

Sheldon Elementary School
Board of Director's Meeting
November 17, 2015

The Sheldon School Board of Directors met on Tuesday, November 17 @ 5:30PM at Sheldon Elementary School. Those in attendance were Board Members Travis Perry, Celeste Kane-Stebbins and Jason McConnell, Superintendent Winton Goodrich, Business Manager, Rebecca Hart, Bookkeeper/Board Secretary Debbie Kittell. Channel 15 representative attended the meeting taping it for public access television.

Call to Order

Board Chair, Travis Perry called the meeting to order @ 5:33PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments and Correspondence from the Public

None

Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes

Celeste Kane-Stebbins made a motion to accept the October, 2015 minutes as presented; seconded by Jason McConnell. Motion passed 3-0.

Business Report

Check Warrants

The Board reviewed and signed warrants

Finance Report

Mrs. Hart reported that there is currently an anticipated budget carryover; mostly due to lower tuition costs than expected.

Celeste Kane Stebbins made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Jason McConnell. Motion passed 3-0.

Budget Development

FY 17 budget highlights:

- Regular Education Tuition budget remains the same;
- Budget reflects special education paraprofessionals and their benefits; all other associated special education costs will be shifted to the Supervisory Union budget;
- Decrease in dental insurance costs, 3%;
- Adjusted copayment of Health insurance per negotiations to 18.5%;

Principal's Report

Updates, Announcements and Celebrations

Grade 5/6 students Grace Peyrat, Cameron Schryver, Calla Bourdeau, Nick Paquette and Hayden Dixon were recently featured on VPR discussing a book they recently read with Mrs. Lauffer, Sheldon School's librarian, about segregation of the US Military during World War II.

Recently, students in grade 5 - 8 and their parents were invited to watch *The Hungry Heart*, a documentary that shares the struggles of drug addiction. After the viewing, Dr. Holmes and others from the film answered questions and shared frank dialogue with students and parents. Joanna Jerose, our Home-School Coordinator, organized this opportunity.

Leading, Teaching, and Learning

Our focus remains strong and Math Best Practices continues to progress making changes in math instruction. Sheldon Middle School teachers are partnering with MVU math teachers to participate at their grade level.

Participation with parents during our Fall Parent Conference remains strong at 95%; many classes reached 100% participation.

Calendar Highlights

Thanksgiving Dinner - Friday, November 20th

All School Meeting - Tuesday, November 24th

Holiday Concert, CLiF Book Give-Away, Math & Literacy Event - Friday, December 18th

Superintendent's Report

Allowable Growth Percentage Update

- **Legislative Advocacy**

There will be upcoming legislative discussion at the state level regarding Act 46 and its implications.

Act 46 Update

- **Peter Clarke Research**

This scheduled FNWSU Board meeting begins @ 6PM:

- 6:00 - 6:30 Community Input
- 6:30 Board Meeting; Community invited to stay and listen
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Board Member Travis Perry will be present at this meeting.

Anthony Muhammed Professional Learning

- **Board Members Invited - Dec 10, 11 (St. Albans-Dept of Health Conference Room) & Feb 1**

Mr. Goodrich invited Board Members and school leaders to attend. Mr. Muhammed is a well renowned motivational international speaker.

Architects Update

Mr. Goodrich recommended a facility evaluation (at an approximate cost of \$15,000) to present a 10-year stewardship plan for the school building including energy improvements, building foundation, boiler, siding, insulation, security system, roof, windows and other possible improvements needs.

Jason McConnell made a motion to move forward to receive bid proposal(s) for a facility evaluation; Celeste Kane-Stebbins seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Camera Proposal

There was discussion regarding increasing cameras outside the school building updating security. Mr. Goodrich will bring more information to the next board meeting. No action was taken at this time.

SBAC Update

Mr. Goodrich presented information regarding SBAC scores from schools within Franklin County.

HVAC Update

See Architects Update.

Fire Alarm

Possible Fire Alarm upgrades were discussed including installation of individual classroom alarms and/or the installation of a single fire alarm with visual in the east wing hallway.

Jason McConnell made a motion for Mrs. Martin to move forward with the installation of a single hallway visual alarm, seconded by Mrs. Kane-Stebbins. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

None

NEW Business

None

Executive Session

Mrs. Kane-Stebbins made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a staff contract change and negotiations update; the motion was seconded by Mr. McConnell and passed 3-0. The Board entered Executive Session @ 7:05PM.

Adjournment

The Board exited Executive Session @ 8:45PM. The Board approved the \$973.00 Tyco Simplex-Grinnell proposal.

Future Board Meeting Dates

FNWSU Board - December 2nd @ 6:30PM /Sheldon

Sheldon Elementary Board Meeting - December 8, 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jason McConnell, Board Clerk

Debbie Kittell, Board Secretary

