

BOT Meeting Thursday September 26, 2024 Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander, Robert Ansbro, Christopher Brignola, Lucas Doe, Ted Francavilla, Ted Hurwitz (Ex-Officio)

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Eddie Kubina

Not in attendance: Sean Blackwell

Guests in Attendance: Thomas Gorrell

Meeting Called to Order by Jim Sander 6:54pm

I. Approval of Minutes

Robert motioned to approve the minutes, Lucas seconds, all in favor

II. Election of Thomas Gorrell

- Jim is excited about what Tom can bring to the school. He has a good background in science.
- Robert Ansbro motions for Tom to be added to the board. Jim seconds the motion. All in favor, no opposed.

III. Education

- We compiled the state exam data by class. Mr. Martinez had 76% in ELA and 82% in math . We moved him up to fourth grade with the same students. He had success with them and has a good sense of what they struggle with so he should be able to build on what they already did and have better results this year. Mr. Mejia had 82% in ELA and 100% in math . He is still in third grade with Ms. Mazanek. He will be a good anchor for her. He will be able to provide her with guidance and I anticipate them doing well. Ms. Pacheco had 80% in ELA and 85% in math. She is still in fourth grade and is doing a wonderful job. She was the hardest worker during our fall PD and she really cares about her students succeeding. Ms. Ivelisse had 73% in ELA and 90% in math. We need to give her more support in literacy. Math she is doing well in. She has to get better at delivering the lesson and making it accessible to students. Christy's results were a bit disappointing. She had 52% in ELA and 67% in math. Part of the issue is that she was involved in too many after school activities and it took her focus away from the classroom. She was very upset with her own performance and is motivated to do better. She is a wonderful teacher and we have confidence in her. For sixth grade, Ms. Parker also had disappointing results. She had 56% in ELA and 75% in math. It is worth noting that sixth grade for the whole state was the lowest performing grade level. We also pick up a lot of new students who leave K-5 schools and come to us. The sixth grade tests

also seem to be the most challenging when compared to the other grades. We moved Ms. Parker to eighth grade. We feel the students she will be working with are more capable and therefore should do well. She is well organized and very effective with classroom management. We moved Adam W. to sixth grade and feel he is better suited to bring that grade level up. He is working closely with Mr. Topal, the other sixth grade teacher. Adam has the bulk of the students since he is more experienced and Topal has an easier class to manage. In seventh grade Mr. Berg had 87% in ELA and 91% in math. He did well. Mr. K had 100% in ELA and 100% in math. Mr. Adam had 90% in ELA and 97% in math, he also did very well. Mr. Halstead had 91% in ELA and 91% in math, so he did well also.

- We get good people who are motivated. We have a good staff that really care about the students. Open school night took place and we had a good showing.
- We were recommended to have a high school. The meeting went well. There were a lot of questions asked. Bob thought the meeting was positive. Eddie, Leena, and Norma were fabulous. He felt that we responded well to the questions.
- Jim stated he was fifty fifty on it, he was hopeful, but not certain that we would be able to get the high school after the way the last meeting had gone.
- Our board is very committed to making sure that the school is performing well. It is nice to have a board that takes part in the school and is not just there for name only. Our board is very involved and it is appreciated.
- We have one more vote before we get our high school. It would be nice to have the board join if available.

IV. Finance

- Nothing to report. The school is doing well still. We have the budget projections and every year we have a surplus. The school does a good job of managing their finances. We get financial reports before each board meeting.

V. New Building

- There are still a few punch list items that need to be finalized. We have a good custodian and he is making sure all things that need to be fixed are addressed. Some things will be a change order which requires us to pay more. Other things will be handled in house.
- We have two technology companies that handle various things for us. We have fewer points of connections than were in the original plans. However, it is possible to operate without them. We have Haller to work on our behalf. We will probably get 70% of what we want.
- The security system is pretty solid. It is still being worked on. We have a security person. The door is locked and only opened when a bell is rung and they are let in. You now need a card to enter the elevator from the parking garage.
- A person is not needed in the security office all day, because the doors are locked and from the main office you can still hear when someone is at the door.

- We have an exterminator contracted. We have an issue because there are gaps left under the doors. The doors need to be better sealed. Signature was asked to address the issue and they ordered metal edges to place under the doors.
- The internet is working well and the copy machines are in place.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.