

Strasburg C-3 Board of Education
October 19, 2021
Board Meeting- Media Summary

The Board approved the consent agenda which included the minutes of the September 15th regular meeting, the payment of October bills, the financial report for September, and the district bus routes.

Under Administrative Report:

Mrs. Mayfield discussed the following items:

I. Food Service - Food Delivery and Budget Concerns: Several of the major food distributors are facing shortages, which are starting to have an impact on the availability of a number of items, may lead to unexpected menu changes, and increased spending in the months to come. In September, we did not receive our commodities shipment and had to find other vendors to purchase those items. This resulted in a much higher cost for those items. Due to the shortage, the state has waived a number of dietary restrictions. Kelly is currently working with other vendors to try to make the impact as minimal as possible.

II. The Emergency Connectivity Grant:

This is a grant opportunity to replace aging or purchasing additional devices. There is \$7.17 billion available. This grant was not tied into e-rate dollars and is meant to close the gap for items that were not purchased with ESSER funds. Based on our quote from Quality Networks Solutions (QNS), we requested **\$11,640.90** for the cost of 30 new touchscreen Chromebooks for K, 1, &2.

We received notice that we have received this grant and have been approved for reimbursement at the amount of **\$10,590.90**. Therefore, the 30 newly purchased Chrombooks cost the district a total **\$1,050**.

Under Old Business:

I. SRCSP Updates:

Current COVID dashboard:

0 students/staff on isolation & 1 student/staff on quarantine from outside of school exposures.

Cumulative numbers this school year (since 8/24/21):

3 students/staff on isolation and 18 students/staff on quarantine due to exposure.

Mrs. Mayfield told the board that the Cass County Health Department is currently exploring the test to stay options for students that have been exposed to a positive COVID case at school only, outside of school exposures would not qualify for this option. At this time the CCHD is just exploring options and procedures. Mrs. Mayfield stated that she was fine with the test to stay option, but she does not want the school to be responsible for testing students. The district does not have the staff to keep up with this testing option; parents would need to go to an outside provider for the test to stay option. At home tests are not allowed for this option. The board will discuss this and vote on this option next month when more information is available.

II. ESSER III Updates:

We have currently identified 34 students that would qualify for Monday Academy beginning in January. Invitation letters will be handed out to those families at Parent Teacher Conferences.

DESE ESSER III Updates: on 10/11/21 we received some feedback from DESE regarding our ESSER III Application Use of Funds and our ESSER III Budget. Mrs. Mayfield revised those documents last week and resubmitted them on Wednesday 10/13/21.

Under New Business:

I. Mid-States Conference

Mrs. Mayfield presented information on behalf of Libby Clark about the Mid-States Conference being dissolved. Remaining funds were divided among the conference schools, each receiving \$362.19 which was deposited into Fund 1. Coach Clark would like to present the possibility of doing a basketball coop with Kingsville beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Clark also proposed the idea of offering a basketball intramural program for grades 3-8 for the 2022-2023 school year if the coop is approved. The board would like to explore a coop with Lone Jack first since we already partner with them for other athletics. This will be discussed more in detail next month.

II. Parents as Teachers Program

Mrs. Summers presented the Parents As Teachers Program and it was approved by the Board.

III. Facilities Planning Committee Presentation

The facilities planning committee representative, Kristin Tribble, presented the committee's recommendations for facility improvements. The facilities planning committee included parents, grandparents, staff, and two board members.

The following bullet points outline an overview of the proposed District projects:

1. Facility Upgrades: New roof over the middle school, fix the current leaking roof over the gym, 2nd-grade classroom, and current office. Redesign cafeteria restrooms.
2. Safety and Security: Control entrance and exit points and rekey the entire building (internal and external doors). Fence in the current playground area. Establishing controlled points with limited access. Removal of asbestos in the old section of the building. Addition of security cameras and a fire security system. Replacement of district bells and public announcement system. Design a canopy for the car rider line to prevent student and staff exposure to weather during arrival and dismissal.
3. Repurposing of Unused space: Redesign office space along with a secured entrance. Repurpose old spaces into new classrooms. Within that redesign, create a new library media center.
4. Efficiency Upgrades: Resolve efficiency issues through new energy-efficient lighting. The new lighting systems will increase the light levels and save the district thousands of dollars annually.
5. Storage: If funds allow, include the addition of on-site storage shed with outside restroom access for students and staff to use during outside activities.
6. Financial Responsibility: We are developing a phased approach based on priorities and need. Possibly a three-year phase-in of all projects.

IV. Draft Ballot Language

The board began to draft the ballot language for the 2022 Bond Issue. If the proposition is approved by district voters, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged. This would be a no tax increase bond issue. The board would like us to explore if we can put the exact "no-tax increase" language into the ballot.

Language will be approved by the November 2021 Board Meeting.

IV. Policy 0412

Member Marilyn McClure would like to change the language of Policy 0412. After discussion, Mrs. Mayfield will send the policy to legal for advice on the change. This change was tabled until next month.

The Board Adjourned to go into closed session pursuant to PSMo.610.021 (3).

During Closed Session, the board approved to hire Terry Stevens as a consultant to continue to train our new bookkeeper.

The board approved the 2021-2022 substitute teacher list.

The board heard personnel updates and no action was taken.

The Board reconvened open session.

The meeting was adjourned.