

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on September 25, 2019. The following board members were present: Eric Richardson, Bob Clark, Dan Davis, Cary Rhoades, and Lyle Finney. Guests: Dr. Williams, Braden Albert, Drew Cooper, Rachel Sheeley, Rebekah LaVere.

CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by Mr. Rhoades at 6:30 P.M. at Hagerstown Elementary School Library.

Dr. Williams certified compliance with the open meeting law.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public hearing was held for public questions regarding the proposed 2020 budget as well as the 2020 proposed Transportation and Capital Projects.

Dr. Williams reminded the board when putting together a budget, we are doing so with very little information. Budgets can be reduced but they cannot be increased. Dr. Williams informed them that on the handout provided by Mr. Cooper that they may see some high numbers but we are estimating high.

Mr. Cooper provided the handout for all three items. Mr. Cooper stated he worked with Mr. Hillman to determine his needs to determine the Transportation budget. Mr. Hillman is in need for a new Special Needs bus. Right now, we are on a schedule to replace one bus a year. However, we could possibly replace two this year.

Dr. Williams stated how we are not held to a plan regarding Capital Projects. It has been mentioned that the roofs on both buildings need work.

No Public was present to ask questions.

Davis/Clark moved to adjourn public hearing and move to the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the Board Minutes for September 11, 2019 was tabled.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

None.

SCHOOL NEWS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A breakdown of the bonds were provided by Dr. Williams. We have two bonds that are coming due. One is \$600,000 and is due in 2021. We have a lease rental in the amount of 2 million due in 2023. Dr. Williams informed the Board that they need to begin thinking what they would like to accomplish and if they want to keep tax rates the same.

Dr. Williams seriously urged the Board to consider the greater amount of money as people will not complain if we lower taxes but they will complain if we raise them.

There is a 2 million threshold, after that you have to have a referendum.

Mr. Davis asked if the goal is to maintain tax rates. Dr. Williams stated that is the ultimate goal.

Discussion was held and was suggested the Board meet with Financial Advisors regarding the Bonds on options in January when the new Superintendent was present.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Richardson/Clark moved to approve Payroll in the amount of \$195,315.25 and Claims in the amount of \$197,018.33. Motion carried 5/0.

PERSONNEL

Richardson/Davis moved to approve the purchase of new Servers. Motion carried 5/0.

Davis/Clark moved to approve the Personnel Report. Board approved Chloe Beaty, Shannon Ramey, and Christina Neuman were all approved as Instructional Assistants at \$10.50 per hour. Shaye Fisher was approved as Homebound Tutor at \$29.10 per hour. Motion carried 5/0.

OTHER ITEMS CONSIDERED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION/ACTION

Richardson/Davis moved to approve the use of E-Learning Days. Mr. Richardson asked Dr. Williams if there was a limit on how many E-Learning days could be used in a school year. Dr. Williams stated he is not aware of a limit but will check into it. Motion carried 5/0.

Davis/Clark moved to approve the School Safety Grant. We did not get fully funded but received half which is \$37,500. We will put that with the \$75,000 set aside out of the Operations Fund. Dr. Williams stated we would get proposals together to start the process of hiring two (2) school resource officers. Motion carried 5/0.

OTHER ITEMS ITEMS OF INFORMATION

An Executive Session Meeting will be held October 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm to review applications for the Superintendent Position.

The October 9, 2019 Board Meeting has been cancelled due to Fall Break.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 6:30 pm at Hagerstown Elementary Library.

November 13, 2019 Board Meeting will be held at the Lions Club in Economy.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm to Executive Session.

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The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in executive session on September 25, 2019. The meeting was conducted at the Hagerstown Elementary Building Library. The following board members and administrative staff were in attendance: Eric Richardson, Bob Clark, Dan Davis, Cary Rhoades, Lyle Finney, Drew Cooper and Dr. Williams. No subject matter in the executive session, other than subject matter specified in the public notice, was discussed by the governing body. The executive session adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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