

School Board Operations Committee-Minutes
OE Gray Professional Learning Center – IMC
November 27, 2017 – 6:30 PM
Minutes

Membership: Brian Miesen
Nancy Bongers
Josh Grabandt
Colleen McCabe
Connie Valenza
Kristoffer Brown

Minutes

Minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting were accepted.

Consent Agenda Items on Board Agenda

Superintendent Valenza discussed the consent agenda items. Items on the consent agenda for tonight's school board meeting include the following routine items:

- Hire of PHS School Guidance LTE/Intern – April Vaassen. April has a BA of Science: Psychology from UW-P and is currently attending Loras College to receive her MA of Arts: School Counseling Degree- expected graduation in May, 2018. Rhonda Wildes will be April's mentor on the days that she is at Platteville.
- Co-Curricular Hire – Cheer Advisor for BB season – Amy Smith-Mann
- Resignation from two Teaching Assistants and one Special Education Assistant. Sarah Knockel-teaching assistant at WV has accepted a position at Potosi Schools. Mindy Lin-teaching assistant at NW has accepted a full-time position out of state. Lisa Edge-HS special education assistant resigned due to health reasons.
- Assignment Increase for two special education assistants. Jill Hofmann-NW assistant has been with the district for 4 years. Lauren Herro-HS assistant started in August, 2017. Both assistants will work 37.5 hrs per week.

Operation/Discussion Items

Superintendent Valenza spoke with Karen Kurt in regards to having a joint meeting/retreat with the City Council. The City usually has a yearly meeting with the university to discuss issues. This year's agenda item may be housing. The City has proposed December 12th at 5:00 pm at the Public Library. This item will be discussed at the full board meeting tonight.

Other Items

Superintendent Valenza briefly discussed some big items coming up soon.

School calendar – should we do 2 years at a time instead of 1?

Employee Handbook – we will request some input from staff. Ask about changes or concerns.

May need to come up with a creative solution with the retirement 403B. The state may be making some changes to effect this benefit.

Colleen McCabe shared an idea to support more “kindness” activities. Recently the 5th graders went to the movie “Wonder”. Discussion on how the board, PTO or other groups can support taking all of the middle school students to the movie – with no expense to the students. The members were very supportive of the idea. More discussion in December....!

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner