

**Minutes of Board Workshop
ISD 877 Board of Education
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools**

Monday, September 9, 2019
Buffalo High School
4:35 PM

Present: Dave Wilson, Sue Lee, Melissa Brings, Amanda Reineck, Laurie Raymond, Bob Sansevere

Absent: Ken Ogden

1. Buffalo High School Presentation, Mark Mischke, BHS Principal

Principal Mischke shared information on the implementation of the new daily schedule. Reasons for looking at a new schedule include 82% of students say they feel supported by other students (compared to 33% nationally). Want to make sure ALL students will receive this support and ability to seek extra time from teachers and therefore ability to achieve at a higher academic level. Advisory time starts with an inclusion activity so all students are acknowledged (statistics say that some students never hear their name said during the day). BASE (Bison Academic Support & Enrichment) time provides learning opportunities for ALL students based on academic needs. Students can request time or staff can.

Reviewed new policy of cell phone use which includes staff. Also, backpacks are recommended to be placed in lockers.

2. Out-of-State Trip - World Languages to Spain, Jess Nickelsen, BHS Spanish Teacher

Trip is with the same company as in the past but is to Spain in 2020. \$500 reduction since two trips are planned from BHS. Two people from the company are on site with the trip. Family stay is also included. Students must be in Level III Spanish this year. Currently 16 students have shown an interest.

3. Spring Activities Review

A. BHS, Tom Bauman, Activities Director

Season summaries were provided by coaches. Participation was down overall, mainly due to track and field.

B. BCMS, Scott Thielman, Superintendent

Spring activities suffered with weather-related issues, condensing the season. Also, baseball was moved to Bentfield Mills due to the remaking of the BCMS Athletic Yard. Participation was slightly down overall. Still playing middle school activities with the Mississippi 8 Conference. This will continue.

4. MTSS Guidelines, Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning

All students are evaluated at the beginning of the year and those needing additional support of any type are identified. After a 6-8 week period, students are re-evaluated to determine if appropriate progress has been made or if student should be moved to Tier 2. After

another 6-8 week period a re-evaluation takes place and students may need individual attention. This is determined by a committee of teachers. A parent brochure is available and shared when it is determined that a student needs additional support.

5. Preliminary Tax Levy Update, Gary Kawlewski, Director of Finance and Operations
Levy is up \$495,227 this year which is 3.25% over the prior year. Higher valuations have affected the equalized levies and the net tax capacity levies. Current tax rate projection on a \$200,000 home is \$838 versus \$811 last year. Factoring in an average increase of 5% in property values adjusts the tax increase to \$75 or \$886. Will ask the Board to approve the “maximum” at the September board meeting.
6. Committee Reports
SL - WTC
7. Other

Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.