

School Board Operations Committee
OE Gray Professional Learning Center – IMC
December 12, 2016 – 5:30 PM
Minutes

Membership: Brian Miesen
Heather Connolly-late
Josh Grabandt
Connie Valenza
Kristoffer Brown

I. Minutes

- Minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting were accepted.

II. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Valenza presented the consent agenda items and asked the committee members if they had any questions or needed clarifications.

Items on the consent agenda for tonight's school board meeting include:

- Board minutes (11-28-16)
- November 2016 Financial Report
- Personnel Changes:
 - HS Food Service hire –Y. Li
 - NW PT Housekeeping hire – J. Roschi

III. Operation/Discussion Items

Superintendent Valenza began the discussion with the upcoming 2017-18 Budget and the Employee Handbook.

At this point there is concern with what the future holds related to the budget. One major concern is our student numbers. Our numbers declined more than what was predicted from last year. Superintendent Valenza believes that a major reason for the decline in our student numbers is the lack of affordable young family housing available in Platteville. Each student that leaves takes approximately \$10,000.00+ of funding away from our district. Our September 3rd Friday Count was down by 43 students compared to last year.

A couple of other concerns that were discussed and will affect our budget relate to staffing (due to declining enrollment) and future insurance rates. Superintendent Valenza stated that although there will probably be some tough conversations ahead of us relating to the budget – most districts will be in the same boat budget wise. We can't move forward until the Governor's Budget is presented.

Superintendent Valenza is recommending to the board to wait on the employee handbook until we get a better picture of the new biennial budget. The committee members were in agreement to delay the process of the handbook until tentative Governor's budget recommendations are in.

Superintendent Valenza reminded the committee members of the Coffee Talk taking place December 19, 2016 at Westview. Board members that will be attending the social event are Josh Grabandt, Colleen McCabe and Nancy Bongers. Superintendent Valenza will also be at Westview.

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner