

School Board Operations Committee
OE Gray Professional Learning Center – IMC
February 13, 2017 – 6:00 PM
Minutes

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

I. Minutes

Minutes from the January 23, 2017 meeting were accepted.

II. Consent 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 (1-23-17)
- January, 2017 Financial Report
- Personnel Changes:
 - New hire – Samantha Hamer-EC Special Ed Assistant-replacing Lisa Edge.
 - Lisa Edge transferring to PHS as a full-time Special Ed Assistant

III. Action Items

-Superintendent Valenza shared the 2017-18 draft calendar with the committee. This calendar will go to the full board tonight for approval. The day prior to Thanksgiving is now a full day off for staff and students. Members were in agreement to approve the 2017-18 calendar.

-School Start Date Resolution was discussed. Superintendent Valenza stated that this item is gaining traction this year for many districts. She briefly discussed the bulleted items on the resolution and pointed out how each one pertains to and impacts Platteville.

IV. Operation/Discussion Items

-2017-19 State Biennial Budget Implications for K-12 was discussed. A reminder that this is currently just a proposal from the Governor, but this proposal is much improved for public schools this year. There still could be push back on certain items within the proposal. Superintendent Valenza gave an overview on the proposal recommendations. Several slides were viewed and discussed. Superintendent Valenza stated that there may be some concerns with the timeline. Hopefully the budget will be approved sooner than later.

-The 2017-18 budget projection update was shared. Superintendent Valenza discussed enrollment, Fund 10 revenues and expenditures and what assumptions can be made at this time. A revenue increase per student will make a sizable difference in surplus/deficit.

The March 1st deadline for staffing was briefly discussed along with the ongoing conversation dealing with the alignment of staff due to enrollment.

-Superintendent Valenza discussed the handbook retirement change due to IRS regulations. The change will go to the full board at the next school board meeting (Feb. 27, 2017) for approval. Our benefit is referred to as "constructive receipt" which means that money is eligible to be taxed immediately, even if it has not been received. With the proposed 403b fix the benefit becomes legally compliant and the employee only pays taxes on the money once it is withdrawn. No social security tax will be paid by the employee or district with the 403b. There is a negative impact of the benefit which is that the money can no longer be transferred to the beneficiary upon the death of the employee. She explained that the district can add to the 403b in the first year immediately following death and that can go to the beneficiary through the estate. All following payments will cease.

-The gym floor at Westview was briefly discussed. The floor has been tested (Kraemer) and it is within specs and is in comparison to other floors.

-Superintendent Valenza reminded the members that there will be several UW-Platteville education students attending the school board meeting tonight.

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner