

Board of Education Workshop

Monday, October 11, 2021

4:30 PM

Montrose Elementary School of Innovation 100 - 2nd St S
Montrose, MN 55363

MINUTES

Present: Bob Sansevere, Adam Bjorklund, Amanda Lawrence, Ken Ogden, Sue Lee, Amanda Reineck

Absent: Melissa Brings

1. Presentation: Tony Steffes, MESI Principal

Update regarding next summer's projects – creating a special education “suite” swapping out current 4th grade classrooms with special education classrooms. Art/science area will be renovated to provide more classrooms.

2. Activities Review and Update

A. BHS, Nick Guida, BHS Activities Director

Spring 2021 activity season worked through COVID-19 guidelines and requirements. There had been no spring activities in 2020 and we moved from the Mississippi 8 to the Lake Conference between those two seasons. Students were just excited to be playing. Competitions in the Lake Conference have been tough but we are narrowing the gap. Huge increase in activity pass sales.

B. BCMS, John Hayden BCMS Activities Director

Many unique situations at the middle school level. Nine MS softball players played up to the high school level. Plan to have a middle school team next spring. Baseball took place on the new field which has become known as the best in the conference. Brought back Tom Kuzma as the boys tennis coach. Track and Field/Football site is being renovated. Participation numbers were down but activities were positive experiences for students.

3. 2020-21 Year-End Financial Review, Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

Auditors will present at the October board meeting. Financial statements were also affected by COVID. Able to come through the year with a positive fund balance even with a decrease in revenues due to low enrollment. The resident student count decreased by 320 students. Although general education revenue came in lower, expenditures also came in lower, keeping us in a good budget position. Concern will continue to be with drop in enrollment. Food Service revenues exceeded expenditures. Free meals were served throughout the year and are continuing this year. Community Education programs

and classes were shut down during COVID and the budget shows the decrease in revenues. The fund balance ended at 14.40% of the General Fund's expenditures which is higher than the district policy of 8-12%. We projected a little less than this.

4. Policy Review - #534 Unpaid Meal Charges, Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

Policy is being revised due to legislative changes. Have included some district language regarding "alternate" meals when student meal accounts do not have any available funds to cover their purchases. Our district does not use alternate meals – a regular meal is provided to students in this situation.

5. Committee Reports

KO – Safe Schools
AL – 877 Foundation
SL - WTC

6. Other

Supt. Thielman attended the Hanover City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 4th. Attending building listening sessions at this time.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.