

BUREAU VALLEY DISTRICT #340  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018  
SECRETARY'S RECORDING

Determining that a quorum was present, President King called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm and directed the Secretary to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Dye, Johnson, King, Olds, Siltman, Yepsen

ABSENT: Wiggim

During Building Reports, Mrs. Cady, BVN Administrator, invited the board members to a Book Launch on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have written and published a book and it will be on display that day. Mrs. Decker-Platz, BVS JH Administrator, reported that the high school and junior high had staged a crisis drill on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Three officers came to help with the drill. She thanked Mrs. Hufford for making curtains for classroom windows. Kevin Barnett, Transportation and Maintenance Director, presented a Status of the Fleet report. Currently, 30 buses are operational and 4 are out of service. Historically, 25 buses are used for daily routes. 50% of the fleet is 10 years or older. Maintenance costs are increasing. Going forward, he will ensure that the current number of rural routes (18) are optimal. He recommended taking bids for 3 used buses (2016 or newer with less than 25,000 miles). Josh Bell, Technology Director, reported that he has met with Larson Darby Group regarding the layout for the network with the addition to the high school. Vicki Litherland, BVHS Athletic Director, reported that the BV Boosters purchased a new discus cage and it has been installed. She thanked Scott Konneck and Kevin Barnett for their help maintaining the athletic fields.

During Committee Reports, Mrs. LeRette commented that the Strategic Planning Committee would be meeting one last time to finalize the plan. Mr. Spang told the board that 27 community members have expressed interest in joining the Curriculum Planning Committee. Their first meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>.

BVS JH Speech Coach, Mrs. Kendra Ross, introduced Camryn York who presented her speech. BVN Music Teacher, Mr. David Larkin, introduced Allison Larkin and Kyra Stoller who performed their clarinet duet. Mr. Larkin had 68 events at Solo and Ensemble Contest with 57 1s and 10 perfect scores. This clarinet duet received a "Best of Day" honor at the contest.

Jason VanLanduit and Bekah Johnson presented grants on behalf of the BV Foundation. 26 grants were given this year. Since 1996, the Foundation has given \$267,000 back to staff members. They have also given \$19,000 to students for tuition reimbursement for dual college credit classes. The Foundation plans to give 2 \$2,500 scholarships to BV seniors this year, as well.

There was no public comment.

The Canvass of Votes was held. President King read the results of the March 20, 2018 Election: For the Bureau Valley Unit School #340 Proposition to issue Bonds for a School Addition,

Bureau County has 1079 Yes votes and 959 No votes; Whiteside County has 2 Yes votes and 10 No votes; Lee County has 8 Yes votes and 59 No votes; Total Yes is 1089 and total No is 1028.

It was moved by Siltman and seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda items:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2018
2. Activity Account Reports
3. Monthly Financial and Treasurer's Reports
4. Bureau Valley #340 Bills and Payroll
5. IESA Membership Renewal
6. Let Bus Bids
7. Let Bids for Milk and Bread

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: Dye, Johnson, King, Olds, Siltman, Yepsen

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 Absent

Board Policy Updates were presented. The Policy Committee had met on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to an amendment to the State Official and Employee Ethics Act, school districts are required to have a Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment. All other policy changes were simply changes to footnotes. It was moved by Siltman and seconded by Johnson to approve board policy updates as presented, including exhibit to Policy 5:20 – Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Yepsen and seconded by Dye to approve the permanent transfer of Working Cash to Building Fund of up to \$200,000.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: Dye, Johnson, King, Olds, Siltman, Yepsen

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 Absent

Mr. Lawson presented a resolution that will allow the district to reimburse expenditures already paid with regard to the High School Addition and the HVAC Projects totaling \$173,964.31. Certain expenditures were necessary for the planning of the addition and HVAC projects. It was moved by Dye and seconded by Yepsen to approve the Resolution Expressing Official Intent Regarding Certain Capital Expenditures to be Reimbursed from Proceeds of an Obligation to be Issued by the District.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: Dye, Johnson, King, Olds, Siltman, Yepsen

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 Absent

Two classes are being added to the 2018-19 Curriculum Guide: Food Science Technology and Agricultural Construction and Technology. We are adding these classes to accommodate students wishing to take Foods and Construction. With the addition of another Ag teacher, these

classes will cover those needs. It was moved by Siltman and seconded by Olds to approve addendum to the 2018-19 Curriculum Guide as presented.

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Lawson reported to the board that the first pre-bid meeting would be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> for the HVAC projects at Wyanet and Walnut. On May 8<sup>th</sup> a pre-bid meeting for the high school addition will be held. The WOW committee in Walnut has shown interest in the wood from the old bleachers, so Mr. Lawson will be working with them to save that wood. Mr. Lawson has also been in communication with the Walnut 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Committee regarding the construction projects at the school. The building will be off limits and he has informed them about where the construction equipment will be parked and items stored during the Celebration weekend. Don King also mentioned that a special board meeting will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> to approve bids.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Siltman to enter into executive session at 7:45p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; Student disciplinary cases; Other matters relating to individual students or Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Dye, Johnson, King, Olds, Siltman, Yepsen

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 Absent

It was moved by Siltman and seconded by Johnson to close the executive session at 8:40p.m. and return to open session.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Dye, Johnson, King, Olds, Siltman, Yepsen

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 Absent

ROLL CALL IN OPEN SESSION

PRESENT: Dye, Johnson, King, Olds, Siltman, Yepsen

ABSENT: Wiggim

It was moved by Yepsen and seconded by Siltman to approve and retain the executive session minutes of March 20, 2018.

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Yepsen to accept the retirement of Linda Lyon as BV Bus Driver; and resignations of Elizabeth Boldt as BVHS Science Teacher at the end of the 2017-18 school year, Sheri Litherland as Curriculum Director at the end of the 2017-18 school

year, Brianne Blumhorst as BVN 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Alicia Cole as BVS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, David Mussche as BVS Head Boys Basketball Coach, Adam Franklin as BVS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Maranda Kuelper as BVS Cheerleading Coach, Shelby Salisbury as BVS Cheerleading Coach and Rod Baker as BVHS Custodian and approve the dismissal of Sharon Weborg as BVHS Paraprofessional at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Yepsen and seconded by Dye to approve the employment of Brandon Lancaster-Williams as BVS/BVWE Music Teacher, Kris Harrell as BVN Special Education Teacher, Caitlyn DeMay as BVS Head Girls Basketball Coach and Maureen Sommers as BVS Assistant Volleyball Coach and the transfer of Lauren Spang from Part Time BVN Title 1 Teacher to Full Time BVN Title 1 Teacher for the 2018-19 school year and approve the Coaches and Sponsors for 2018-19 as presented.

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Yepsen and seconded by Johnson to approve the following volunteer coaches: Kristian Konneck as Volunteer Weight Room.

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Yepsen and seconded by Siltman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

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President

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Secretary