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Wednesday, May 10, 2017
High School Performing Arts Center


1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm
2. Establish Quorum/Roll Call: Present: Tony Beardsley, Howard Alsdorf, Joe DeRouen, Alicia Knotts, Asele Mack, and Anthony Porchia. Absent: Dave Russell
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Comments from the Public: None
5. Consent Agenda:
 - Approve Minutes from April, Regular School Board Meeting
 - Monthly Financials Report
 - Enrollment ReportMr. Beardsley ask for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 1st by Joe DeRou, 2nd by Alicia Knotts and the motion carried 5 – 0
6. New Business:
 - Principal Report:

Matt Young K – 8: Mr. Young shared what an awesome job Aaron Jones did with the Bentonville Film Festival and ask Aaron to share his experience. Aaron shared how Lordes Lane did an amazing job introducing the K – 8 students and staff to the “Super You Challenge”. Our school had excellent visibility at Arvest Stadium for the anniversary of “A League of Their Own” movie alumni game and Super Hero Day. Mrs. Ley shared what an awesome job Mrs. Brunell did in finding the funding necessary for this program and handling our finances. Mr. Young also shared how successful the Foundation event went Friday night and that they raised over \$12,000. Mr. Young shared the upcoming events found in the attached “Upcoming Events” notice. Mr. Young also shared about the Staff Professional Development, two days after school is out with our A+ Partners.
 - Mr. Johnson shared how our NWACC Early College Experience will be organized this Fall. Mr. Johnson also shared about the possibility of a grand piano donation might be coming soon.
 - Special Education Funding Approval for 2017/2018: Mrs. Brunell brought to the Board for approval our SPED Fund Approval required by the State to show how we are utilizing our SPED Funds. Mr. Beardsley brought a motion before the Board to approve our SPED Funding to report to the State. 1st by Howard Alsdorf and a 2nd by Anthony

Porchia and the motion passed in a 4 – 0. (Mrs. Mack stepped out of the meeting for a moment during the vote).

- Acceptance of Food Service Management Company: Mrs. Brunell shared with the Board that we had received one bid for our “Food Service Management Company” and it was from an excellent company, Aramark. Mrs. Brunell shared with the Board that Aramark will be meeting with our current employees to discuss employment opportunities with Aramark next week. Mrs. Brunell also shared that current employees will be paid their accrued sick leave or transfer their sick days to another school district if they are employed there. Aramark will also help market our “Free and Reduced Meal” program to our families. Mr. Beardsley ask for a motion to accept Aramark as our food service provider for the school year 2017/2018. 1st by Howard Alsdorf and a 2nd by Joe DeRouen and the motion passed 5 – 0.
- Food Service Procurement Purchasing Policy: Mrs. Brunell shared that there were two changes made to our Food Service Procurement Policy, the first is that we are required to buy American products first and second that we include a Micro Management Purchase Agreement. Mr. Beardsley ask for a motion to accept the changes to our Food Service Procurement Policy. 1st by Alica Knotts and a 2nd by Joe DeRouen and the motion passed 5 – 0.
- Written Code of Conduct for Food Service Employee: A written Code of Conduct is required by the Federal Government just like the Code of Conduct signed by all other employees. Mr. Beardsley ask for a motion to accept the Code of Conduct proposed by Mrs. Brunell. 1st by Anthony Porchis 2nd by Howard Alsdorf and the motion passed 5 – 0.
- Salary Schedule: Mrs. Brunell after investigating local school district salary schedules for Assistant Principal Position, proposed salary schedule for our new Assistant Principal Position. The proposal is for a 220 day contract starting salary of \$61,600 to a maximum of \$71,800. Mr. Beardsley ask for a motion to add an Assistant Principal salary schedule to our current schedules. 1st by Joe DeRouen and 2nd by Anthony Porchia the motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- Future Visioning Committee: Mrs. Ley introduced the idea of a “Blank Canvas” Committee to begin early next school year with four scheduled meetings beginning in September. The first meeting would cover “Communication”, the second meeting would cover “Principal Academics”, the third would cover “Mastering of the Arts, Arts Integration and our “Museum Initiative” and fourth Revisit our new Continuous Learning Calendar. Board Members discussed each member inviting parents personally, starting the meetings earlier, maybe the end of August.
- High School Principal Report: Barb Padgett was able to join the meeting after her Orchestra Concert. Mrs. Padgett shared that Graduation will be held this Saturday at 2 pm and ask that Board Members gather in the cafeteria at 1:45 for the procession to begin. She shared how we have 2 Salvadorians this year and that two of our students were awarded the Governor’s Academic Distinguished Scholarships this year. Seniors finished all their finals today and lots of our former students will be graduating from colleges all over the country. Tomorrow will be graduation practice and dinner with the faculty.

7. Discussion of items since publication of the Agenda:
 - Mr. Young and Mrs. Brunell brought a proposal before the Board to replace the ESOL teacher that has resigned due to moving out of state with a full time Foreign Language Spanish Teacher, and using Federal Funds for our ESOL and Title 1 Interventionist to service our students. Mr. Beardsley ask for a motion to approve replacing our ESOL teacher with a Spanish Teaching position and use Federal Funds to hire a ESOL / Title 1 Instructor. 1st by Howard Alsdorf, 2nd by Anthony Porchia and the motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote
8. Personnel: Hiring/Renewal/Promotion/Demotion/Transfer/Non-Renewal/Termination: None
9. Adjournment: Mr. Beardsley ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. 1st by Alicia Knotts and 2nd by Joe DeRouen and the motion passed 5 – 0.
10. Upcoming Events: Attached



Tony Beardsley, President