

January 11 2023 School Board Minutes

Present – Anne, Katja, Rachel, Hannah, Megan, Chelsea, Sarah, Sam, Layne, Heather

Called to order at 6:05 pm

Public Comment:

- Bev Taft - Spoke in opposition to staffing cuts in the form of RIF
- Tev Kelman - Spoke in opposition to staffing cuts in the form of RIF
- Richard Hubbard – Spoke in opposition to staffing cuts in the form of RIF, specifically in Brookfield and specifically the intervention specialist position
- Heidi – Special Educator at RUHS Tier 3 EST Coordinator Tier 2 was wondering what is replacing the learning labs and what we will offer instead?
- Bev Taft - Loves the idea of an activities bus and wonders who is going to work with the students and Saturday detention is highly inequitable.
- Layne - Responding to the opposition for the homework policy stated that there are studies that prove that a homework policy for elementary students and all students will improve test scores.
- Nick Kuhn Stated as a resident that paying \$130 a year for the positions that could potentially be RIFs is so little compared to what is gained by having these positions continue.

Approving the Annual Report to Voters: Motion – Chelsea 2nd – Hannah -Passed

Date for budget informational meeting: March 1 Budget Meeting, March 6 Annual OSSD meeting in Auditorium

Ownership Linkage Update:

Planned a regular meeting for the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 that will need to be warned 48 hrs ahead of time.

Up For Learning – (program) will start with a student retreat so students will lead the work

120 hours of service for \$16,000 grant funded

EL Reports 2.4 – Moved to accept by Sam, 2nd by Sarah, Passed

EL Reports 2.5 – Moved by Katja, 2nd by Hannah, Passed

Budget Presentation: RTCC and OSSD

Activity Bus to support extra and necessary learning or extracurriculars

Enrollment is up at Braintree

New Surplus Amounts

With no RIFs the budget is at \$1.3 Million with RIFs it would be at \$972K, \$130/year average

With RIFs there was a suggestion in moving teachers around there would be no more learning labs.

Angela Bauer Teaches learning labs for ELA but is worried that eliminating the labs will not be effective. Suggested they should be reinvented.

Amy Ferris Suggested looking at reinventing learning labs

Layne Presented the idea of a mandatory homework policy

Richard Hubbard A teacher at Brookfield elementary spoke in strong opposition to a homework policy on the basis that some students and parents just can't do it for reasons that are personal

Board Governance Policy 4.6:

Motion to table until next meeting by Katja, 2nd by Sarah, Passed

Required State Policies:

Move to approve by Katja, 2nd by Sarah, Passed

Meeting with Legislatures:

Anne has contacted 4 legislatures and is waiting to hear back. Suggested we ask questions about what will effect the OSSD.

Consent Agenda:

Move to approve by Hannah, 2nd by Sarah, Passed

Negotiations update:

Impass with support staff – Meeting January 25th 6:00

Impass with Teachers – Meeting March 15th

Superintendent's Report:

Will come later

Financial Report:

We have spent 39% vs 50% which would be normal at this point

Executive Session – at 8:27 a motion was made to move into Ex Sess to discuss personnel issues by Katja,
2nd Hannah, Passed

Thank you!

Chelsea Sprague