

Board of Education Workshop

Monday, February 14, 2022

4:30 PM

Tatanka Elementary STEM School

703 - 8th St NE

Buffalo, MN 55313

MINUTES

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

Absent: Amanda Reineck

1. Presentation: Tatanka Elementary STEM School, Principal Andrée Iden
Wonder Workshop space – Prior to COVID had a 5th grade newscasting activity. Students voiced they were interested in more broadcasting opportunities and a parent survey also asked for more technology activities. Created the Wonder Workshop space with donations from the families/community and PTO. Student-led podcasts and daily announcements are taking place.
2. Out-of-State Trip - BHS HERD to Colorado, Scott Rabehl, BHS Band Teacher/HERD Director
Drawing on experiences from other schools who are already traveling. Students are in grades 8-12 may participate. Hire a security guard to be on duty at the hotel. This year will do 2-3 parades in small communities on the 4th of July in Colorado. Costs are higher for everything. Encouraging parents to invest in trip insurance.
Discussion: about 35 seniors are interested in participating.
3. Out-of-State Trip - Boys Tennis to Eau Claire, WI, Benjamin Watkins, BHS Science Teacher/Head Coach
Have travelled to Duluth for the last three years but that date conflicted with prom this year. Have done this trip in the past due to Mr. Watkins connections with Eau Claire.
4. Fall Activities Review
 - A. BHS, Nick Guida, BHS Activities Director
Goal is to get all students interested in an activity. Numbers are coming back from COVID participation. Lake Conference is still challenging for our activities but we are in the mix. Student support is amazing across the athletic activities and performing arts.
 - B. BCMS, John Hayden, BCMS Activities Director

Nice to plan activities in a “normal” fashion. Cross Country is the only activity that is able to compete in the Lake Conference. Fortunate to have a practice football field with good grass during last summer/fall drought. Soccer is currently bused to Northwinds but plan is that the football field will be irrigated and has been re-seeded so soccer and football can use the field next fall.

5. Committee Reports

BS – WTC

AL – 877 Foundation

6. Other – Superintendent update:

- Joined AMSD – Association of Metropolitan School Districts membership for the remainder of the school year.
- Update on education funding bill currently before the legislature.

Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.