

St. Ansgar, Iowa
January 20, 2020

The St. Ansgar Community School District is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Educational Agency.

The Board of Directors of the St. Ansgar Community School District met in regular session in the High School Media Center at 5:32 P.M.

Present: Directors Steve Groth, Will Morrow, Kyle Tabbert, Lindsay Falk, and Lowanna Hannam. Superintendent Michael Crozier. Business Manager/Board Secretary Emily Johnson-Woods. 6 guests were present. Principal Lynn Baldus arrived at 5:40 P.M. Principal Scott Cakerice arrived 6:00 P.M. Director Bork arrived at 6:11 P.M.

Absent: Director Brumm.

The meeting was called to order by President Groth. Morrow moved, duly 2nd by Tabbert, to approve the agenda. Ayes-Morrow, Tabbert, Falk, Hannam, and Groth. Nays-None.

Steve Shultz, NIACC President, was present to present information on a bond that they would like to get passed to do updates and expansion to their campus. Steve discussed how NIACC has been beneficial and saved money to students in our district, and how the programs have expanded at the campus. The Bond would partially go to Community Centers within 30 miles of every High School. Voting will be on March 3, 2020. Approximate cost to taxpayer would be 20.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed taxable valuation. They are asking for \$15 Million Capital Bond.

There was a round table discussion with Legislators Representative Jane Bloomingdale and Senator Waylon Brown. Jane said that there were proposals that were passed on for Mental Health, Student Cost per Pupil, Transportation Equity, and State Aid. There was a discussion on the Mental Health Proposal and what it would mean for districts and where the funding could potentially go. Superintendent Crozier thinks having the AEA as part of this proposal would be very beneficial for the school district. Classroom Safety is a big thing that the state is working on, which would include Mental Health. Sharing Dollars was a big thing the Board felt needed an increase in as it helps small districts like ours. Director Groth asked if there could be other ways that the concurrent enrollment could be funded besides the School General Fund as the General Funds are depleted by so many different instructional areas. Director Bork would like to see more flexibility with the preschool program wording so there can be funding to help educate those students. Director Falk talked about the daycare need in communities. Jane stated that the state is looking for incentives that could lead to more daycares.

Written Communications were presented in the packet. Matt Gillaspie sent a Bond Rating Change.

Administration Reports: Presented in Board Packet. Superintendent Crozier will meet with President Steve Groth and Northwood-Kensett President Larry Hovey to evaluate the Superintendent Sharing Agreement. Mr. Crozier discussed the Website improvements and the plan for improved social media status. There is also an app in development. Mr. Crozier discussed the financial projection report for the next five years. It is important to look ahead to see what the District could save now to help the District in the future.

Director Falk asked if there is something we should do about the NIACC bond, and whether we need to promote the bond. Superintendent Crozier said we can send a reminder to get out and vote.

Director Groth discussed an option to try to get the Stacyville Preschool Kids here for school to help the daycares in Stacyville. The District can charge for this service if needed. The Board would like Mr. Crozier to look into this further.

Falk moved, duly 2nd by Hannam, to approve the Consent Action Items which included the following:

- Minutes from the December 9, 2019 board meeting.
- December 2019 Financial Statements.

- December bills, including prepaids in the amount of \$444,584.32.
- Payroll and Payroll related expenditures in the amount of \$471,343.56 for December.
- Approve the resignation of Neil Riley as Building Maintenance Director.
- Approve the resignation of Scott Cakerice as Athletic Director.
- Approve the December Learning Connection Salary Payments to Sue Loken for \$1,300, Courtney Jorgenson for \$32.63, Emily Nalan-May for \$120.75, and Theresa Cooper for \$97.75.
- Approve payment to Craig Christensen for HS Wrestling Dual Tournament Manager in the amount of \$125.
- Approve the TQ payment to Marena Henkle in the amount of \$125.
- Approve the TQ payment to Keely Schwiesow, Lori Riley, Mary Wittenburg, Jena Hardy, Bryan Mayer, and Shannon Belz in the amount of \$100 each.
- Approve the TQ payment to Kelly Patterson in the amount of \$50.

Ayes-Tabbert, Falk, Bork, Hannam, Groth, and Morrow. Nays-None

Morrow moved, duly 2nd by Tabbert, to approve the Student Council fundraiser request. Ayes- Falk, Bork, Hannam, Groth, Morrow, and Tabbert. Nays-None.

Tabbert moved, duly 2nd by Morrow, to accept the minutes of the DDSDP Committee's December 9, 2019 meeting. Ayes-Bork, Hannam, Groth, Morrow, Tabbert, and Falk. Nays-None.

Falk moved, duly 2nd by Tabbert, to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2020 SIAC Committee meeting. Ayes- Hannam, Groth, Morrow, Tabbert, Falk, and Bork. Nays-None.

The Board would like to thank Neil Riley for his years of service as he retired January 17, 2020.

The Board discussed the combination of Grounds and Maintenance Positions and the cost savings breakdown. Bork moved, duly 2nd by Falk, to approve the Grounds and Maintenance Position Combination for a yearly salary of \$41,000, pro-rated for the remainder 117 days of this fiscal year. Ayes- Groth, Morrow, Tabbert, Falk, Bork, and Hannam. Nays-None.

Morrow moved, duly 2nd by Falk, to approve the resolution for the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2020-2021 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$25,489 for expenditures necessary to implement the 2020-2021 at risk and dropout prevention program plans as approved by the St. Ansgar CSD School Board. Ayes- Morrow, Tabbert, Falk, Bork, Hannam, and Groth. Nays- None.

The Board discussed the 28E Agreement with Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission for Natural Gas Participation Agreement, the board decided to pass on this opportunity at this time. No action was taken.

The WCDA Sub Committee set January 29, 2020 at 4 P.M for their meeting.

Falk moved, duly 2nd by Morrow, to approve the first reading of board policy changes as listed for the following policies: 104, 104.R1, 303.7, 304.8, 401.18, 401.18R1, 402.2, 403.7, 403.7E3, 304.5, 401.2, 401.3, 401.15, 403.3, 403.4, 407.3, and new policy 403.7E3. Ayes- Tabbert, Falk, Bork, Hannam, Groth, and Morrow. Nays-None.

Mike Thompson with NGT was present to discuss the list of recommendations that NGT has to help the School District to make technology updates. There is an "E" rate that gives a percent of this back to the District, but the District must pay for this up front. This is updates that the District will need to be efficient. The Board would like to move forward with NGT to look into these updates. No action was taken.

Superintendent Crozier discussed a New Bus Barn with the Board. The Board would like this project to move forward and look for lots that would be for sale that would work for the school district. Our SAVE Fund and PPEL fund are healthy enough that we are in the position to be able to move forward with this project. The lot would be first step, then design the

building and work on bids.

Bork moved, duly 2nd Falk, to approve the open enrollments as presented in the packet. Ayes- Falk, Bork, Hannam, Groth, Morrow, and Tabbert. Nays- None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Attachments to the board minutes may be viewed at the Board Secretary's Office. There may be a charge for any copies that are requested.

Steve Groth, President

Emily Johnson-Woods, Board Secretary