

School Board Operations Committee
OE Gray Professional Learning Center – IMC
September 25, 2017 – 6:12 PM
Minutes

Membership: Brian Miesen
Nancy Bongers-abs
Josh Grabandt
Colleen McCabe

Connie Valenza
Kristoffer Brown

Minutes

Minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting were accepted.

Consent Agenda Items on Board Agenda

Superintendent Valenza presented the consent agenda items and asked for questions or clarifications. Items on the consent agenda for tonight's school board meeting include the following routine items:

- Board minutes (9-11-17)
- Personnel Changes:

Co-Curricular Hires. Both hires are due to large number of participants. Ashtyn Held will be an assistant coach for the 7th grade volleyball team for the 2017-18 season. He is a current UW-P student. Jacob Reuter will be an assistant Cross Country Coach. He has volunteered with the team for the past 2 years and is also the head track coach at Potosi.

- Donations totaling \$12,120.00 were shared.

Operation/Discussion Items

Superintendent Valenza explained the new/updated support staff and professional compensation matrices and increases. She stated that schools are fortunate to receive state aid per pupil in the amount of \$200 first year and \$204 second year.

Superintendent Valenza discussed the support staff matrix and pointed out some of the changes. Probation will go from 90 days to one year. The step/lane increments were evened up (\$0.50 cents each). Our support staff compensation is very competitive in our area with other schools and employers.

The professional staff matrices were discussed. Superintendent Valenza explained that with the new matrices – the district is making a huge investment in salary money in order to hire and keep quality employees. The steps/lanes were evened up. Makes for easier understanding. \$1,000.00 per step except the Distinguished Educator would be \$1,500.00 per step. The professional staff will receive a 3% increase. Groups and expectations on each matrix was discussed. The Platteville Schools have very competitive salaries as well as opportunities for the professional staff to earn extra stipends.

Superintendent Valenza stated that the amount of money going toward staff compensation is due to the increase in the overall budget, savings from the current insurance and stable enrollment.

Other Items

Business Manager Brown discussed the Third Friday Count (September 15, 2017). He shared slides that gave enrollment numbers/details at each school and grade level. He also talked about open enrollment numbers and the class trends from 2014 to 2017. Our FTE is down from last year but the summer school programs really helped this year. We had 650 students participate this year during the summer which is almost half of our total enrollment! After all is said and done, he feels that we are in a much better position after our Third Friday Count.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner