

ROCORI SCHOOL DISTRICT 750
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017 @ 6:30 PM
Location: ROCORI BOARD ROOM (DISTRICT OFFICE SITE)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Demuth, Habben, Hesse, Humbert, Schurman, and Wesenberg.
Presenter: Habben, Board Chair
Time: 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The School Board Chair will lead the board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Presenter: Habben, Board Chair
Time: 6:32 PM

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board action to approve the agenda for the meeting is expected.
Presenter: Habben, Board Chair
Time: 6:34 PM

4. COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM VISITORS

The agenda is open to visitors of the meeting to offer comments to and/or requests of the school board. The comments and requests should follow the adopted district guidelines which are printed and available at the meeting. As a general rule, items introduced in the opportunity for comments and requests do not receive action from the School Board, but are taken under advisement or consideration for future action.
Time: 6:36 PM

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Action is requested on the following items of the consent agenda. Consent agenda items are typically adopted without discussion of the individual items because they are routine or ordinary in action. Any consent agenda item may be removed for further discussion and deliberation by any member of the board.
Presenter: Habben, Board Chair
Time: 6:40 PM

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular meeting of August 28, 2017 are included in the exhibits. Recommend approval of the minutes from the meetings.

B. EMPLOYMENT

Stephanie Hillman, Director of Community Education, is recommending Brizma Garcia, Kennedy Heinen, and Jessica Salas as Kid Care Aides for the 2017-2018 school year.

Stephanie Hillman has offered the Kid Care Coordinator position to Annie Hoepner. This position oversees the operations of the wrap-around care program.

Stephaine Hillman is also recommending an increase in hours for Cindy Voigt, Paraprofessional at the District Education Facility, to cover the hours needed in the Early Childhood Special Education Program. Cindy is being reassigned from a classroom para to the Early Childhood Special Education program.

Stephanie Hillman has also included a list of instructors for the Community Education programs.

Assistant Principal Guetter has submitted a board recommendation for Haley Krebs as a paraprofessional at the secondary schools for the 2017-2018 school year for 32.5 hours to fill the position vacated by Stacey Evens when she went to media paraprofessional. Mr Guetter is also recommending an increase in hours for Julie Staska, paraprofessional at the secondary schools to 32.5 hours per week for the 2017-2018 school year to fill one of the new paraprofessional positions.

Principal Skanson is recommending Cheryl Astrup to fill the position as the Brailist/Interpreter at the Cold Spring Elementary school for the 2017-2018 school year. She will help to fill the needs of a special education student.

Recommend approval of the offers of employment to the candidates.

C. POLICY CONSIDERATION

Two policies are submitted for third and final readings. The policies include 8-14 Adding Extra-Curricular Activities and 6-3 Certified Staff Evaluation. These policies, as approved, become ROCORI District policies.

Recommend adoption of the policies.

D. FALL COACHES

The Activities Department has submitted a list of coaches and activity advisers who have been offered positions for the 2017 Fall Activity season. The list of coaches is traditionally approved by the board in order to authorize compensation for their service during the activity season.

Recommend approval of the Fall Activity coaches and advisers.

E. RESIGNATION

Victoria Vierzba, Paraprofessional at the Secondary Schools, has submitted a letter of resignation effective September 29, 2017.

Recommend acceptance of the resignation letter.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Action items receive individual attention because of the nature of the issues, the need to discuss or review the information prior to taking action, or the specific kind of action required for the item.

Time: 6:45 PM

A. POSITION PROPOSAL

A proposal is submitted for School Board consideration regarding English Learner services. The caseloads of EL teachers at all levels of the district have started out very high with students needing to learn the English language. The district is also in need of examining the program that is offered and working to adjust the services to most efficiently meet the needs of learners. Because of the high needs, discussion has unfolded regarding supports that might be put in place. Although paraprofessional services or teacher services might be deployed, another option would be to better engage district multi-cultural liaisons. The district included additional liaison support through the Achievement and Integration grant, but more support is likely to make a significant difference. The proposal seeks to add one more liaison using district general fund resources.

Recommend approval of the liaison proposal.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion items receive individual attention because of the nature of the issues and the need for introductory or other discussion in order to review the information prior to taking action. This is also the agenda location for items which simply need school board review, but no formal action on the item is required. Discussion items will typically return to the agenda at a future point for more specific action.

Time: 6:45 PM

A. POLICY CONSIDERATION

Policy 6-5 Family and Medical Leave Policy was adopted in 2011 and was based on the MSBA Model policy. The Model Policy, included in the exhibits, has been amended to include two additional sections: one related to "military caregiver leave" and one related to "spouse." The Policy Review Committee is recommending these sections be incorporated into the ROCORI policy and then be authorized.

Policy 6-8 is submitted for review by the full board as a second reading. The Policy Review Committee has already put the policy into the format template the district is now using. Included are also some relatively minor changes to the policy.

Desired Outcomes: Review of the work of the Policy Review Committee in order to offer direction for this second or for the next, third, reading of these policies.

Recommendation: Accept the policies as their second reading. Bring policies to the next meeting for third and final reading.

Time: 5 minutes

B. SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

At the last meeting, an overview of proposed goals from the Superintendent was provided. The expectation was to bring more detailed information to this meeting for school board consideration. A copy of the original proposal is included with more detailed information expected by the meeting.

Traditionally, the board receives the information at one meeting and then accepts, modifies or adjusts the meeting at the following session.

Desired Outcome: Opportunity to review the goals and proposed processes. Discussion and/or redirection of the goal planning.

Recommendation: Review the information at this meeting with action anticipated at the next meeting.

C. DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

As the school year has started, an update on enrollment is provided. This is informational material for School Board member understanding. No formal action is required on the information.

Desired Outcome: Information shared to understand opening enrollment in the district compared to projections and financial expectations.

Recommendation: No formal action is required.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

Time: 6:55 PM

A. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports are requested of each administrator for update purposes. For the second meeting, the reports are offered by the Business Cabinet members.

1. ACADEMIC REPORTS

The reports during the first meeting of the month are expected from the Academic team including principals and curriculum leaders.

2. BUSINESS/FINANCIAL

At the last board meeting, the improvements priority list was shared with the School Board. The conversation indicated a desire to include this list as a regular part of the board meeting packet.

This agenda item is included as an opportunity to fulfill that request.

3. OPENING OF SCHOOL

Members of the School Board have requested an update on the opening week of school, in particular any additional information regarding the handbook guideline about vehicle flags/banners and implications of the decision to rescind the guideline. Any new or additional information related to this situation is expected to be provided at the meeting.

B. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

9. UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A calendar of upcoming issues of concern to the school board is included as part of the agenda.

Time: 6:57 PM

10. ADJOURN

Time: 7:00 PM

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