

Strasburg C-3 Board of Education
September 15, 2021
Board Meeting- Media Summary

Under Administrative Report:

Mrs. Mayfield discussed the following items:

District Benchmarking: We have just completed our I-Ready screening for Math and ELA grades 1-8. Mrs. Tribble, Ms. Plowman, and Mrs. Mayfield will begin reviewing Benchmark data, Literacy Screening Data, and MAP data (MAP data has not been “officially” released by DESE for public viewing at this time) and start the process of identifying students that are flagged for Tier 2 and 3 interventions. We will also use that data to begin to work on an invite list for our Monday RTI Academy that will start in January.

MAP Rewards: We will be offering MAP testing prizes (to keep that tradition in place). The only change to this process is that I will wait until April, the day before testing begins, to hand out those prizes. We will be revamping the award process after this year. Moving forward, I would like any student that shows growth or maintains an advanced score to be recognized. I want to focus on GROWTH of our students; this will also allow more students to be recognized and celebrated. Once DESE “officially” releases that information, I will share that finalized report.

ESSER III Update: The application deadline and budget deadline for ESSER III funding was August 23. Area superintendents have met recently (August 11) to discuss the application and budget process and how the districts plan to use their funds. Additionally, we have a committee of staff and administration who have been working on this as well. Again, we have a little over \$301,000 to spend over the next three years. The bulk of this will be spent on curriculum, instructional, and assessment materials to supplement our current materials and Monday Academy beginning in January 2022. For Monday Academy-these funds can also be used to provide food service, payment for staff, transportation, and other supports on those days. We will also look at building social and emotional supports for students and staff into that plan. In the next month or two, I would anticipate recommendations to the board on some of these materials, programs, and services. I have submitted a preliminary application and budget to DESE to meet the deadline. DESE has indicated that they are just getting started reviewing the ESSER III applications and budgets and that it may take them up to 30 days or so to work through them. DESE will likely prioritize those with more allotted money to spend on capital projects since those require prior approval. Also, keep in mind that the legislature has not yet appropriated the funds, and we are not sure when this will happen. As with all federal dollars, the funds must be spent first before drawing down the reimbursements; we have already been documenting approved purchases this summer and will code them appropriately when we are allowed to do so.

Under Old Business:

The board voted to provide additional days to staff for COVID Isolation and Quarantine leave. This leave will look similar to last year; those days cannot accumulate from year to year. The board can change this policy at any time.

Under New Business:

Mr. Clark presented reports on the District Special Education Program and the Gifted Program, and both programs were approved. The board approved the following board policies, found on the district website: Policy 0320, Policy 0324, Policy 2420, Policy 2710, Policy 2770, Policy 4120, Policy and Regulation 4320, Policy 4322, and Policy 2867. The board voted to approve an October calendar change; school will be in session on Monday, October 4, and school will be closed on Friday, October 8. This calendar change was made to accommodate the Pleasant Hill Homecoming change since several students miss school for the parade. Finally, the board approved the purchase of

a commercial-grade dishwasher for the kitchen. The total cost, including installation and remodeling, came to \$19,405.00. The goal is to have the dishwasher installed by the end of December.

Closed session was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.