

Regular Meeting – January 22, 2018

The Charles City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2018, in the 7th grade learning studio, Charles City Middle School (MS). President Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Board members Dight, Freund, Mack and Macomber. Absent: Student Director Knecht. Staff members present included Superintendent Dr. Cox and Board Secretary O'Brien. Also present were approximately 15 visitors and staff.

The Mission statement was read by President Walker.

(Macomber/Freund) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

There was no public comment.

Dr. Cox reported the speech teams advanced to state competition in Decorah and members of the Board will be traveling to Des Moines on Wednesday, January 24th to lobby at the state house for education.

Rick Gabel, MS Principal, and MS staff members, Keith Reuter, Scotti Hagensick and Dan Caffrey explained MS Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) initiatives. There are a lot of people working together to better support students. Some of the supports include: social & academic teams, therapy animals, Project RISE (students mentoring students) and social skills curriculum. The Board asked questions.

Jean Underwood, BLDD Architects, went through the revised conceptual design of the High School (HS) modernization project. Many of the comments from the design presented at the 12-19-17 board meeting have been addressed. She emphasized the design is not a final plan but is intended to give general size, concepts and organization of the building. The four main areas of the project include:

Area	Educational Area	New/ remodeled
Humanities Wing	English, History, Social Studies	New construction
Auditorium/ Music Wing	Vocal, Band, Orchestra, Theater	New construction
South Wing	Career & Technical Education (CTE)	Remodeled
North Wing	Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics (STEAM)	Remodeled

Each of the project areas were discussed. The main entrance and office area are located between the humanities and north wing. The auditorium has 800 seats but has the capacity to add approximately 150 – 200 seats with an operable door to the student commons. The new kitchen & concessions area is located between the auditorium and Comet Gym (built with the Middle School project). The new and renovated space is approximately 95,000 square foot. The estimated cost is \$26 million.

The Board commented and asked questions. President Walker commented the design is a responsible balance of new and renovated areas. Director Dight pointed out some concerns with the locker rooms in the south wing basement, wrestling and weight room. Dr. Cox thought the plan did a good job of connecting the areas and providing access to additional parking.

Comments from the public were heard from Rob Pittman, Ryan Fank, Renae Boss and Tammy Quade. Mr. Pittman was concerned with class room sizes/furniture and wrestling and weight room needs. Mr. Fank pointed out some concerns with the wrestling and weight rooms. All sports use the weight room. Mrs. Boss was concerned with the size of the special education area and the need to plan ahead for storage. Mrs. Quade would like to see a Comet gear store and storage should be added between the auditorium and Comet Gym.

President Walker stated it is a critical part of the process to get the public involved and he greatly appreciates the input.

Dr. Cox provided an update on the progress toward the strategic plan which the Board approved on January 23, 2017. The strategies, indicators of success and progress to date for each of the goals were presented. The five goals are: 1) high academic achievement, 2) culture, climate & environment, 3) effective communication, 4) fiscal responsibility and stability and 5) facilities for educational excellence.

(Dight/Macomber) to approve the first reading of board policy 213, "Public Participation in Board Meetings" as presented. The revised policy will accept public comment at the beginning of the meeting and during the discussion of each agenda item. Citizens will be limited to three minutes to speak and no more than 20 minutes per meeting. In special situations the board may suspend the restrictions to allow for additional input. Motion carried 5-0.

(Macomber/Freund) to award the Washington Elementary section D reroof project to Midwest Roofing Company for \$79,900 as presented. There were two bidders on the project. The low bid from Midwest Roofing was approximately \$3,000 over budget for the four roof projects combined. Motion carried 5-0.

(Freund/Macomber) to award the High School section QR reroof project to Midwest Roofing Company for \$42,900 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

(Dight/Freund) to award the High School section K reroof project to Midwest Roofing Company for \$24,700 as presented. There was one public comment regarding the HS roof projects. Cory Mutch questioned which of the HS roofs were being replaced. The HS roof sections being replaced are over the renovated areas of the HS and not sections that would be demolished in the HS modernization project. Motion carried 5-0.

(Freund/Mack) to award the Lincoln Elementary building roof wall-flashing project to Midwest Roofing Company for \$35,490 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board took a six minutes recess between 7:36 and 7:42 while the PowerPoint on the next agenda item was accessed.

Dr. Cox presented a PowerPoint with talking points for the Board to consider as part of their book study and reading of *Orange Frog* by Shawn Achor. The book study was done as part of the Board's Better Boardmanship credits for 2017-18 and to provide an understanding of the professional learning provided to all District staff. The book points out that happy and engaged staff can lead to improved environment and culture in the District and to positive communications with students and peers.

The Board discussed other important upcoming dates.

(Mack/Dight) to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1(a) “to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body’s possession or continued receipt of federal funds.” The Board will provide formative input on the Superintendent’s evaluation. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Time In: 8:00 p.m.

The Board moved to the 7th grade media classroom.

Time Out: 8:41 p.m.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Terri O’Brien, Board Secretary