball tournaments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Nathan Phippen, Transportation Director, put together an alternative bus route for hard surfaces in the case of inclement weather. Dr. Ward mentioned that districts who have alternative routes have attendance issues. Dr. Ward will present the routes at the next financial board meeting.

Update on State Supplemental Aid- the Senate is coming in at 4%; the house at 2%.

SAVE State Penny – The major bill out right now pushes for extension of the SAVE funds.

Insurance rate increase percentage for the most popular insurance plan offered at the school came in at 1.9%. The other plans will be either a little bit above or below that. Numbers will be provided mid-February to the district.

Teacher negotiations are at a stand still until exact increases in insurance for all the plans come through.

New Business

- A. Discuss/approve Danielle Willenborg's request to use EpiPen in school and new medication administration policies in the school. Mason motioned to table this request until next time as Danielle was unable to attend to answer board questions. Lee second. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Motion made by Lee, Second by South to approve the two following items. Motion carried 6-0-1.

- B. Discuss/Approve Rick Seydel as Driver's Education Instructor at \$225 per student.

C. Discuss/approve Marty Davis as Volunteer Wrestling Coach.

Lee motioned to table request to hire Mike Deeth for summer mowing. Second by South. Carried 6-0-1. The board will be accepting bids.

Superintendent Committee Report

Two districts were interest in sharing with CR-B as of last board meeting. Discussions were held between the committee and the interested districts. Since the last board meeting three additional districts, located between seventy and 150 miles away, have shown interest in sharing a superintendent with the school. Rosenbeck asked the board if they wanted the committee to proceed in further discussions with the three school districts. The board expressed they were comfortable with the committee moving forward with discussions with the districts.

There were no miscellaneous items.

Leighty motioned to adjourn. Lee second. Motion carried 6-0-1. Adjourned at 7:39 pm. Next academic board meeting – Monday, February 22nd.