

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, December 18, 2017

Call to Order

Board President Dave Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Dave Duncan, Eric Totemeier, Maria Gomez, Bob Schwab, Andy White. Also, present Gary Benda, Neil Mills, the press and members of the community.

Agenda

Eric Totemeier made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Maria Gomez. Motion carried 5-0

Dave Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The mission and vision statements were read by Maria Gomez.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Presentations

Kathy Vance from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Office from Wapello presented information on Strengthening Families Program for parents and youth that will be open to the 5th graders at Columbus. This program is for parenting assistance and children problem solving, they hope to have at least 5 to 12 families participate.

David Kerr Representative from District 88 was present to discuss board and district concerns. The SAVE Tax, Operational Sharing and other funding concerns were discussed.

Amanda West, Cath Hahn, Kasey Keltner and Jan Rutt addressed the board regarding the need for an elevator for student access to 2nd and 3rd floors of the middle school building. Students needs for accessibility and lack of current accommodations limit current wheelchair students to access all parts of

the building as their peers are able to. Possible options for moving classes or limiting use of the 3rd floor was discussed. The board discussed the option of a wheelchair lift that would access all three floors.

Approvals

A motion to approve all bills except Kauffman Electric was made by Bob Schwab and seconded by Maria Gomez. Motion carried 5-0. They would like an itemized bill from Kauffman Electric.

A motion to approve the November Financial Report and Minutes from November 20, 2017 meeting was made by Eric Totemeier and Seconded by Andy White. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace - N - More	Tables	1,109.80
Adolphson, Jack	Official	170.00
Agriland FS, INC.	Fuel	3,583.83
All American Pest Control	Pest Control	250.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	16,700.80
Anderson Erickson Dairy	Milk	4,831.17
Apple Computer, Inc.	Technology	9,686.00
Barrick, Robert	Official	90.00
Berka, Josh	Official	210.00
BSN Sports	Supplies	17.16
Caldwell, Kevin	Official	75.00
Capps, Rick	Official	75.00
Carlson, Jim	Official	105.00
CDW Government Inc.	Supplies	2,009.00
CEC Technology At Work	Repairs	1,703.74
CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.	Utilities	123.96
Centre State Internat'l Truck	Repairs	344.13
Cheerleading Company	Uniforms	533.77
City Of Columbus Junction	Utilities	1,174.69
Columbus Gazette	Publications	649.24
Columbus General Fund	Pep Bus	535.00
Craig, Richard	Official	55.00
Demco	Supplies	92.61
Doors Inc.	Repairs	334.05
Earthgrains Baking Co.'s Inc.	Bread	693.65
Economart	Supplies	269.27
Edhesive, LLC	Software	1,500.00
Edwards-Thomas, Cedric	Official	170.00
Elan Financial Services	Supplies	3,775.06
Elite Sports	T-Shirts	1,069.93
Friesen, Tim	Official	90.00

Frontline Technologies Group LLC	Software	4,000.00
Furlong, Becky	Mentoring	1,822.27
Grainger	Supplies	775.20
Grant Wood AEA	Membership	11,000.00
Greenwood Cleaning System	Supplies	171.60
H.D. Cline Co.	Repairs	227.91
Hy-Vee #1850	FFV	1,844.42
Iowa Communications Network	ICN	78.40
Iowa Prison Industries	Supplies	46.00
Iowa State University Treasurer's Office	Scholarship	1,750.00
J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc.	Supplies	40.39
Jim's Small Engine Repair	Equipment	323.50
Kauffman, Adam	Official	124.00
Keck, Inc.	Commodities	4,156.13
Kirkwood Community College	Scholarship	450.00
Leet's Refrigeration	Repairs	623.18
Lian, Hrang	Reimbursement	163.50
Louisa County Ambulance	Medical Standby	600.00
Lynch Dallas, P.C.	Legal Fees	247.50
Marco	Copiers	2,271.78
Marshall, Jason	Official	180.00
Medco Supply Company	Supplies	141.88
Medicom	Telephone	830.49
Menards - Iowa City	Supplies	92.50
Midtown Towing & Repair	Towing	439.00
Midwest Alarm Services	Inspection	908.25
Miller, Bart	Official	120.00
Mills, Neil	Reimbursement	54.47
Mississippi Bend AEA 9	Workshop	120.00
MSC - 410526	Supplies	9.10
Mullens, Chandler	Official	75.00
Mullens, Donnie	Official	75.00
Muscatine Physical Therapy Services, PC	Athletic Training	357.50
New London CSD	Entry Fees	75.00
Non-Emergency Medical Transport	Transportation	1,700.00
NSAN, Inc.	Membership	770.00
Obermann, Ben	Official	75.00
Peller, Jeff	Official	70.00
Phonak Inc.	Equipment	272.94
PSAT/NMSQT	Testing Fees	192.00
Quill Corp	Supplies	197.64
R.M. Boggs Co.	Repairs	28,327.29
Refreshment Services Pepsi	Pop	810.50
Regina High School	Entry Fees	75.00
Reinhart FoodService	Food	11,482.09
Reliable Communications Corporation	Radios	4,080.00
RevTrak	Merchant Fees	103.01
Roling, Duane	Official	124.00
Roling, Nick	Official	210.00

Roy, Adam	Official	105.00
Rueckert Sanitation, Inc.	Garbage Fees	484.00
S.J. Smith Welding Supply	Supplies	66.00
School Bus Sales	Supplies	243.71
Scott, Steve	Official	105.00
Secretary of State	Notary Fees	90.00
Shemanski, David	Official	55.00
Smith, Arnold	Official	75.00
Summit Companies	Supplies	52.50
Supplyworks	Supplies	448.04
Teachers Development Group	Professional Development	8,900.00
Tracy's Truck N Trailer Inc.	Repairs	6,676.39
Trane U.S. Inc.	Repairs	2,358.15
Truelsen, Gaylon	Official	105.00
Truelsen, Loren	Official	105.00
Vantiger, Mike	Official	190.00
Vetter's Inc. - Culligan Water	Water	35.78
Walker, Estel	Official	105.00
Walmart	Supplies	294.84
Wapello CSD	Entry Fees	110.00
West Music Company	Supplies	544.31
Wilton Community Schools	Medals	21.50
		155,880.52

Administrative Reports

Paul Southwell – submitted the following report--Roundy is finishing up another busy season, and going strong right until break. We had a terrific grade 2 and 3 music concert, a fun PTO sponsored holiday shop, and have breakfast with Santa, our book fair, and our holiday parties still to go this week. Another piece of exciting news is that, based on the results from the spring Iowa Assessment last year, Roundy has risen in Iowa's ranking system and is now ranked as "acceptable" rather than "needs improvement," which makes us ranked as well or better than 59% of Iowa elementary schools! This is reflective of the hard work that the Roundy staff and Mrs. Laughlin put in over the previous years and is a major milestone as we continue to work hard at achieving the ambition to inspire every learner to excel.

Tyler Hotz—submitted the following report--**(AD)** – The Winter sports are in full swing. We have hosted our first wrestling tournament and have another one the 19th. We will host the Conference meet in January. The boys and girls are 7 games into their season with 2 games left before break. We have our final winter music concert tonight.

Principal Report – We continue to look at ways to support our students both academically and socially-emotionally. The PBIS team is taking time to review the book Love and Logic and the BLT is looking at systems to provide communication, support, and plans for struggling learners. Our high school is 1.1 points away from being Acceptable in the Iowa Report Card. Areas where we are above the state average are Closing Gap and Graduation Rate.

Neil Mills – Central office has worked on the SBRC Applications, getting ready for W-2's and 1099's to close out the calendar year. Gayle Hoag is working on the Winter State report which covers course requirements for the district, as well as going through the senior credit review. The three students who requested early graduation are on track to accomplish that. Gayle is also gathering local scholarship information and ordering diplomas.

Gary Benda – submitted the following report--We begin winter break Saturday December 23 and staff will return January 5th for a TQ day, students report back January 8th. I have been working on a staff calendar for the next school year. The majority seem to want both a winter break and a spring break, which will extend the school year. By majority I mean at any given time I polled over 90 staff, I have had 32 responses. Results is 19 in favor vs 13 against. We will continue to work on the calendar.

I have been attending professional development with some of our elementary staff and we are learning what resources we will need to provide them, to continue to increase student performance. I have also been working on where we can decrease our budget next year. I will meet with our Labor Management Committee and explain to them the changes in negotiations. We will have an closed session after next month's meeting to discuss negotiations and share with the board what I have shared with the Labor Management Committe. I will also be asking the board what options under negotiations they would like me to follow to help meet our budget.

I attended our SIAC meeting and there has been a little lack of agreement as to who is required to attend and who is invited to attend. There may also be some discussion as to who assigns work to district personnel and when the work becomes too much and gets in the way of other tasks.

Board Reports

Andy White—Andy is working with Tyler Hotz on getting a more feasible safety discuss throwing net set and checking on the pricing.

Bob Schwab—Nothing at this time.

Eric Totemeier—Nothing at this time.

Maria Gomez—Nothing at the time.

Dave Duncan—Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business

Gary Benda presented information to the board on secondary building accessibility needs and the possibility of a wheelchair lift to meet ADA Compliance. Based solely on details of a phone conversation and pictures provided, Nu-trend's salesmen estimated the cost to install an Omega IPL curved rail system would be \$62,000.00. This would be installed in a prepared site, includes State IA permit and inspection with no tax added. The board was given a product brochure to review. The salesman is willing to evaluate staircase to confirm the estimate at a future date.

Quotes for doors for the middle school gym were reviewed from Doors Inc. for \$10,855.00 and Liberty Door Inc. for \$9,458.00. Both quotes would require carpentry framing and finishing. Rob Edwards has an estimate from ACC Construction LLC for that carpentry and framing work for \$2,734.38.

Andy White made a motion to accept Liberty Doors Inc. proposal for \$9,458.00, and ACC Construction LLC estimate for \$2,734.58.

Eric Totemeier seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mallory Smith presented SIAC information to the board regarding people who responded to the invitation to come to the SIAC meeting. Thirteen people were present at the December 11th meeting. They discussed meeting schedule, committee structure and appointing the committee. Mallory Smith presented a proposed slate of perspective participants with a three-year rotation. She also presented a meeting schedule for meeting topics through June of 2018.

The board discussed moving board meeting dates and start time.

Andy White made a motion to move board meeting dates to the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. with the exception of April 9th and May 21st.

Eric Totemeier seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Gary Benda discussed with the board the PERL Levy re-write and the concern of losing the PERL Levy if it were to go for a new vote. In the best interest for maintaining the pool we will not pursue re-writing of the PERL Levy.

Neil Mills informed the board that their approved request from last month for supplemental amount from SBRC estimated to be \$197,355.00 for dropout prevention and At-Risk program services was finalized at \$163,709.00.

New Business

No Personnel actions

Maria Gomez made a motion to approve the following fundraisers:

Volleyball – JH/HS League Volleyball tournament – Lori Beenen

Volleyball – Co-Ed Volleyball tournament – Lori Beenen

Eric Totemeier seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Neil Mills explained to the board the district had made application to the SRAC for Open Enrollment and Limited English Programs beyond five years.

Eric Totemeier made a motion that the Board of Directors of the Columbus Community School District request to the school budget review committee for modified allowable growth and supplemental aid for Open Enrollment out not on Fall 2016 count for the full amount of \$100,183.20.

Andy White seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Eric Totemeier made a motion that the Board of Directors of the Columbus Community School District request to the school budget review committee for modified allowable growth and supplemental aid for Limited English Proficient programs beyond the five years of weightings for the full amount of \$101,159.52.

Maria Gomez seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Neil Mills told the board that the Robert W. Schlutz Memorial Scholarship of \$25,000 was given to Columbus Community Schools for the benefit of the FFA in July 2017 at the Louisa County Fair. Mr. Mills has been working with Washington State Bank to invest the money for a reasonable return for the purpose of scholarships. Washington State Bank has stated they would accept a 60-month 2% CD, which would net \$500 annual for scholarships pending board approval.

Eric Totemeier made a motion to approve investing \$25,000 scholarship money in a CD at Washington State Bank at 2%.

Maria Gomez seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Gary Benda brought information to the board for a second time on removing section 10 Item D from the staff handbook. This section deals with sick leave buy back and will be removed from the handbook and included in an annual retirement offering, which will allow sick leave buy back to be paid out of the management fund as opposed to the general fund.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Work session for district goals was held after the meeting.

Dave Duncan, School Board President

Neil Mills, School Board Secretary