

The Board of Directors of the Spencer Community School District met in REGULAR SESSION on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 5:30 in the Board Room at the Central Office, Spencer, Iowa.

QUORUM

President Korbitz called the meeting to order. Marti Bomgaars, Todd Korbitz, Dean Mechler, Bob Whittenburg, and Bill Zinn answered roll call.

PLEDGE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Motion by Bob Whittenburg, second by Bill Zinn to approve the meeting agenda. All voted affirmative. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Marti Bomgaars, second by Dean Mechler to approve the consent agenda. Items included in the consent agenda are as follows:

- Minutes of previous meetings
- Open Enrollment requests
- Approval of bills
- Secretary's financial reports
- Personnel recommendations as follows:

Resignation:

Barbara Bensene – Teacher Associate.

New Hires:

Ben O'Clair – Maintenance personnel for a salary of \$15.96 per hour for approximately 40 hours per week.

Emily Wassom – Assistant softball coach for a salary of \$3,621.

Contract Termination

Bernard Griffin – Bus Driver.

All voted affirmative. Motion carried.

VISITORS

Visitors were received.

PSY REPORT

Coach Tighe presented the Positively Spencer Youth Report.

SCIENCE UPDATE

Science teacher, Chris Oponski and students, Jesse Barnes, Jenna Barnes, and T. Caleb presented information on the Nobel Science Conference attended by staff and students. The conference has included such topics as Heating Up – The Energy Debate, Who Were the First Humans, and H2O Uncertain Resource.

The attendees would like to thank the Spencer School Foundation and other sources of contributions for the opportunity to have attended the conference and, hopefully, continued attendance.

LAKESIDE LAB

Science teacher, Chris Oponski updated the Board on the progress with the Lakeside Laboratory.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Principal reports were heard.

HEALTH COURSES

High School Principal Joe Muetting discussed Health Occupations Vocation Courses with the Board. This is a new program that would be a tremendous addition to our curriculum. In the event partnerships evolve in the community the vocational approved program would include the following offerings:

- Intro. To Health Occupations I and II
- Medical Terminology
- Pharmacology
- Certified Nurse Aid I and II

This would be a tremendous opportunity for our students and the community. It would be an opportunity to explore a working partnership with the Spencer Municipal Hospital, and create funding to help with the expense of the vocational strand. Iowa Lakes Community College has agreed to recognize all as dual credits and tie into the strand with an articulation agreement to bring the students in at the second year of the nursing program.

IOWA CORE CURRICULUM

Curriculum Director Barb Besch presented an update on the Iowa Core Curriculum.

SET HEARING DATE

Motion by Bill Zinn, second by Dean Mechler to set the hearing for the sale of the Old Middle School First Floor at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in the Board Room at the Central Office, Spencer, Iowa. All voted affirmative. Motion carried.

700 BOARD POLICIES

Motion by Marti Bomgaars, second by Bob Whittenburg to approve the first reading of Board Policy Series 700. All voted affirmative. Motion carried.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE
TUITION**

Motion by Dean Mechler, second by Bill Zinn to table the foreign exchange student tuition until further information can be obtained. All voted affirmative, with the exception of Bob Whittenburg who voted no.

INTERNET SERVICES

Motion by Dean Mechler, second by Bob Whittenburg to approve a three-year contract for Internet services through the ICN. All voted affirmative. Motion carried.

**09-10 TEACHER QUALITY
DOLLR REDUCTION**

Motion by Bob Whittenburg, second by Bill Zinn to make the recommended 10% reduction to the 2009-10 Teacher Quality dollars, part of the Governor's 10% across-the-board cut. All voted affirmative. Motion carried.

INFO/DISCUSSION:

Information/Discussion:

- South Clay Assessed Valuations if the voters approve the dissolution plan would be the approximate amount of \$41,070,361 or 50.03%
- February work session – February 11, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.
- Key messages or take away's:
- Principal reports were promising and much improved presentations
- Impressive reports on student achievement: 21st century partnering with health and science resources, will come back in support, opportunities for our students, monetary support, and engaging community in our schools.
- Encourage and recognize Chris Oponski and Joe Muetting for their partnering endeavors.

SUPT COMMENTS

Superintendent Comments:

- Ruthven-Ayshire sharing information.
- Network-Rounds with Administration

ADJOURN

Motion by Bill Zinn, second by Dean Mechler to adjourn. All voted affirmative. Motion carried. The time 8:05 P.M.

EXEMPT SESSION

The Board moved into exempt session to discuss teacher negotiations.

BOARD PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

