

School Board Meeting Recap

10/10/23

<p>Personnel Items</p>	<p>A motion was made and passed to approve the following personnel items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Audrey Barnes – HS/MS Agriculture Teacher – replacing Jason Shuck</li> <li>○ Eric Toland – Maintenance</li> <li>○ Terri Rhoades – Part-time Athletic Custodian</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Substitute Teacher Pay Increase Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Licensed Teacher Substitute: Increase from \$100/day to \$110/day</li> <li>○ Non-Licensed Substitute: Increase from \$90/day to \$100/day</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Updated 2023 – 2024 Classified Salary Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add Crossing Guard rate - \$18.00/hour</li> <li>○ Add Substitute Aide – Intense Intervention rate - \$12.30/hour</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Winter Coach Recommendations – see attached listing</li> <li>• FMLA Requests</li> <li>• Request for Leave</li> </ul>
<p>Adoption of 2024 Budgets and Additional Resolutions</p>	<p>A motion was made and passed to adopt the 2024 budgets and approve the following resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates</li> <li>• Capital Projects Plan and Resolution</li> <li>• Bus Replacement Plan and Resolution</li> <li>• Resolution for Authority to Reduce Appropriations</li> <li>• Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund</li> <li>• Inter-fund Transfer Resolution – Medicaid State Fund to Education Fund</li> <li>• Resolution for Transfer of 2023 Budget Appropriations</li> <li>• 2023 Year-End Resolution</li> </ul>
<p>Facilities/Construction Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparations for winterizing around the campus will be starting soon.</li> <li>• The new chiller units and boiler are installed and are working well.</li> <li>• Jeremy Gerber from PSI reported a pavement repair for the playground area will be completed over fall break. Turf and drainage is complete. Athletic track coating will be on the agenda next as soon as the contractor is available. Steel has arrived for the multi-function space and will be worked through October. Electrical work will continue through November before the slab is poured.</li> </ul>
<p>Technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The security cameras ordered through the Secured School Safety Grant arrived last week.</li> <li>• Yearly filing of e-rate will be taking place soon. Under category 2 equipment, bids will be accepted for 15 outdoor wireless access points.</li> <li>• The newly established tech counsel is assembled and is excited to get started.</li> <li>• Mrs. Clouser-Penrod and Myra have met with Pete Schmidt from the First Bank of Berne regarding cybersecurity. Doug is working with Myra to see if Vector Solutions has training available on this important topic.</li> </ul>
<p>Safety/Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centegix was on-site to replace the batteries in all of the strobes across the campus. Officer Hough and Doug are looking into installing GPS locations on the secured shelter areas. This capability would allow first responders to find the shelter areas quicker if the need arises.</li> </ul>
<p>Policy Review and Transition/Legislative Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to approve the first reading of ISBA 5400 – Test Security Assessment.</li> </ul>

<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>School Farm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four bids were received, and the review was completed to ensure each bidder was a responsible bidder. Having determined each bidder is responsible, the next step is an analysis and review of the presented bids. A motion was made and passed to accept the bid of Grace Farms in the amount of \$275.00/acre.</li> </ul>
<p>New Project Discussion/Updates – Tennis Courts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The base bid for the tennis courts project included the construction of the courts and fencing with alternates for lights, coated fencing, and benches so there is seating inside the courts. Brooks Construction won the bid with all the alternates included, pending Board approval. A motion was made and passed to accept the bid from Brooks Construction subject to the execution of the contract that is mutually acceptable.</li> </ul>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Cell Phone Allowance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to add Susie Amstutz to the cell phone allowance list.</li> </ul>
<p>Adopt Health Insurance Rates – 0% Increase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to adopt the health insurance rates at a 0% increase.</li> </ul>
<p>Designation of Appointee – Berne Public Library Board of Trustees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to approve the designation of Linda Steury as appointee to the Library Board as presented.</li> </ul>
<p>Textbook Adoption</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to approve the adoption of Cutting Edge Curriculum for all Ag courses as presented.</li> </ul>
<p>Overnight Field Trip Request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to approve the overnight field trip request for FFA National Convention from November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 in Indianapolis.</li> </ul>
<p>Donation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to accept the donation from The Berne Witness in the amount of almost \$26,000 for the new football scoreboard.</li> </ul>
<p>Obsolete Equipment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to deem the old Bridgeport machine and coordinate measuring machine obsolete as presented.</li> </ul>
<p>OTHER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent-Teacher Conferences will be taking place on Thursday and next Monday, and Fall Break is next week.</li> <li>• Senior night for football is on Friday, volleyball is entering post-season, and soccer is finished up. Winter sport practices will be starting on Monday.</li> <li>• A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing to discuss the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement.</li> </ul>

23-24 Winter Coach Recommendations

Wrestling:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Background Check Expires</u>
Head Coach	Robert Loshe	
Varsity Assistant	Silas Loshe	
Middle School Head Coach		
Middle School Assistant Coach	Isaac Werst	7/28/28
HS/MS Volunteer	Barry Humble	7/23/28
HS/MS Volunteer	Nathan Wynn	10/13/26
HS/MS Volunteer	Caleb Sprunger	11/5/26

Boys Basketball:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Background Check Expires</u>
Head Coach	Garrett Krieg	6/20/27
Varsity Assistant	Doug Beall	6/5/26
JV Coach	Marcus Teeter	7/22/27
Freshman		
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach	Dustin Dellinger	10/11/24
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach	Don Foust	

Girls Basketball:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Background Check Expires</u>
Head Coach	Wayne Krieger	7/22/27
Varsity Assistant	Bruce Wood	10/18/27
Volunteer Coach	Rick Bragg	10/1/27
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach	Brett Freeman	5/26/28
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach		
MS Volunteer	Trevor Sprunger	6/29/24

Swimming:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Background Check Expires</u>
Head Coach	Olivia Ayers	7/22/27
Varsity Assistant		
Varsity Assistant		
Middle School Swim Coach		

Cheer:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Background Check Expires</u>
Head Varsity Coach	Mackenzie Billington	5/30/2028
Assistant Coach	Nakoah Keller	6/5/2028
MS Cheer Coach	Lauren Spencer	6/5/28

Varsity Assistant - Wrestling	**Sawyer Miller	5/9/28
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\*\* Previously approved by the School Board at previous meeting.