

Lisbon Community School
Regular Board Meeting
January 12, 2022 – Lisbon CSD Board Room – 6:00 p.m.

President Caspers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Caspers, Mallie, Prasil, Richey, Stensland

Members absent: None

Motion by Mallie, second by Prasil to approve the Agenda. All ayes motion carried (5-0).

Industrial Arts Instructor Kirk Wischmeyer gave a presentation on the new program. Discussion items included enrollment (which is over 50% of the High School), the projects they've been working on, ACE Programming (Architecture, Construction, Engineering), intro to CAD (Computer Aided Design), expansion of class selections, and the need for additional equipment and shop space. Hills Bank donated 7 Carhartt coats to his students who are Seniors, and IBEW #405 is donating \$1,500 towards equipment. The kids have been taking field trips for some hands-on experience. Mr. Wischmeyer thanked the Board for the facilities and all the equipment, as the program is a huge success and offers our students a different approach to learning.

Superintendent Hocking reported that we have received an anonymous \$2,000 donation to be used for new Track uniforms. Motion by Mallie, second by Richey to approve the donation. All ayes motion carried (5-0), and the Board thanked the anonymous donor for their consideration of our students.

Motion by Prasil, second by Stensland to pause the Board Policies for Occupational Safety & Health Administration. All ayes motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Mallie, second by Stensland to approve Certified Early Retirements for Julie Hill and Pat Dumolien. All ayes motion carried (5-0), and a big thank you to the retirees for all their years of service.

Motion by Stensland, second by Richey to approve Classified Early Retirements for Amy Hall, Julie Hendricks, and Leslie Weirather. All ayes motion carried (5-0), and a big thank you to the retirees for all their years of service.

Board Member Mallie noted that we don't necessarily offer early retirement every year. It is discussed and decided by the Board each year depending on finances.

Motion by Mallie, second by Richey to approve a 3-year contract for Kay Chapman as the District Auditor. All ayes motion carried (5-0).

Superintendent Hocking discussed a letter that will be going out to present new CDC quarantine rules. Discussion took place regarding reporting of weekly cases, and the District will not continue to report weekly on the District website. However, letters will continue to be sent out if a student tests positive in a particular classroom.

Secondary Principal Becker discussed the State Report Card. This information can be accessed online at: www.iaschoolperformance.gov. The top levels are Exceptional, High Performing, and Commendable. Our Middle School is rated Commendable, with a score of 57.6 versus the state average of 54.7. The High School is rated High Performing, with a score of 60.84 versus the state average of 54.7. Mr. Becker discussed that our Alternative School has really helped with graduation rates, and that our kids are hard working and driven, which is being reflected here.

Elementary Principal Brown reported that the Elementary is rated High Performing, with a score of 62.33 versus the state average of 54.7.

Superintendent Hocking complimented the administrators, teachers, and support staff. Everyone has worked really hard and this is the result – thank you!

Superintendent Hocking discussed the proposed FY23 school calendar. Discussion items included parent/teacher conferences, Christmas break, taking semester tests before break, snow make-up days, and graduation. The public hearing for the calendar will be next month, with final approval in March.

Superintendent Hocking discussed the upcoming new website and communication system, which has an app that can go on your phone. Also discussed was the Junior High athletic conference, which will remain with Tri-Rivers. We will continue to look at providing improved opportunities for our student athletes.

There will be a meeting with the City of Lisbon on Monday, Feb. 7th in our School Boardroom.

Final Superintendent interviews will take place this Friday, January 14th. Candidates will begin in Springville and then come to Lisbon. Interviews here start at 12:15 p.m. and President Caspers noted that she is looking forward to some honest feedback.

Elementary Principal Brown discussed our partnership with the Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa group, reading buddies, and reminded everyone that report cards are coming out soon.

Secondary Principal Becker discussed semester finals and adjusted schedules. He also announced that he has accepted the Superintendent position at Hampton-Dumont Schools. He noted that he is going to miss Lisbon and the great people, and he thanked the Board and the Community for all their support.

Athletic Director Ries discussed the spring musical Music Man, which has been moved up to the last weekend in March. Also discussed was the success of our Alternative School, athletic Senior Nights are coming up, and that people really like the fact that our pep band performs at games.

Board Member Prasil volunteered to be our Representative for the Linn County Conference Board.

President Caspers wished Mr. Becker the best – he will be missed.

Board Member Prasil discussed a recent facilities meeting that he and Board Member Mallie had with Rod Kelley. Discussion included the CTE program and opportunities for growth, financing, auditorium bleachers, the concession stand, and HVAC in the lunchroom and Lion's Den. Combining some items may give us an

opportunity to save money, and we need to have excellent maintenance plans. Superintendent Hocking noted that we have little or no bonding capacity and we will need to think outside the box for these improvements.

Next meeting dates are:

Friday, January 14th – 2:30 p.m. final Superintendent interviews

Monday, Feb. 7th – 6:00 p.m. meeting with the City of Lisbon here at the school

Wednesday, Feb. 9th – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mallie, second by Prasil to approve the Consent agenda. All ayes motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Stensland, second by Richey to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. All ayes motion carried (5-0).

Laurie Maher
Board Secretary

Jen Caspers
Board President