

BOARD ACTION REPORT
Corporation Office
November 8, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Mr. Blaydes, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Kinkead, Mr. Mason, Mr. Monts, Mr. Spencer and Dr. Greiner.

-Mrs. Amanda Ellenberger and her art students gave a presentation. Students shared how they worked with and learned from guest artists. Mrs. Ellenberger praised students for their flexibility and positivity through the changes caused by the pandemic.

-Approved the following revisions to the agenda:

-Approved resignation from Mrs. Jennifer Ellingwood, Music Teacher – Ladoga/Walnut – effective November 19th, 2021.

Public Comments:

-none.

-Approved the following consent agenda items:

-Minutes of previous meetings.

-Pre-Paid and Claims, claim numbers 104769 through 104923.

-October payrolls

-Approved resignation of Krysten Kingery – ELA Teacher – Southmont Jr. High School – effective November 1, 2021.

-Approved resignation of Mrs. Jennifer Ellingwood, Music Teacher – Ladoga/Walnut effective November 19th, 2021.

-Patricia Hobson – Math Teacher – Southmont High School.

-Julie Page – Kindergarten Teacher – New Market Elementary – Medical Leave – December 8, 2021 through January 19, 2022.

-Transfer Melissa Surber – JH Clinic Aide to HS Guidance Secretary.

-Aaron Charles – Corporate Sponsorship stipend - \$2600.00.

-Extra Duty Recommendations: Jane Coudret, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball & Football Worker – \$200.00; Melissa Norman, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Worker & Concessions Manager - \$2,150.00; Katy Yoakum, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Worker & Fall Worker - \$150.00; Jesse Burgess, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball & Football Worker - \$50.00; Kyle Owens, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Worker – \$50.00; Jake Turner, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Worker & Fall Worker - \$525.00; Erin Blaydes, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Worker - \$75.00.

-Nathan Sweet – 6th grade Boys Basketball Coach - \$1053.00.

-Craig Carrell – Varsity Assistant Football Coach – ½ stipend - \$1400.00.

-Deryk Bengel – Varsity Assistant Football Coach – ½ stipend - \$1358.00.

-Rescind the contract addendum for Krysten Kingery – JH Cheerleading Sponsor – Winter Payment - \$461.00.

-Jennifer Jennings – JH Cheerleading Sponsor – Winter Payment - \$475.00.

-Bob Hodges – 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach – Volunteer.

-Marabeth Gonczarow – IPLI Training stipend - \$100.00.

-Dana Hunt – IPLI Training stipend - \$100.00.

-Administrator and Hourly Increases.

-Donations made to Southmont High School in the amount of \$3,813.40.

-Report from Superintendent:

-Dr. Greiner recognized and congratulated the entire cast and crew of Annie Jr. on an outstanding production. Mr. Monts agreed. Dr. Greiner discussed that non-certified pay

was increased with the approval of the consent agenda. Staff will receive notification of how their pay will increase and the first pay period with the increase will be December 3. Dr. Greiner will recommend bus driver increases for the December meeting.

-Report from the Director of Business:

-None.

-Reports from Director and Principals:

-Mr. Mike Tricker – Director of Operations: None.

-Mrs. Anna Roth – Director of Curriculum – None.

-Mr. Eric W. Brewer, Director of Transportation & WES Principal: Nothing to report for transportation. Mr. Brewer shared information about Walnut Elementary School. He thanked the community for the support of their raffle at the Fall Festival noting that 6,000 tickets were sold compared to the typical 2,500 sold. Mr. Brewer shared updates on the School Improvement Plan and highlighted strategies in place to support reaching goals. Mr. Monts asked about the impact of the pandemic on predicted scores, and Mr. Brewer agreed that the past 18 months has been difficult and that the staff are working to catch up kids.

Public Comments:

-Mr. Monts congratulated Mr. Gonczarow for being recognized as an “Upstander” for his contributions to Holocaust Education in the schools.

-Mrs. Woods asked about visitors in schools and if the issue is related to Covid-19. Dr. Greiner confirmed that the current situation is related to Covid-19 so that we can limit quarantines and close-contact tracing.

-Mrs. Woods asked about the PSAT and SAT at the high school. Dr. Greiner and Mrs. Roth shared that the NWEA does not offer the same level of helpful information that the PSAT would offer for the needs of high-school students who are now required to take the SAT as the graduation qualifying exam.

-Mr. Monts invited other public comments; there were none.

-Adjourned.