

ON LINE WITH THE BOARD

Quote: "If you treat an individual as he is, he will remain as he is. But if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be."

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The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the July 11th meeting of the board of education.

1. New board members Janice Kiger and Eric Peacock were administered the oath of office.
2. The following officers were elected for the 2007/2008 year:
President – Dawn Allstetter
Vice President – Chuck Bushart
Secretary – Diane Hovatter
Treasurer – Mary Mehringer
3. The board conducted its organizational business by setting board meeting dates, naming banking institutions and signers on all accounts, appointment of legal counsel, and several board appointments to different organizations or responsibilities.
4. The board approved the annual loan activity application for the school loan revolving fund. This is for the debt fund. This year due to good fiscal management by the board and increased taxable value in the district we will begin repaying the loan from the state. We borrowed eight million dollars less than originally projected and we are beginning repayment six years early.
5. In order to keep the lunch program self-sustaining the board voted to increase student lunches by 25 cents and adult lunches by 50 cents. This is the first increase in about eight years.
6. Alana O'Neal was hired for a high school science teaching position to replace Phil Zuber.
7. Changes to the high school handbook were presented for first reading.
8. Experiential Learning Courses for high school students were presented for first reading.
9. Dennis McComb reported on the following:
 - Carol Hanna Hofman has announced her retirement.
 - Sue Kohfeldt has been officially selected to participate in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. She will be teaching in Romania and the teacher from Romania, Profira Tudor, will be teaching here.
 - The legislature is on vacation so they are not working on the 2007/2008 budget problems. As a result, we still have no idea about a foundation grant increase, if any.
 - The high school is looking to charge for transcripts and other information requested by alumni. They will also make the option available to send transcripts to colleges by certified mail if the parent or student pays the cost.
 - With the rising problem of the use of cell phones and I-pods during school time, the high school is developing a more definitive policy regarding disciplinary measures.
 - Our Worker's Compensation premium is being reduced by \$19,448 due to distribution of eight million dollars in accumulated assets from the SET/SEG pool.

- Information from Jim Betts regarding the Business as Educational Partners program he presented in June was distributed. This will be on the August agenda.
10. The agreement with the Transportation Employees was approved contingent upon their ratification.