

Iowa Valley Community School District
Minutes of Regular Meeting held 3.16.2022

Attendees:

Voting Members:

Mrs. Annie Rabe

Ms. Ellen Young

Mr. Dan Slaymaker

Mrs. Bobbi Miller

Members absent: Mr. Jay Hall

Non-Voting Members:

Mrs. Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary

Others present: Mr. Curt Rheingans, Janet Behrens, Liesl Yunek, Liz Kriegel

Call to Order

- a. Vice President Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Vice President Miller read the Mission Statement

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Young,

Motion seconded by Slaymaker to approve the agenda, with additions to include consideration of the Mid-Prairie HSAP 28E Agreement.

Voting: Unanimously Approved. 4-0 Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors - None

Open Forum – None

Student Recognition - None

Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Rabe, seconded by Young to approve the consent agenda items: Minutes, Financial reports, Bills for March, Assistant Softball Coach Contract to Monica Miller, Resignation from Gabby Hynek as Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach, Resignation from Grace Andreassen as Preschool Teacher. Motion carried.

The board discussed the proposed School Budget for FY23. Superintendent Rheingans discussed with the board the proposed property tax rate of \$11.56/\$1,000 which would drop from the previous budget. Superintendent Rheingans also discussed that the surtax rate will also be lower.

The board discussed having the public hearing for the FY 23 Budget. A motion was made by Rabe, seconded by Young to approve to set the FY23 Budget Hearing on April 6th, 2022 @ 5:30pm in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote. Young aye, Rabe aye, Slaymaker aye, Miller aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the Return to Learn Plan. Superintendent Rheingans informed the board that the Return to Learn plan that is posted on our website, needs to be reviewed every 6 months in order to continue to receive the federal ESSER funding. A motion was made by Slaymaker, seconded by Rabe to approve the Return to Learn plan. Roll call vote. Rabe aye, Young aye, Slaymaker aye, Miller aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rabe, seconded by Slaymaker to approve the Student Teaching Agreement with UNI for the FY23 School year. Motion carried.

Liz Kriegel was at the meeting to discuss the wind turbines and the increases valuation that it will give the school districts. She discussed that Iowa Valley will get eventually get an increased valuation of 30 million. Administration discussed with the board that this will significantly help the district in bonding capabilities.

The board discussed starting a Student Construction class. Administration discussed that interested students could enroll to a class to renovate houses in Marengo. Superintendent Rheingans discussed that we are starting discussions to have an investor buy the houses, provide the materials for our students to fix up and sell and the district would gain some of the profits.

The board also discussed possibly purchasing a city maintenance building that they are wanting to sell and pay to move it to the elementary site for a bus barn for the District. The discussed their interest in the total cost before committing to the project. Mr. Rheingans informed the board that he would start gathering costs.

The board heard a request from the FCS Department to do a fundraiser, creating a wishlist online through Pampered Chef, and any interested donating those items to the schools. Administration informed the board that this type of fundraiser is very similar to a Go Fund Me fundraiser. All fundraisers of this type must be board approved. A motion was made by Slaymaker, seconded by Young to approve the FCS Pampered Chef fundraiser. Motion carried.

The board discussed the snow make up day, April 18th. Administration informed the board that this date is a professional development date and the District has already made arrangements for presentations that day so the snow day/make up time will be put at the end of the school year.

Administration discussed with the board about continuing the Natural Gas Pool/consortium. Administration informed the board that the district would be a part of a consortium and the payment could come from Management Fund. A motion was made by Young, seconded by Slaymaker to approve the resolution to participate in a Natural Gas Pool/Consortium. Roll call vote. Slaymaker aye, Miller aye, Rabe aye, Young aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed school fees for the 2022-2023 school year. A motion was made by Slaymaker, seconded by Young, to approve to increase 3 year old preschool to \$100/month, leave the textbook fees at \$60/student for the year, and leave the hot lunch fees the same. Motion carried.

The board discussed purchasing new entry doors at the athletic entrances at the high school. Administration shared the low bid was from Liberty Doors, Iowa City for \$39,570. A motion was made by Young, seconded by Slaymaker to approve the purchase of new doors for the high school from Liberty Doors, Iowa City for \$39,570. Roll call vote. Young aye, Rabe aye, Miller aye, Slaymaker aye. Motion carried.

Administration discussed with the board entering into a new 28E Agreement with Mid-Prairie Schools for our students to be a part of their HSAP program, but also allowing those specified students to dual enroll to Iowa Valley for specific programs. We would be keeping .20 weighting per student. A motion was made by Rabe, seconded by Slaymaker to approve the 28E Agreement with Mid Prairie School District. Motion carried.

The board received an open enrollment application from Morgan Ipsen to attend Iowa Valley Schools, this school year. A motion was made by Young, seconded by Slaymaker to approve the open enrollment application from Morgan Ipsen to attend Iowa Valley this school year. Roll call vote. Rabe aye, Young aye, Miller aye, Slaymaker aye. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged the following open enrollments:

a. Open enrollment in

1. Matthias Culp grade 3 from Benton
2. Elizabeth Culp grade 3 from Benton
3. Ronnie Culp grade 5 from Benton
4. Emery Goodrich K from HLV

a. Open enrolled out

1. Adam Wells grade k to CCA
2. Micah Gray grade K to Mid Prairie
3. Eden Gray grade 2 to Mid Prairie
4. Lena Gray grade 4 to Mid Prairie
5. Zoe Gray grade 6 to Mid Prairie
6. Noah Gray grade to Mid Prairie

A motion was made by Slaymaker, seconded by Young to acknowledge the presented open enrollments. Motion carried.

IVCSD Capital Projects. Superintendent Rheingans discussed that we need to just wait for spring to come so the approved projects can be completed.

Administrative Reports: Mrs. Yunek discussed that ISASP testing will be the last week in March and the kids will be going on a field trip to Blank Park Zoo this spring.

Mrs. Behrens also discussed the seniors are getting ready for graduation, testing will be in late March and spring sports are starting.

Mr. Rheingans discussed the recent Retention Bonus for specified teachers. He discussed with the board to think about giving a similar payment to the remaining teachers, administration and non-

Items for March Meeting:

Bonus Retention, Copiers, High School Bells

The board toured the High School Building with administration.

A motion was made by Slaymaker, seconded by Young to adjourn at 7:31pm. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.