

Special Meeting/Goals Workshop
November 7, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscataine Community School District met in special session on Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the LM Admin Office at 14478 170th St, Letts IA. Directors present included Angie Kemp, Eric Schlutz, Scott Wilson, Pam Lee and Bob Nowak. Also present was Supt. Mike Van Sickle.

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

President Kemp called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Nowak moved, and Schlutz seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Hold-Open Device Project Quotes

Two quotes were received for the purchase and installation of hold-open devices for all the classrooms in both buildings. The district had been cited in the 2009 fire inspection for the use of the kick-downs and wedges to keep doors open, a common occurrence. Mr. Kinsley asked the staff to remove the wedges prior to the latest inspection to avoid another citation. SimplexGrinnell quoted \$17,241 for 67 doors at the elementary building, tying into their own existing system. For the jr/sr high building, Kauffman Electric quoted \$20,370 for 67 hold-open devices and for six magnetic door closures that are needed where no wall exists for installation. The work is scheduled to be completed over the winter holiday break. Lee moved, and Wilson seconded, to approve the purchase and installation of a total of 134 electromagnetic hold-open devices and 6 magnetic door closers for installation in both the elementary and jr/sr high buildings at a cost of \$37,611. Motion carried, 5-0.

Fire Safety Grant

Iowa school districts have been notified that there are Fire Safety Grants available for correcting fire inspection violations, such as our door wedge and kick-down citation. The district can request up to \$25,000 based on enrollment. Lee moved, and Schlutz seconded, to approve application to the Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program for a Fire Safety Grant to assist in funding the

purchase and installation of electromagnetic hold-open devices and magnetic door closers. Motion carried, 5-0.

Board Goals

The board reviewed their goals and expressed concern as to how to know if they are meeting the goals or how to measure their success. Following lengthy discussion they agreed to focus on one objective for each goal:

- **High Student Achievement:**
Increase the percentage of proficient students, district-wide, in math, reading and science, over the previous year.
- **Quality School Environment:**
Provide handicapped-friendly facilities.
- **Qualified and Dedicated Employees:** Strive for 100% of all required evaluations to be completed.
- **Excellence in Extra-Curricular Programming:**
Create a handbook for all extra-curricular coaches/sponsors for the Fy15.
- **Financial Solvency:**
Balance the budget within the next two years.

These items will be put on the November 18th regular agenda for action.

Superintendent's Goals

Supt Van Sickle proposed some revisions to his goals:

- To assist the board in determining essential educational needs and program initiatives, including how to most effectively fund those needs and programs and recommend reductions and/or expansions as needed.
- To work with the board in determining how best to approach and communicate a PPEL vote.

- To continue to strengthen the evaluation system for both certified and classified staff.
- To work with the board, administration, and staff in order to provide a school structure that encourages student social and academic growth.

The goals will be put on the November 18th regular agenda for action.

Karron Stineman, Secretary

Personnel

Schlutz moved, and Nowak seconded, to approve the hiring of Michaela Malloy as elementary para, \$9.25 per hour. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adjournment

As there was no further business before the board, Schlutz moved, and Wilson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

Angie Kemp, President
