School Board Adopts Budget for 2024-25

The Bowling Green R-I School District Board of Education met on Monday, June 15, and adopted a budget for the coming fiscal year. In his last proposed budget and Budget Message to the board, Dr. Matt Frederickson projected revenues of $21,550,000 and expenditures of $20,570,000. Incoming superintendent, Nick Larson, was in attendance and expressed his appreciation to Dr. Frederickson for allowing his participation in the development of the district's budget.

Plans call for the new Early Childhood Center to start the year with two full-day programs for pre-school students and two half-day programs. Cory Kessler, Elementary Principal, said that they expected to start with an enrollment of 80 students in the new building and would also house about 30 students in the day-care that is provided for employees of the district. He estimated that they would have 18 staff members working in the building.

Chris Krupinski, Project Manager for Veregy, the construction management firm overseeing the building projects, reported that the construction projects approved by the voters in 2023 were on or ahead of schedule. He stated that the Early Childhood Center may be turned over to the district as early as August 1. The other projects are scheduled to be completed by August 16. Board members toured the buildings before the meeting to view the progress being made.

At the close of the meeting, board members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Frederickson for his seven years as the district superintendent. Dr. Frederickson will be moving to the Troy R-III School District on July 1 as superintendent. Nick Larson, currently serving as superintendent for the Community R-6 School District, will begin his role as superintendent of the Bowling Green R-I School District on July 1.

Next meeting of the school board will be Tuesday, July 16, at 5:30 pm in the district office.