

BOARD MET AT HARPER SCHOOLS April. 9, 2017 6:50 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFF ROMANS CHAIR., GARY JOHNSON, FRANK JORDAN, LISA FISHER.

RON TALBOT, SUPERINTENDENT

KAREN STEELE, DEPUTY CLERK

OTHERS: KENZIE JACOBY

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: REGULAR MEETING

Gary Johnson moved to approve the regular minutes of 3-9-17, special minutes of 3-16-16 and executive session minutes of 3-16-17, Lisa Fisher seconded, passed unanimously.

Lisa Fisher moved to approve the agenda, Gary Johnson seconded, passed unanimously.

There was no patron input.

Superintendent Talbot gave his report to the Board:

State Assessment testing has started.

Talbot presented a quote to place metal on the wood shop. The quote is from Ontario Roofing to side the shop with metal, install J channel around windows and doors, repair board gable vents, and install metal fascia on gable. The estimate is for \$4500.00.

Lisa Fisher moved to approve siding the shop, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Talbot presented for a first reading a Veteran's Preference Policy, after discussion Gary Johnson moved to adopt the policy, Frank Jordan seconded, passed unanimously.

Talbot recommended Kim Hill to the Board for the kindergarten position for 2017-18. There were three good applicants and after interviewing the committee selected Kim Hill. Gary Johnson moved to approve Talbot's recommendation, Lisa Fisher seconded, passed unanimously.

Talbot reported he discussed the Treasurer Valley Tech Plan with Mark Redmond and Redmond felt the cost could be negotiable on a per student basis. At the last meeting Talbot reported, to be a part of the consortium would be a cost of \$12,500.00 for Harper. That original quote was based on \$50,000.00 which was what was projected as a minimum distribution to schools. That has drastically changed to possibly \$100 maybe \$200 per 9-12 adm. weighted student. This cuts what the district will receive. Talbot felt the district could use these funds to enhance the two new programs already started here and not put competition in their

paths. Talbot will check to see what the schedule will be for those classes in Vale and what interest there is among students.

Gary Johnson reported the four aids that negotiated for their salary increases accepted the 10% but Kirsten Rasmussen asked for an additional stipend for the Spanish class she assists with. The board agreed to the same stipend as a junior high coach for this class. The board offered a 2% to the remainder of the classified staff and to those who receive health insurance an increase of \$75.00 on the cap.

Talbot reported the Washington DC and New York trip the Harper Travel Club took the first week of April was very successful. All those going reported having a great time and seeing very interesting sights. The students were reported to be very well behaved. Talbot asked the Board, for the future, to have those trips scheduled after school is out due to the cost to the district to hire subs as well as the inconvenient timing. He also discussed having alternating trips and advisors in charge. He would like to see a trip planned that would be more local that wasn't so expensive so more students could go and if a group wanted to go to a further destination that could be in another year. He has visited with PACE about having coverage for students on after school trips and they said as long as they were aware ahead of time and were given an agenda there would be insurance coverage.

Karen Steele presented an application from Danyel Lunt for budget committee. Frank Jordan moved to appoint Danyel to the Budget Committee for a three year term for the 2017-18 budget cycle, Lisa Fisher seconded, passed unanimously.

Gary Johnson moved to pay bills and adjourn, Lisa Fisher seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

_____Chairman_____Deputy Clerk