

July 21, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 held Budget Hearing at 6:30 PM and their Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM on July 20, 2016. This report covers the major items of business at this meeting. In addition you are given a listing of topics, which will come up for discussion or action at future Board meetings.

1. Student and Staff Recognition – Forrest Foos represented the Fighting Vikings in the Nebraska/Wyoming all-star game; Mickayla VanNatter was the second place winner in the American Legion Poppy Poster Contest.

2. Mary Jane Davis was not in attendance, but provided the trustees a report of the Lunch Program for the 2016-2017 School Year. She informed the trustees that the district's breakfast count continued to be low. She reported that the older students who ride the bus do not have time to eat in the mornings with the exception of Wednesdays and the students in 7-12 grades do not like to bring their trays and garbage back to the lunchroom before going to class in the mornings, so they do not eat. And she also stated that part of the reason that the breakfast count was so low was due to what the district had to serve to meet the USDA guidelines. There was a trial "second chance breakfast" during Viking Period for the secondary students, which was served in a paper bag with a choice of milk. There were approximately 72 students served each day, except when they were out of the building for activities. After the senior's graduated, the numbers dropped off to about 62. The trial was served three days a week, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. A cart was taken to the commons area. The students would sign the sheet and then it would be put on the computer. Mary Jane believed it showed that there is an interest in eating breakfast, but not first thing in the morning. The lunch count continued about the same, but once the students were able to drive and leave a lot of them would go to local businesses at lunchtime. Due to the new guidelines for staff continuing education and training, Mary Jane had the two regular subs take the online training that all staff take at the beginning of the school year. The Summer School for Special Ed had 14 students; about 4 ate each day. There were one to four Jr.-Sr. High students who were taking credit recovery classes and the Bridges afternoon class that ate. Bridges Summer School will be held in July and August. Dawndrea will be working Bridges and training the new cook. Mary Jane has started training Dawndrea as her replacement. At times the Food Service Coordinator Position can be overwhelming due to all the paper work and rules to learn. Mary Jane took Dawndrea to the WDE Summer Food Conference where she met the WDE's staff and both Goshen and Platte #1's food service directors. They all reassured her that she could call them at any time for help. Mary Jane also mentioned that she would be available to help her. A new hot holding unit was purchased and has been a great help in keeping food at temperature. Offer vs. Serve, which allows the choice of three of the five items offered, for all grades seems to be working well. The kids like having choices and the fresh salad bar. She noted that several students that were bringing lunch everyday were eating more school lunches. The kitchen will be getting a new floor and a new dishwasher. Mr. Flaherty has promised the air conditioner would be running once floor is finished. Mary Jane mentioned in her report that as always, the kids were the best part of her job. She looked forward to seeing them every day and will miss them. She also thanked the board for hiring her back to work for the last 2 1/2 years and for their support to the lunch program.

3. **Mr. Suppes – K-12 Principal**
 - ❖ Mr. Suppes thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve PCSD#2 as the K-12 Principal and allowing him to attend upcoming trainings.
 - ❖ He informed the board the themes for this upcoming school year will be: Excellence and Viking Pride. Pride stands for P=Personal Courage, R=Respect, I=Integrity, D=Determination, E=Excellence.
 - ❖ School registration opens August 4, 2016. Back to School Night will be August 25, 2016. Homecoming Week is set for October 9-15, and Mr. Suppes provided the trustees a schedule of the Teacher Evaluations.

4. **Mr. Beard – District**
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- ❖ Liesl Sisson, Glen Suppes and Mr. Beard attended the National Curriculum and Supervision conference July 8-10th.
- ❖ Mike, Glen and Tyler attended the School Safety Conference July 17-20 in Denver.
- ❖ PAWS results will be presented in August for the 2015-2016 School Year.

5. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of the June 13, 2016, June 27, 2016 and Special Meeting July 11, 2016 Board Meetings; approved to not raise the meal prices for the 2016-2017 school year upon Mrs. Davis' recommendation; approved the Superintendent to sign Related Services contracts (for Special Education); adopted the 2016-2017 School Budget through resolution and all needed levies to fund said budget; approved the financial statements and the payment of the bills; tabled the adoption of the Secondary, Elementary, Certified Staff, Activity and Classified Handbooks until August Board Meeting; Mr. Beard discussed the Water usage for the district. It has come to district's attention that the city cannot tell the district what the school rates will be in the upcoming future so a school representative will be at the upcoming town council meeting; student arrival was discussed and all K-12 students will enter through the lunch room doors when they arrive each morning; the trustees approved the recommended adjustment of starting the Elementary School time to 8:00 AM to align with the secondary start time; approved the 3% pay increase for Kim Schrader, Business Manager; approved the coaching and extra duty contracts with noted changes; approved the hiring of Andy Ray as secondary Social Studies instructor, approved the increase in hours for Terry Stenson, office personnel; accepted the resignation from Amber Warner as cook; approved the hiring of Daniel Koteman as a cook; approved the rehire of classified personnel for the 2016-2017 School Year as presented.

UPCOMING TOPICS - August 8, 2016

A Board/Superintendent Relations workshop will be held at 5:15 PM in the Boardroom. The regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom. Items to be discussed in addition to regular business shall include:

1. Milk Bid Award
2. Gas/Diesel Bid Award
3. Staff Awards – Presentation Date
4. Approval of 2016-2017 Handbooks