

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Irene-Wakonda School Board was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Irene-Wakonda Elementary School. Members present were Sandy Wolfswinkel, Deb Sokolowski, Mike Logue, Russell Buchanan and Matt Knodel. Administrators present were Dave Hutchison, Pam Rudd, Deb Lyle and Bruce Bailey. Steve Mohr was also present.

Motion was made by Matt Knodel and seconded by Russell Buchanan to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Matt Knodel and seconded by Deb Sokolowski to approve the following consent agenda items:

The minutes from the regular November meeting,

The financial reports for the General Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, Special Education Fund, Pension Fund, Food Service Fund, Driver's Ed Fund and Trust & Agency Fund

The bills for the Irene-Wakonda School District

Bus Diesel Quotes:

Gerstner - #2 - \$2.1179 and #1 - \$2.3679; Klautt - #2 - \$2.1755 and #1 - \$2.4355

Accept quote from Gerstner

Heating Fuel Quotes

Gerstner - #2 - \$1.8438 and #1 - \$2.0938; Klautt - #2 - \$1.9000

Accept quote from Gerstner

Motion carried

Upcoming meeting and events were discussed, the Principal's gave their reports and the Superintendent gave his report.

Steve Mohr discussed possible grant improvements to the baseball/softball field located on the school grounds in Wakonda. Motion was made by Deb Sokolowski and seconded by Sandy Wolfswinkel for approval to work with the town of Wakonda to improve the baseball/softball on the school grounds. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Matt Knodel and seconded by Russell Buchanan to establish the Dan Nelson Scholarship and the Xavier Larsen Memorial Scholarship at Merchants State Bank. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Matt Knodel and seconded by Russell Buchanan to reissue check number 34648 in the amount of \$91.95 to Cedar Shores Resort to check number 34805. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the renewal of our Opt Out. The Irene-Wakonda School District has had an opt-out in place since the consolidation in 2007. Prior to the consolidation, the Irene School District and the Wakonda School District had opt-outs in place. With the Governor's new funding formula and the ½ cent sales tax, the I-W District was able to raise teacher salaries as the Governor directed. The problem is that the other components of his plan will have a negative impact on the Irene-Wakonda School District. With his plan to equalize "Other Revenue", the I-W District will lose General Fund revenue of over \$440,000 in a five-year period and approximately \$145,000 annually after that. The plan will also reduce the Capital Outlay levy at the end of five years which will result in a loss of Capital Outlay Fund revenue of approximately \$400,000 annually. We will be voting on the resolution for the renewal of the Opt Out at the February 8, 2017 school board meeting.

A first reading of the procedure/policy for participation of home school children in extracurricular activities was heard.

Motion was made Matt Knodel and seconded by Russell Buchanan to hire the administration for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Russell Buchanan and seconded by Deb Sokolowski to accept the resignation from Steph Ruter from Assistant Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Russell Buchanan and seconded by Sandy Wolfswinkel to join the Cornbelt Conference due to the Tri-Valley Conference no longer having the sport of football. We will still be in the Tri-Valley Conference for basketball, track, cross country, golf and volleyball. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Deb Sokolowski and seconded by Matt Knodel to go in to executive session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation. 1-25-2.1 Motion carried.

Mike Logue, Board President, declared executive session over at 9:28 p.m.

Motion was made by Sandy Wolfswinkel and seconded by Matt Knodel to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried,

Mike Logue, Board President

Pam Rudd, Business Manager
