

BOARD NOTES:

June 12, 2019, Regular Board Meeting:

Consent Agenda: The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from the May 14th Regular Board Meeting and the monthly bills and salaries.

Capital Improvement:

Middlefork School: The building has been fenced off and renovations have begun, with asbestos abatement starting this week. After that is completed, demo of the library will take place. Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange was present for the first Park District camp drop-off and pick-up, and reported that it went surprisingly smoothly.

Sunset Ridge School: The outdoor basketball court will be relevelled due to surface puddling, after which sections will be resurfaced and restriped. District attorneys are reviewing the terms of the long-term maintenance bond covering any repair/damages incurred due to the incorrect placement of the driveway water service vault.

Old Business: After agreeing to move the October, 2019, Board meeting to the following week, the Board approved the Revised 2019-2020 Board Meeting Calendar.

Board Open Discussion: The Board discussed the option of emailing the August administrative communication to parents rather than mailing it out as is usually done. The Board agreed that email was more efficient and environmentally conscious, but added that a School Messenger Alert notifying parents to the change at that time would be a good idea.

New Business: The board had a first reading of the revisions of Board Policies 700.01 (Equal Educational Opportunity), 705.04 (School Admissions), 705.10 (Assignment to Classes), 705.12 (Absences and Unexcused Absences), 705.15 (Tardiness), 705.16 (Release for Religious Reasons), 705.17 (Release Time During School), and 710.03 (Search and Seizure). Existing policies 705.13 (Unexcused Absences) and 705.23 (Student Transfers) were proposed to be deleted, as their content is covered in other policies.

Finance and Facilities: The Board discussed the option to rent out the fields at Sunset Ridge School. After not allowing rentals this past year in order to let the sod get established, the Board agreed that rental opportunities should be carefully considered for the coming year. The next meeting is July 16, 2019, at 6pm.

Education Committee: The next meeting is September 10, 2019, at 6pm.

IASB: Dr. Stange reported that the end of the legislative session brought a flurry of bills that included changes in educational funding, taxes on gas, marijuana legalization, implementation of progressive income tax rates, and a raise in the pension liability limit from 3% to 6%.

PTO: No report.

NSSED: No report.

Northfield Park District: No report.

Village of Northfield: No report.

Foundation Fund: Board Member Ms. Amanda Alpert Knight reported that they continue to look for new members.

Administrative Reports: Dr. Stange reported that Kindergarten enrollment is officially up to 47, and the District has posted an opening for a Sunset Ridge Student Services teacher. The Board discussed the recent decision by our insurance provider to change the protocol for approval and payment of liability claims, including the limiting of legal firms approved for representation. The Board asked Dr. Stange to collect more information for further discussion. The Board approved the Voluntary Employee Benefit plan Renewal, the Resolution to Amend Flex Benefit plan, the Communication Audit Services Contract, and the Long-Term Disability Insurance Renewal.

Middlefork School: Dr. Mary Frances Greene reported that 3rd grade graduation went well, along with all the rest of the end-of-year activities. After careful review, an NSSED classroom will be implemented for the 2019-2020 school year, with the logistics and impact on scheduling being worked out this summer. Most likely the class will be held in the Spanish room, and Spanish will move to a cart system that travels to each classroom. In order to accommodate this travel, the once-a-week Kindergarten Spanish lesson will be subtracted.

Sunset Ridge School: Dr. Stange reported that the Panorama Survey results are beginning to come back, and are proving very insightful. He also thanked all of the staff who made 8th grade graduation such a special occasion.

Recommendations: The Board approved the Closed Session Minutes of May 14, 2019, the FY20 Pay Increase for Off-Schedule Assistants, and the 2019-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Sunset Ridge Education Association.

Official meeting minutes will be posted on the website following their approval at the July 16, 2019 Regular Board meeting.