

School Board Meeting Recap

1/9/24

<p>Mrs. Clouser-Penrod expressed her gratitude to everyone who responded to yesterday’s situation. The school staff did a great job keeping a calm composure while over 1,300 staff and students were being transported to a safe location. She also expressed thanks to the administration team and Officer Hough. Every person that was here with law enforcement was great – local, regional, and state branches. Officer Hough added that several of the officers who reported were off-duty that day but still came to help. Mitch Sprunger mentioned he was able to experience the pick-up process from a parent/guardian’s standpoint and was impressed at how smoothly everything ran. Mrs. Clouser-Penrod stated First Missionary Church was phenomenal and was available to help in any way needed.</p>	
<p>Personnel Items</p>	<p>A motion was made and passed to approve the following personnel items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation of Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maria Huelskamp – Instructional Specialist/Life Skills Teacher ○ Mary Elliott – Food Service ○ Stephania Taylor – Part-time Kindergarten Assistant ○ Jolene Wynn – Payroll/HR Coordinator ○ Carolyn Nussbaum – Food Service • New Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paul Harris – Part-time HS Custodian – replacing Taylor Nussbaum ○ Faith VonGunten – Part-time Kindergarten Assistant – replacing Stephania Taylor • Volunteer Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andy Steiner – Weight Room Leader
<p>Reports Facilities/Construction Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy from PSI reported the brick is being laid in the multi-function building, and Jones has been working diligently on wall framing. Don Myers Plumbing is installing drains inside, and the roofers will come in next. Once roofing is complete, sheeting will be done to get the building enclosed. The workers will try to tent the scaffolding and have heaters to continue to work in the cold temperatures being forecasted. • With the rain we had today, Dave Vorhees walked around to see how the drainage has held up. Everything looked great. • A new water heater was installed in the K-8 building. • Foster Floors was here to install the new surrounding metal on the gym floor with repairs to the gray part as well.
<p>Safety/Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Nathan spoke with the camera rep, it has been decided to look into alternative options for the facial recognition software. Officer Hough will continue to look into this. • Doug Beall reported the evacuation and reunification process went very well. Some notes were made of some areas that can be improved – not because it was done wrong but could be better. • A new quote has been obtained from SMART Tag for the number of devices we would need for bus ridership software with a savings of \$6,600 with self-installation and lower shipping costs. Once funding has been figured out, the accepted quote will need to be submitted by Spring Break to ensure the program is up and running by next school year.
<p>Old Business Tennis Court Update</p>	<p>The official first meeting has not been scheduled yet. It has been decided to wait to start the project until after the completion of the tennis season (late May/early June). This will ensure the materials can cure for the proper amount of time without disrupting the season.</p>

New Business	The South Adams Music Department will be presenting The Addams Family musical in March, and a listing of salaries was provided for review and approval. A motion and made and passed to approve the musical salaries as presented.
Musical Salaries	
Health Insurance Compliance	The health insurance compliance report was presented and reviewed. A motion was made and passed to approve the report as a matter of record.
Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Requests	A motion was made and passed to approve the following overnight and/or out-of-state field trip requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Class Trip – May 10, 2024 – Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH • 5th Grade Camp – September 25-27, 2024 – Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis, MI
Donation	A motion was made and passed to accept an anonymous donation of \$1,000 to the South Adams Boys’ Basketball program for away game meals.
Facilities Use Request	A motion was made and passed to approve the facilities use request for South Adams Softball for pitching lessons on Sundays for grades 4-8 beginning 2/14 – 4/21/24.
TAG Stipends for Administrators	Mrs. Clouser-Penrod recommended approval of TAG stipends for the administrations in the same increments as the teachers, based on the rating of highly effective or effective. These stipends will be paid out of the Education fund. A motion was made and passed to approve TAG stipends for administrators with the addition of Mrs. Clouser-Penrod.
Other	Mrs. Clouser-Penrod explained the Board has traditionally held the annual all-day visitation/work session in March. The Board will consider scheduling this year’s work session on the 2 nd Tuesday of March (March 12 th) starting at 8:30 or 9:00 a.m., with the regular Board meeting starting at 4:00 p.m. This will be discussed/finalized at the February 13 th meeting.