

School Board Operations Committee-Minutes
OE Gray Professional Learning Center – IMC
December 11, 2017 – 6:05 PM
Minutes

Membership: Brian Miesen
Nancy Bongers
Josh Grabandt
Colleen McCabe

Connie Valenza
Kristoffer Brown

Minutes

Minutes from the November 27, 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:

- Financial Report and Bills of the month for December 2017
- Resignation from High School Spanish Teacher – Kyle Bennett. Kyle has accepted a job at Southwest WI Technical College as a Student Success Coach. We will be posting the position in hopes of finding a replacement very soon. Until a replacement is found, Jeff Henderson will come back and sub.
- New hire of a part-time 4K Assistant. Natallia Biarnetskaya has been hired. She is certified in music – vocal and piano. It is our hope that Natallia will be available to help assist with our music program at NW when time allows.

Operation/Discussion Items

Superintendent Valenza discussed the 2018-19-20 School Calendar process with the committee members. She is going to ask the calendar committee (committee has 2 certified and 1 support staff from each building and the building principal/director) to develop a 2-year calendar. Committee members agreed that most of the feedback that was shared with them was positive. UWP was contacted and our calendars will try to match up breaks if possible. The calendars will be voted on early next year-hopefully in January.

Superintendent Valenza briefly discussed the 2018-19 Employee Handbook process. She explained that staff will want to know any major items prior to March 15 (retirement date deadline). The board may have to look for a different avenue on the retirement benefit due to new federal tax laws. We will have to wait to see if the change will pass this year...but it sounds like it will happen...sooner or later.

Superintendent Valenza also talked about student numbers and the possibility of St. Mary's starting again. Currently, our 4K program is a HUGE success! We definitely will look to see if we want to expand more of our exploratory learning to Kindergarten. There was a brief discussion on the multi-age classrooms. From what we can see and hear, these classrooms seem to be working out nicely.

Superintendent Valenza reminded the committee members of the Joint City Council and School Board Retreat taking place tomorrow (December 12th) at the Platteville Public Library. Most of the board members will be in attendance. Updates with the City and School District will be followed by brainstorming on attracting young families to Platteville.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner