

BOARD MET AT HARPER SCHOOLS Aug. 13, 2015 7:40 PM  
MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFF ROMANS CHAIR., GARY JOHNSON, FRANK  
JORDAN, BUCK ALLAIRE  
RON TALBOT, SUPERINTENDENT  
KAREN STEELE, DEPUTY CLERK  
OTHERS: CARMAN LOVELL, KRISTY RIGGIN  
BUSINESS CONDUCTED: REGULAR MEETING

Gary Johnson moved to approve the minutes of 7-9-15, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Gary Johnson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Kindergarten student, Co-op with Huntington, Buck Allaire seconded, passed unanimously.

There was no patron input.

The Board reviewed a letter from Wade Johnson concerning the 2000 bus and the repairs needed. He asked the Board if they wanted to put the money into the bus or if they would be looking at selling it. The board determined the bus may still be needed on an emergency basis and since it would have a low re-sell value it would be best to repair it and keep it. Buck Allaire moved to make the necessary repairs on the 2000 bus, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Kristy Riggin addressed the Board concerning the FFA Program. She stated there is a process to get classes certified for FFA. Also to receive CTE certification for the classes the instructor must be endorsed for CTE which she is. Talbot spoke about the CTE program saying that for each student who completes a CTE certified class the district will receive .1 additional funding for that completed course. So where normally a student would be worth 1.0 after course completion they would be worth 1.1 weighted and so on for each course they complete. Kristy then spoke to the Board about the competitions that students can compete in stating there is a dairy judging in Vale on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> she would like to attend. The Board wants to first see how many students are interested in FFA and proceed based on involvement.

Karen brought an elevator inspection agreement to the Board from Straight Up Elevator Co. This company services elevators in this area on a schedule and Harper would become a part of that. The cost would be \$350.00 for each semi-annual inspection. Buck Allaire moved to approve the agreement, Gary Johnson seconded, passed unanimously.

Talbot brought the Board up to date on the last months' projects. The tennis court is complete with the exception of the fence. The septic system is still ongoing due to issues with the pump. Until the problem with the pump is resolved and the hydro splitter to the leach lines is connected the lines cannot be covered. The Science Lab cabinets are being installed, the heaters and the exhaust hood are still awaiting completion.

Talbot briefed the Board on the opt out provision for the Smarter Balanced testing. Schools are required to notify parents that their student may opt out of taking the tests, however schools will still be held accountable for participation if they do not meet the States goals for participation. This can lead to consequences for districts, a real catch 22 situation. He stated he visited with Vale's new superintendent and he is still willing to host the alternative school for Harper should the need arise. Also OSAA has raised the requirement by one more credit for athletic eligibility to participate.

The Board questioned the co-op for sports with Huntington. Talbot stated we are locked in for this year and as it stands today they do not have a coach for football. Talbot believes there are about 5 boys interested in football and 2 girls in volleyball. The Four Rivers Charter School has offered the use of their gym and soccer field for practice when Harper and Huntington begin practice. There was concern about the division of home games with Harper having only one football and Huntington two. Carman Lovell addressed this saying that over the years it has evened out.

Buck Allaire asked the Board to consider early admittance of his son to kindergarten. The Board denied his request.

Buck Allaire moved to pay bills and adjourn, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_Chairman\_\_\_\_\_Deputy Clerk