

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. S. Pinkelman, V. Jenkins, M. Christensen, P. Willis, N. Vouvalis, H. Kleiner were all in attendance. L. Summers joined at 5:42 p.m.

J. Adams, C. McBride, and S. Finley were also in attendance.

II. Past Minutes

N. Vouvalis wanted to clarify the June meeting minutes to show that the person hired was for the second grade teaching position.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Financial Update from Red Apple

The two reds in the expenses are because we pay all of our insurance up front, as well as our technology budget. Our operating budget looks a little low, and most of that is because we did not get the full-day Kindergarten grant again. We had a pretty high-achieving class of Kindergarteners, so we didn't make "progress" as required to get the grant again, because there wasn't much progress to make.

The school is also pulling some money out of reserves to pay for the bathroom remodels. BRCS had intended to pay for that last year, but the monies were not encumbered in time. So the "extra" went *into* reserves, which is where the bathroom remodel costs will now come out of.

There is an expenditure that needs to move from the 600 category to the 700 category, but the Board will be asked to do that in a future meeting when the other expenses become a reality. H. Kleiner clarified that the construction line that is dependent on the enrollments will be eligible for expenditure or not as of October 1, 2019 enrollments.

Enrollments are currently at 165, and changing daily. The Board based its budget on an enrollment of 173.

V. CO Monitors

The building is out of compliance for the carbon monoxide detectors. The school will need to get that completed this year. The Board needs to get a second bid, because the cost is more than the amount that we are required put out for bid. J. Adams and C. McBride are working on that. L. Summers indicated that we are still waiting on the Fire Marshall to visit, so it can be determined whether the current bid is *more* than we need, or whether it is the compliance standard. The Board will need to vote on that at the next meeting. S. Finley indicated that the amount does not seem outrageous, based on his experience with other schools.

While discussing capital improvements, the Board also discussed that the property next door was for sale once more. The asking price was \$285K, which seemed pricey. It might be sold at this point.

VI. Early Literacy Plan

J. Adams distributed the state's requested changes on the BRCS Early Literacy Plan. P. Willis noted that, given our population, the program we are currently using to meet our vocabulary goals may not be sufficient. J. Adams and our DI Specialist should discuss this with our DI consultant, to learn about any supplemental materials that might be advantageous. There is nothing alarming about the Plan or our current curriculum, and it looks good, but the school may wish to supplement its current vocabulary program with the first graders.

P. Willis also noted that it's difficult to know what achievement level the school has coming in, in the way of Kindergarteners. Because the Plan now focuses on a single grade, Kindergarten, it may make the goal difficult to meet. P. Willis asked whether we needed to choose Kindergarten. J. Adams indicated that the state recommended Kindergarten and strongly recommended focusing only on a single grade: K, 1, or 2. It was noted that the school only must show progress on one goal.

P. Willis moves to approve the Early Literacy Plan as written and present to the Board. M. Christensen seconds. No further discussion; all are in favor, none opposed.

VII. USBE Behavior Policy Adoption

This is not a new requirement, but some of the language hasn't been formalized. The adoption of this policy will be followed by training on the policy for all staff this incoming year. N. Vouvalis made some changes to the model language; namely, to ensure that it matched the school's more inclusive non-discrimination policy, to clarify some grammatical issues with the model policy, and to make some standards clearer. There is also a request pending with the state regarding the immunity provision that is in the model language.

M. Christensen moves to approve the USBE Behavior Policy with N. Vouvalis' amendments; L. Summers seconds. No further discussion; all are in favor, none are opposed.

VIII. Board Member Training Requirements

Board members must participate in three trainings. One of those is required: the Open and Public Meetings Annual Training. Most of the trainings are online, and H. Kleiner will email out links. The trainings are free, but Board Members will have to register. They take about 15 minutes each. We have a well operating board, but we have to complete the trainings. When Board Members enroll, they will put in the school's name, and the State will be able to automatically tell who has completed the trainings. There is no deadline, but we do need to do the trainings ASAP to get into compliance.

The Board also needs to do annual review of Executive Director. H. Kleiner has a template we can use. H. Kleiner and J. Adams will sit down in coming months to refine the template and get an updated template out to the Board.

IX. Backpack program discussion

A BRCS parent has been involved with Cache Food Pantry backpack program. The food pantry gives students whose families are food insecure a backpack full of food to take home for the weekend. The backpack itself is not stigmatizing, it just looks like a normal bag. The parent is already involved with this program elsewhere, and wants to lead the backpack program here. There will be no cost to the school. The only thing they need is numbers of students who need the backpack.

We won't know how many families this might include until we see the income verification forms. C. McBride will work on this.

X. Chamber of Commerce

The Board will investigate possibly joining the Chamber of Commerce.

XI. Parent Rep Elections

J. Hendricksen's seat is coming up for election this Fall. Board members should encourage parents who would be great on the Board to consider throwing their hat into the ring.

XII. New Business

M. Christensen noted that the school's volunteer librarian is stepping down this year. She wondered whether the school should put together some kind of thank you gift for all of the time and effort she put together. The Board thought this was a great idea, and will put together a gift and a card.

L. Summers wondered whether the new lunch program would be an issue that the Board should consider addressing at back to school night.

H. Kleiner indicated that if the third Tuesday of the month worked for everyone, we'd keep that time for meetings if it also worked for Red Apple. He will check with Red Apple, and we'll otherwise plan on maintaining this meeting time.

XIII. Adjourn

6:35 p.m.