

School Board Work Session Meeting August 6, 2024

The work session was called to order by Bill Reddinger. The following members were in attendance: Chris Merwin, Heidi Byers, John Sayers, Kevin Johnson, Chris Adams, Brent Wile, and Matt Confer.

Mrs. Shirey presented her report. Summer school wrapped up on July 25th. She had the pleasure of teaching the students for several of these days. She is working at getting Back to School packets prepared for the teachers. Mrs. Shirey participated in PVAAS training through the IU. She is in the process of rearranging the library so that it may be used as the new music room. The books will still be available to students for use. She and Mr. Hartle recently attended a Go Rockets online meeting. She has been getting prepared for in-service days with the teachers. Back to School night will be held August 20th from 5:00 – 6:00p.m. Welcome back emails were sent to teachers and parents with important information and dates. The first day of school will be August 21st, 2024. No further questions for Mrs. Shirey.

Mr. Hartle presented his report. Summer Credit Recovery courses were completed on July 25th. 85% of the courses taken were passed. Information packets have been created for the teachers and will be distributed at the upcoming in-service days. Go Rockets families are being contacted to set up their online education program. Nine students are currently enrolled. Emails have been sent to parents and guardians concerning changes that have taken place at the high school and what tasks need to be completed before the beginning of the year such as parking permits, Chromebook payments, activity fees, etc. Student schedules have been made available. August 2nd was the deadline for schedule changes. Professional development with upcoming in-services are scheduled and will be held August 14th, 15th, and 20th. For sports and activities, heat acclimation begins on August 7th and fall sports practice begins on August 14th. Mr. Johnson questioned when the first faculty meeting would be held after school starts. A discussion was held concerning future faculty meetings. No further questions for Mr. Hartle.

Mr. Temchulla did not present his report.

Mr. Rapp presented his report. At the high school, floor maintenance is complete in the classrooms and the hallways. The refinishing process on the gym floors will begin on August 5th. Mr. Rapp is continuing to work out the HVAC system issues with Johnson Controls and Simplex Fire Controls. A majority of the exhaust fans in the gyms and restrooms have been repaired. Lime and grape juice has been applied to the athletic field in an effort to alleviate the geese issue. He feels that conditions have been too dry to add fertilizer to the field. Cold patch asphalt has been applied in the parking lot to fix problems in several areas. At the primary campus, floor care has been completed. Playground materials have been delivered and repairs are taking place. The Administration bathroom sink drains have been rerouted to be in working order. The electrical motors for the circulation pumps on the boiler system have been installed and seem to be working properly. For the intermediate campus, floor care has been completed. A majority of the plumbing issues have been resolved with a few exceptions. The replacement of the stage front has been completed. Pressure washing of the building is currently in process. No further questions for Mr. Rapp.

Mr. Reitz did not present his report.

Mrs. Reitz presented her report. She attached a Budget Update link on the agenda for the board to review. She went into extensive detail discussing budgetary numbers/details. The board further discussed the information that was presented. No further questions for Mrs. Reitz.

Dr. Rupp gave her report. The district will be welcoming teachers back on August 14th. She discussed the Professional Development schedule and what topics would be covered. Mr. Johnson began a discussion with Dr. Rupp on teacher observations procedures. Dr. Rupp then gave the board a cyber school update. She provided the board with participation numbers for the end of last school year and the anticipated numbers for the beginning of this year. The administration held a strategic planning meeting that covered the next five years. Final touches are being made and the plan will be presented to the board in September. She also offered information to the board concerning how board meeting agendas are created. Mr. Merwin asked some questions concerning the cyber school numbers. The board continued the cyber school discussion. No further questions for Dr. Rupp.

Mr. Confer had nothing to add to the IU6 Report.

Mrs. Byers had nothing to add to the Career Center Report.

Board Committee Reports: None

Public Comments: Matt Darr updated the board on the fall sports in the district. He gave participation numbers for the individual sports. Meet the Bulldog Night is scheduled for August 15th. He talked about the installation of the new ticket booth/shed at the athletic field. Two companies are coming in September to look at the track. He brought up a discussion concerning the baseball field situation. He talked about the possible purchase of a property for a new baseball field/athletic complex. He will continue to update the board on this topic as information becomes available.

Old Business: The board reviewed some specifics about the volunteer policy (916). Mrs. Byers questioned the required age to be a coach. She also discussed the pay scale for the coaches. Extensive talks ensued with the board about the volunteer policy and the other presented policies.

New Business: Dr. Rupp expressed concern with Item 17 and the amount that the district was paying to the IU. She feels like costs continue to rise. She broke down the specifics of the services that the district was being billed for from the IU. The board also talked about Item 18A and the PSBA.

Financial Matters: No discussions

Personnel: Mrs. Byers questioned what kind of clearances coaches had to go through in order to participate (Item 26A). She also inquired if there was any cost associated with those clearances. Mr. Darr explained the specifics/numbers to the board. She questioned if the district or the individuals paid the fees. Mr. Merwin asked Mr. Darr for an update about the

trainer. The board went on to talk more about the trainer position and how difficult it is to get a trainer right now. Mr. Darr also discussed the pay scale for officials. (Item 26B)

Additional Board Items: The board continued to talk financials/expenses within the district.

The work session was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. with an executive session to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

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