

School Board Personnel & Finance Committee
OEG IMC – February 8, 2016 – 6:41 PM
Minutes

Membership: Brian Miesen
Heather Connolly
Josh Grabandt - abs

Connie Valenza
Art Beaulieu

I. Minutes

- Minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed.

II. Financial Considerations

- Art Beaulieu presented the Financial Report and Bills of the Month of January, 2016.
- Superintendent Valenza and Art Beaulieu briefly updated the committee members on the 2016-17 Budget and Handbook staff meetings. Superintendent Valenza shared the slides that were presented at the three previous staff meetings. She noted that the last staff meeting is set for February 10th at Westview Elementary at 3:30 pm.
Art explained the budget process which included projected and preliminary expenses as well as preliminary revenues. He reminded everyone that this is a preliminary budget – some money could be freed up depending on salary costs, retirements and the final increase of our health insurance. He also discussed property taxes, equalization and categorical aid and Title funding. He stated that we are currently looking at a preliminary budget that could have a shortfall of over \$200,000.00. Feedback from the employee meetings will be shared at the special board retreat in February. The board will have to discuss cuts related to the budget.
- Art updated the committee members on the January Membership Count and our grade level free & reduced percentages.
- Superintendent Valenza and Art Beaulieu informed the committee members of a petition to alter school district boundaries request. This request will be brought back to the next school board meeting as an action item after we are informed of Iowa Grants’ decision to approve or deny. The family involved currently has a child that open enrolls to our district. There was some discussion on the process involved with such a request.
- Art shared a Petition to Alter School District Boundaries with the committee members. The petition has to be approved by both schools. Iowa Grant was taking action on the petition at their school board meeting tonight. We will have the petition as an action item at our Feb. 22nd school board meeting. If both districts don’t agree, the parents can appeal to DPI.

III. Personnel Considerations

Superintendent Valenza briefly discussed the current personnel updates. Platteville is very fortunate to have 2 Speech Pathologists seeking a position in our district. Superintendent Valenza discussed providing additional staff next year that includes two guidance interns (1 middle school, 1 high school) and our part-time psychologist will become full-time. There was discussion on whether the added staff for the grade level “bubbles” will remain or will we cut back.

IV. Other

- Superintendent Valenza explained changes/updates regarding the 2016-17 school calendar. The board will vote on the changes that were requested. She also explained that there will be a cost to the district for adding Martin Luther King Day as a holiday for all 12 month employees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner