

**Minutes of ISD 877 Board of Education Workshop
Buffalo-Hanover-Montose
Monday, May 10, 2021**

4:30 PM

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

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

Absent: Amanda Lawrence

1. Presentation: Tony Steffes, Principal, Montrose Elementary School of Innovation
Board members participated in the new technology in gymnasium which provides physical activity with spelling, math, etc., in conjunction with STEAM programming.
2. Buffalo High School Winter Activities Review, Tom Bauman, BHS Activities Director
Conference Membership/Region & Section placement Updates – Placed in Region 8AA for next year which is the northwest corner of the state. From 6A back to 5A for football. Movement for other activities as well. Will remain in the Lake Conference for the next year unless a request is made to the MSHSL. Activities were challenged with COVID-19 regulations but worked through them. Interviewing for new head coaches for girls hockey and girls basketball.
Discussion: managed requirement of only 250 in attendance at indoor activities and provided attendance to parents/families. Unfortunate for gate receipts. Is there any information from the MSHSL regarding protocols for athletes to return to an activity after testing positive for COVID and checking to see if there are any heart or respiratory issues.
3. Community Education Budget, Kim Carlson, Director of Community Education
Restrictions, pauses and quarantines affected program revenues. Still many guidelines in place for summer programming and they continue to change. KidKare is the main revenue generator. It will be a slow crawl back to a positive budget, but it's possible. Some increases in fees will be necessary.
4. Nutrition Services Report/Budget, Kim Hinrichs, Director of Nutrition Services
Increase in number of meals served in 2020-21 due to free meals. Ala Carte purchases were down. When classrooms were quarantined, messages were sent to families providing meal pickup options. Also provided free meals for licensed in-home daycare providers. Will hire a Manager for BHS and other positions as needed. A consultant will be hired to evaluate the kitchen equipment and spaces to develop a replacement plan.

Planning to open a BHS Café this fall. Working on promoting nutrition services through social media. Hopeful that guidelines will relax in areas of serving and individually packaging items. It will be helpful when children can serve themselves again.

5. Quarterly Investment Report, Gary Kawlewski, Director of Finance and Operations
Operating referendum has kicked in which has helped our financial situation. Low interest rates are providing the most difficulty this year. Hopeful the rates will begin to recover. OPEB Trust was opened in 2009 and continues to do very well.

6. Committee Reports

KO – Health Insurance Committee

SL – WTC

MB – Safe Schools

7. Other

Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.