

Minutes of Board Workshop

ISD 877 Board of Education

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools

Monday, January 13, 2020

Tatanka Elementary STEM School

4:45 PM

1. Tatanka Elementary STEM School Presentation, Don Metzler, Principal
Second Step program being used to help students with social skills including how to calm down. Monthly assemblies with different themes such as “empathy”. Daily announcements with theme message and a daily classroom plan.
2. Reports
 - A. Out-of-State Trip - Washington D.C., Jen Heebink, BHS Special Education Teacher
BHS Inclusive PE class with 50/50 makeup of students with and without disabilities. Experiences have changed student’s lives. Mentor Aubrey commented how she has learned kindness, patience and respect along with what SPED students deal with on a day-to-day basis. An aside that has happened is SPED students attending events outside of the student day with their student mentors. Special Olympics organization has chosen BHS to represent MN regarding presenting to Legislators about the importance of this type of program continuing. Excited to share the BHS story in Washington, DC. Trip is planned for February 9-12th. Board will consider for approval at their January 27th regular meeting.
 - B. BHS Course Proposals, Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning
Course proposals are for the 2020-21 school year. Four new courses are proposed – Online Fitness for Life, Baking and Pastry, Apps for Presentations and Inclusive PE at BCMS. There are seven course modifications and one course proposed for deletion which is Work Preparation Program which is now covered in other areas. Courses will only be offered if enough students register for the classes.
 - C. Financial Projection, Gary Kawlewski, Director of Finance and Operations
This is a look at our 2019-20 budget. Revenues are projected to increase by \$160,630 above what was set when the budget was approved last June. Expenditures are now projected to decrease by \$880,921 for 2019-20. This computes to a 9.24% unassigned Fund Balance. General Education Aid is based on a 2% increase for 2020-21. Enrollment is an important piece of the budget.

Discussion: Should we be sharing more of this story with our residents through social media prior to the meetings when budget information is presented so they can be informed and ask questions during the election of our representatives and also when we may need to conduct another election.

D. Pay Equity Implementation, Evan Ronken, Director of Human Resources
Report is required by state law to eliminate any sex-based wage inequities in compensation. Report provides testing in four areas. This report will be presented at the January 27th Board meeting.

E. 2020-21 and 2021-22 School Calendars, Scott Thielman, Superintendent
September 8th will be the latest date that school can start next year.
Consideration is given to keep the length of the semesters and quarters as close as possible. Aware that the state teachers' conference is now only a one-day event, on the third Thursday in October.

3. Committee Reports

BS – WTC

KO – Safe Communities, DCTL

AR – DCTL

4. Other

Meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday to travel to MSBA Leadership Conference.

Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.