

District # 145 Staff,

The following is a summary of the Board of Education meeting that occurred on December 7, 2009. The official minutes of the meeting will be published at a later date. This is for your information from the superintendent's perspective – the purpose is to provide information of district activities.

Due to the number of people in attendance, the meeting was moved to the Media Center at Waverly Intermediate School. The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. After procedural requirements for complying with the Open Meetings Act were finished, seven people addressed the Board during the Open Forum. They expressed concern for a reduction of staff and shared how District 145 staff has positively impacted the lives of students.

A presentation was given by Middle School students and Mrs. Hunt shared informed about the LIFE program. The Board reviewed administrator reports (which are submitted in advance and contained as part of the Board packet – also public information).

I gave an update on the HS gym floor. It appears total floor replacement is necessary. The source of water is yet to be determined. The floor may be removed during winter break.

Board member Andy Grosshans reported on the recipients of the classroom grants from the Foundation for Education. There will be a formal presentation at half-time of a future basketball game. The Board expressed its appreciation for the Foundation's support and the innovation of the teacher's who were the recipients of the grants.

The Board of Education approved:

* The Waverly Transportation Association negotiated agreement for 2009-10. Hourly wages increased an average of 3.2%, total compensation increase was 4%.

*Approved a lease-purchase agreement with Apple Inc. At the end of three years, District 145 owns (and retains possession of) the leased computers. Cost will be \$102,641 per year for 3 years. This cost includes the three year warranty and includes a new server. This is part of the original 2009-10 budget, and the cost is actually thousands less than the price quote from August when the expenditure was originally planned. The district will receive 310 new computers during winter break and installation will begin. The rotation of machines scheduled is:

HS– Computers in Pod 3000, 4000, Library, Journalism and Business (Bellinger) will get replaced with new iMacs (Pods 1000, 2000 and AutoCad were new in 08-09)

MS- All Labs 6, 7, 8, Computer Apps and Library will be replaced with new iMacs
Computer Apps lab will be used to upgrade Special Education room needs

WIS – North and South labs will be replaced with new iMacs

Computers from labs will be used to replace the classroom iMacs

Hamlow- Computers from the MS* will be used to upgrade East and West Labs.

Computers from lab will used to replace any student machines that are in classrooms.

Eagle – Computers from MS* will be used to upgrade East and West Labs.

Lab computers will be used to replace classroom iMacs.

*MS iMacs are 17" machines that were purchased in 2007.

*The Board accepted the Independent Financial Audit for 2008-09 conducted by Romans, Wiemer and Associates. We submit financial information to the State Auditor's Office annually for review.

*After discussion, the Board approved a resolution to reduce classified staff positions effective January 1, 2010. There will be a reduction district-wide that is equivalent to 6.0FTE teacher assistant positions and 2.25FTE custodial positions.

*After discussion, the board approved the first reading of Policy 4750 – Separation Benefits Program. The program will sunset in 2010-11. A second reading of the policy will occur at the January meeting. President Francke stated that the Board had a lengthy discussion regarding this policy at the December 1, 2009 work session. He stated the Board prefers to keep experienced teachers, rather than provide an incentive for them retire. Rather than pay for a separation benefit, the Board wishes to put those dollars to use inside the general fund budget. In addition, the current state aid formula provides a component that rewards districts that have teachers with master's degrees.

The Board entered into a closed session to conduct the performance evaluation of the superintendent. The Board took a short recess and reconvened the closed session at the Central Office. After returning to open session no additional action was taken. During open session, discussion was held on finalizing Board of Education goals.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled at the Central Office Building on Monday, January 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

President Francke adjourned the meeting at 9:51pm.