

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Board of Education

January 15, 2024

6:30 P.M.

High School Library Media Center

Board Members Present: Laura Schleusner, Jay Larkin, Kim Upmeyer, Dan Goll, & Jack Toppin

1. President Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Dan Goll motioned to approve the agenda as presented & Kim Upmeyer seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried
3. Board Reports:
  - a. Elementary:
    - i. Academic Enhancements: Focused efforts on ELA and Math Winter Screening, alongside development of targeted professional development (PD) for paraprofessionals in collaboration with AEA's Christin Squier.
    - ii. Paraprofessional Development: Emphasis on tailoring PD to the specific needs of paraprofessionals, with notable contributions from Shawn Miller in PD and Debra Steenhard in Special Education.
    - iii. Curriculum Review and Selection: Upcoming team meetings to select materials for piloting new programs, with plans to observe and gather insights from other schools.
    - iv. Implementation Timeline: Steps include piloting selected programs and finalizing orders, scheduled for completion between January and March.
  - b. Middle School:
    - i. Renovations and Sports Triumphs: The P8 gym's stunning makeover, led by Kris and his team, coincides with strong winter sports participation – Cheer (14), Wrestling (16), Basketball (27).
    - ii. Staff and Student Achievements: Highlights include successful collaborations in Special Ed and school improvement programs, student involvement in jazz band and mock trial, and significant contributions by staff in computer science and the arts.
    - iii. Community Engagement and Support: Recognition of the booster club's support for new uniforms, partnership with Mayor Tim Schmidt for student essays, and the hiring of Monkey This! for positive community impact.
    - iv. Future Focus and Challenges: Preparations for teacher hiring season, managing substitute teacher shortages, and plans for educational improvements underscore ongoing efforts towards enhancing the school's learning environment.
  - c. High School:
    - i. The first semester concluded successfully on December 22nd, with a focus on addressing student learning challenges, particularly for those "at risk" due to various issues including attendance and mental health.

- ii. Professional development emphasized trauma-responsive education and collaborative learning, with special sessions led by Danielle Theis and ongoing work with Tesha Thomas from Solution Tree.
  - iii. The school is actively participating in TIC Secondary Principals meetings for collaborative policy and learning development.
  - iv. Student activities are in full swing, with sports like wrestling and basketball, and fine arts events like the Dorian Vocal Festival and NIACC Honor Band, alongside efforts to improve sportsmanship.
- 4. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Minutes: December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting
  - b. Staff Contracts:
    - i. Ken Krause: Varsity Baseball Coach
    - ii. Dominic Armitage: Boys Assistant Soccer Coach
  - c. Open Enrollment:
    - i. Open Enrolled In (8th)- West Hancock
    - ii. Open Enrolled Out (KG)- Clear Lake
    - iii. Open Enrolled Out (KG)- Clear Lake
    - iv. Open Enrolled Out (KG)- Clear Lake
    - v. Open Enrolled Out (KG)- North Iowa
    - vi. Open Enrolled Out (4th) - North Iowa
    - vii. Open Enrolled Out (6th)- North Iowa
    - viii. Open Enrolled Out (9th)- North Iowa
  - d. Laura Schleusner motioned to approve & Jack Toppin seconded the motion.  
Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried
- 5. Bills & Financial Reports
  - a. Dan Goll motioned to approve financials as presented & Kim Upmeyer seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 6. Early Graduation Request:
  - a. Board Policy 505.6 Early Graduation: Students who complete all necessary course work & graduate from high school at the end of grade twelve. Students may graduate if all requirements are met. (Lindsey Atwell)
  - b. Jack Toppin motioned to approve & Dan Goll seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 7. School Resource Officer
  - a. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura would like to move into a 28E agreement with the City of Garner to contract with a School Resource Officer Program.
  - b. Kim Upmeyer motioned to approve the SRO position & Laura Schleusner seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried
- 8. Board Policy: 700 Series- Second Reading (DI/AI)
  - a. Purchasing Bidding- 705.1
  - b. Purchasing- Bidding- Suspension and Debarment of Vendors & Contractors- 701.1 R(1).
  - c. Purchasing- Bidding Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts- 705.1 R (2)
  - d. Credit and Procurement Cards- 705.8

- e. Payment for Goods & Services- 705.5
  - f. Expenditures for a Public Purpose- 705.9
  - g. Expenditures for a Public Purpose- Use of Public Funds Regulation- 705.9 R (1)
  - h. Laura Schleusner moved to approve the 700 series as presented & Dan Goll seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried
9. Board Policy-400 Series- Second Reading (DI/AI)
- a. License Employee Defined- 407.1
  - b. Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment Selection- 407.2
  - c. Licensed Employee Evaluation- 407.8
  - d. Classified Employee Defined- 411.1
  - e. Classified Employee Qualifications, Recruitment Selection- 411.2
  - f. Classified Employee Evaluation- 411.7
  - g. Kim Upmeyer motioned to approve the 400 series as presented & Laura Schleusner seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried
10. Board Policy- 500 Series- Second Reading (DI/AI)
- a. Compulsory Attendance- 501.6
  - b. Good Conduct Policy- 503.3
  - c. Model Policies for Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence- 503.8
  - d. Student Fundraising- 504.6
  - e. Student Fundraising- 504.6 R (1)
  - f. Parent & Family Engagement Districtwide Policy- 505.10
  - g. Parent && Family Engagement District-Wide Policy- Building-Level Regulation- 505.10 R (1)
  - h. Laura Schleusner motioned to approve the 500 series as presented & Dan Goll seconded the motion as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Carried.
11. Confirm Date & time of Next Meeting (IO)
- a. January 22, 2023 @ 6:15 PM
  - b. January 29, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
  - c. February 12, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
12. President Larkin adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M.
- a. Jack Toppin motioned to adjourn & Kim Upmeyer seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried.