



# CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

September 14, 2015

## BOARD ACTION

- Approved meeting minutes of August 10, 2015 school board meeting.
- Approved fund raising for proposed school sponsored student art trip to Europe.
- Acknowledged the following staff changes: accepted the resignation of elementary teacher, Nicole Kerins; science teacher, Ross Waite; bus driver, Tiffani Day; approved a year's leave of absence for educational assistant, Denise Johnson; hired educational assistant, Linda McLain; bus driver, Larry Angland; Dustin Walker, Jr High BBX Coach; Kelly McLaughlin, Jr High GBX Coach; and Saul Smith as part-time Boys' Soccer Coach.
- Approved the hire of second grade teacher, Jennifer Shadwick on a temporary contract.

## BUSINESS

- The Board discussed implementing the annual community survey. There was consensus to revise survey questions to gain a household response instead of a single individual response. Revised questions will be reviewed at next Board meeting. The survey will again be distributed by the District's newsletter and drop boxes. We will use Facebook to encourage patrons to return the survey.
- In reviewing its' goals, the Board discussed holding zone meetings just prior to a public board meeting as a way to meet the goal of increasing community participation and input. It was suggested perhaps a few Board meetings be held off campus such as Shedd Fire Hall and Rec Center in Brownsville. Superintendent Gardner will determine the legality of such meetings as all board members would be in attendance and report at next meeting. The intent of a zone meeting was to have individual board members host meetings with their zone constituents, communicate progress within the district and take input. Board members requested 2014-15 data, related to the academic goals, be provided at next Board meeting. The Board goals remain unchanged with the exception of moving the district office to a school campus. That goal has been completed.
- Discussed the \$175 million in seismic funding grants approved by the Legislature. The current maximum grant is \$1.5 million per project/school building. Mr. Gardner reported while this funding does not require matching funds building projects must address the entire building. For example you cannot just upgrade the gym. If the gym is connected to the school, the gym and entire school building must be brought up to standards.
- Local general obligation bonds were also discussed. Funding level for the 2015-17 biennium would be \$125 million statewide. Maximum district grant amounts would be \$8 million with a minimum \$4 million.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Gardner reported enrollment remains fairly steady at 643 total; more problems with high school plumbing (hot/cold water leaks); district office in process of generating an RFP for the Brownsville property based on goals set by the Board; reminded the Board author, Mawi Asgedom, will be in District October 1<sup>st</sup> to speak with students and parents and staff.

**NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 12 - 6:30 P.M. - CLHS**