

Regular Board Meeting
October 22, 2018

The Board held the hearing for an early start date for the 2019-2020 school year. Following discussion, the Board authorized the submission of a request to begin our 2019-2020 school year as early as allowed by law.

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, the kindergarten team of Melissa Hess, Beth Zietlow and Macey Kintzle discussed how they utilize the newly implemented Heggarty Routine into their classrooms each day.

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by President John Zietlow at 5:50 p.m. at Earlville Elementary in Earlville, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. Five board members were present. There were eight staff members and three visitors. The agenda and consent items were approved.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Samantha Kruse – employed at .5 FTE 6th Grade Teacher

Kendra Whitman – resignation as Head High School Softball Coach

Language changes to board policy 204.020 Regular School Board Meetings, 502.3 Student Expression, 602.140 Curriculum Development, 604.6 Instruction At A Post-Secondary Educational Institution, 605.030 Student Promotion – Retention- Acceleration, 605.040 Graduation Requirements and 605.042 Online Courses were reviewed. The Board approved to waive the second reading and adopt these policies on the first official reading.

The Board reviewed and approved the drug and alcohol testing contract with Medical Enterprises.

The Board approved the District donation of \$6.00 per hour, not to exceed the number of hours estimated for athletic event ticket taking worked by the Fine Arts Boosters, into the Fine Arts Booster activity fund account.

One open enrollment request out was approved.

The 2019-2020 SBRC Modified Allowable Growth for Dropout Prevention was approved. The Board approved the maximum allowed by state law.

The 2018-2019 SBRC Application for Increasing Enrollment for \$182,601 was approved. This will allow the district to increase spending authority and to levy dollars if needed due to the increased enrollment from October 2017 Certified Enrollment to October 2018 Certified Enrollment.

The district certified enrollment data on October 15th. The district reported an increase of 27 students for the 2018-2019 school year.

Board policy 500 series will be reviewed in November and the series 600 and 700 will reviewed in December and January.

Maquoketa Valley Girls Basketball is hosting the Hall of Pride Game on November 16th. As the host, we are responsible for the officials and making a donation of \$250 to the Iowa High School Girls Union for the Hall of Pride, therefore no passes will be accepted as admission to this event. Any revenue generated will go back into the girls basketball program. As a part of this game the team will need to participate or organize a positive public service project. The team plans to conduct a food drive for two weeks for the Delaware County Food Pantry.

Supt. Tuetken will bring an updated Early Separation package to the board in November for approval.

Supt. Tuetken took few minutes to discuss the initial comments from the FY18 district audit which was complete in September.

On Monday, October 1st, several board members along with Supt. Tuetken and Erika Imler met with the district Mercer representative, Stephanie Getting, to discuss possible insurance options due to escalating costs. The information that was presented at that meeting was shared with the board and possible scenarios were discussed. Further discussion will take place during the next several months.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.