

Board of Education Workshop

Monday, April 11, 2022

4:30 PM

Board Room

214 - 1st Ave NE

Buffalo, MN 55313

MINUTES

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

Absent: None

1. Presentation: Mat Nelson, Discovery Elementary Principal

Shared information about the validation of Discovery Elementary as a School of Excellence. Process was valuable with staff survey and self reflection. Will have signage on the front of the building.

2. Special Education Extended School Year, Amy Ernst, Special Education Director

Added recovery services due to COVID so seeing more students. Have identified 186 students needing services of which 26 are Recovery eligible. Programs will be held at NES, PES, BHS and PRIDE in June and July.

3. Summer Programming 2022, Kim Carlson, Community Education Director

Summer programs along with KidKare will be held at TESS. Working with Kim Hinrichs to provide breakfast and lunch. Summer preschool opportunities being provided at HES and MESI. Summer park program will return this summer. Field trips, camps, concerts in the park, swimming lessons, driver education, poetry in the park, Ninja experience, etc. KidKare students enroll in Summer Sunblock.

4. Recommendation for Percentage of Funding for Severance, Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

Information regarding revisiting the percentage currently being used. The calculation looks at the next five years projected retiree claims. Recommend increasing from 60% to 65% committed for severance. Having a sufficient committed fund balance is critical to financial stability.

5. Committee Reports

AL – 877 Foundation

SL - WTC

6. Other

Supt. Thielman provided a legislative budget update. Disappointed with lack of interest in funding the cross subsidy, even with a large budget surplus.

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.