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REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
SCHOOL LIBRARY
JANUARY 16, 2024
7:00 A.M.

The Board of Directors of the Akron-Westfield Community School District met in open session for the regular monthly board meeting, in the School Library, 850 Kerr Drive, Akron, Iowa at 7:00 a.m., on Jan. 11, 2024. President Schoenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Hawkins, Martinsen, Schoenfelder, and Von Hagel.

Administrators Present: Derek Briggs, Michelle Henrich, and Jeremy Mills.

Others Present: Megan VanderLugt Motion to approve the agenda by Von Hagel, seconded by Martinsen Motion carried with ayes by Hawkins, Martinsen, Schoenfelder, and Von Hagel.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the following consent items by VonHagel, seconded by Hawkins.

December 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Next regular meeting on February 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Transfers
Business Manager's Financial Reports—General, Schoolhouse, Activity, Hot Lunch Bills

1 Checking 1 Fund: 10 GENERAL FUND
Akron Area Chamber Of Commerce-Service55.00
Akron Lumber-Supplies.....999.96
Akron-Westfield Hot Lunch Dept-Service3,160.45

Alpha Wireless Communications Co-Supplies2,328.82
Armstrong, Laura-Reimbursement43.56
Brogden, Cari-Reimbursement135.22
Cdw Government Inc-Service2,500.00
City Of Akron-Service8,381.95
Claim Aid-Service454.41
Culligan Of Lemars, Ia-Service. 72.00
Dakota State University-Service100.00
Demco-Supplies250.00
Department Of Education-Service750.00

Devries Tool & Supply Inc-Supplies....2,300.00
Dhs Cashier 1st FI-Service ..3,966.07
Dirks Hardware And Appliance, Inc-Supplies815.35
Hillyard/Sioux Falls-Supplies 2,542.91
Iowa Association Of School Boards-Service1,115.00
Iowa School Finance Information-Service54.00
Iowa State University-Service ...75.00
J W Pepper & Son Inc-Supplies486.08

Justice Fire & Safety, Inc-Service1,250.00
Kevin O'dell Electric, Inc.-Service639.66
Maynards Food Center-Supplies66.54
Mercyone Business Solutions-Service 217.46
Northside Glass Service Llc-Services 385.52
Pomp's Tire Service Inc-Service268.39

Prairie Farms-Supplies34.15
Premier Communications-Service1,026.33
Presto X-Service.....200.20
Ray's Mid-Bell Music-Supplies 164.32
School Health Corporation-Supplies69.41
Schumacher Elevator Company -Service.....268.92
Steve's Heating & Air Cond, Inc -Service.....379.46
Tennapel, Diane-Supplies45.98
Think Safe Inc.-Supplies258.00
Thompson Solutions Group-Service3,478.00

Time Management Systems Service199.50
Visa-Services.....9,976.85
Wells Fargo Bank, Na-Service1,449.77
Fund Total:50,964.24
Checking 1 Fund: 22 MANAGEMENT FUND
Wells Fargo Bank, NA-Service5,627.56
Checking Account Total:56,591.80
Checking 2 Checking 2 Fund: 33 CAPITAL PROJECTS
Avery Brothers Sign Company -Supplies.....1,689.00
Cmba Architects-Service.....2,900.00
Elevate Roofing-Service.....4,924.00
Frontline Technologies, Inc-Service2,898.00
Guarantee Roofing, Siding And -Service.....1,395.00
Horizon Equipment Service Llc -Supplies.....8,180.53
Inpro Corporation-Supplies..3,425.32
K & K Mobile Storage Inc-Service400.00
Kingsbury Electronic Systems, Inc. -Supplies.....45,410.62
L & L Builders-Service.....59,708.41
Sportboardz-Supplies1,730.00
United Greenhouse Systems, Inc -Supplies.....1,450.00
Visa-Service.....3,250.53
Fund Total:137,361.41
Checking 2 Fund: 36 PHYSICAL

PLANT & EQUIPMENT
Certified Testing Services,Inc-Service406.00
Cmba Architects-Service.....2,097.18
Fund Total:2,503.18
Checking Account Total: ...139,864.59
Checking 3 Checking 3 Fund: 21 STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
4 Seasons Fundraising-Supplies7,865.61
Akron-Westfield Alumni Wrestling -Service.....300.00
Amazing Arthur/ The Balloon-Service1,000.00
Center Sports-Supplies.....240.00
Cherokee Community School Dist -Entry Fee120.00
Chesterman Company-Supplies1,698.40
Derocher, Adam-Official170.00
Edwards, Kerri-Reimbursement234.66
Get Branded 360-Supplies.....429.00
Graettinger-Terril Csd-Entry Fee125.00
Iowa Department Of Inspections -Service.....40.00
Iowa High School Speech Assn. -Service.....157.00
Iowa Hs Music Assn.-Service525.00
Johnson, Kent-Reimbursement69.97
Lamasters, Haylee-Reimbursement23.14
Magnussen, Teresa-Service ...250.00
Martin Bros. Distributing Co.-Supplies1,113.61
Maynards Food Center-Supplies11,963.68
Nwi Honor Orchestra Festival-Service15.00
Nwiba-Entry Fee.....150.00
Ray's Mid-Bell Music-Supplies180.87
Squier Designs-Supplies.....80.00
Visa-Service.....7,227.77
West Sioux Community School-Entry Fee60.00
Woodbury Central Csd-Entry Fee100.00
Fund Total:34,138.71
Checking Account Total:34,138.71
Checking 4 Checking 4 Fund: 61 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
Casey's Bakery Inc-Supplies138.60
Martin Bros. Distributing Co.-Supplies11,443.94
Maynards Food Center-Supplies34.39
Pizza Ranch- Vermillion Sd-Supplies856.00
Prairie Farms-Supplies1,562.30
Sonicu Llc-Supplies1,532.00
Visa-Service109.18
Fund Total:15,676.41
Checking Account Total:15,676.41
Motion carried with ayes by Hawkins, Martinsen, Schoenfelder, and Von Hagel.

REPORTS
Michelle Henrich, PK-6 Principal
1. End of the semester is Thursday, Jan. 12th. Inservice all day Friday. Staff will be working on report cards and working on some emergency planning and/or mentoring work in the afternoon.

2. The early childhood team will be meeting later this month to talk about how to structure Kindergarten Roundup and team with HeadStart.

3. Winter administration of FAST assessment in reading and math begins Jan. 15. Work with iReady begins the week following that. Students not meeting benchmarks in reading are progress monitored weekly following ongoing intervention.

4. ISASP dates for the yearly assessment have been released they are: March18-May 3. This assessment is not timed and is taken online. We are in the planning stages for this assessment.

5. I'd like to share with you some information about our Reading Camp that we have held in June the past summers. We meet Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30. We meet for 3 weeks and end the week before July 4th. Students are bussed to and from school. There is a time for a recess break and snack. The number of students we invite is dictated by the number of staff teaching. We first invite those students with the greatest need and then work our way forward until we have full groups. Summer schedules are busy and this timing doesn't always work for families. We have noticed in the recent/past years that our attendance is greatly affected by area sports camps, family vacation plans, and student motivation. We have also noticed in looking at the data that the impact is not as great as is the impact we have as we are providing intervention during the year. We would like to propose that we look to offer Reading Camp a bit differently to meet need at the time the student is learning skills and 'in school mode'. We are trying to avoid the many activities that enrich and support students and families during the summer, as well as family vacations, etc.

Our BLT has considered options and looked at the data and would like to recommend that we try offering tutoring after school 2/week to support students on skills that they are struggling with to make a greater difference. Students would have a break/snack following dismissal. They would then have 30 mins of reading instruction,

followed by 15 mins of writing work to incorporate their learning in writing. They would be dismissed at 4:30. This would rely on parent pickup. Students would be dismissed at the same time that the Learning Center students, and older students working with Ms. Hessler for after school help.

6. DARE is again being offered by the Plymouth County Sheriff's office. We look forward to get started later this month with our 5th Grade students.

7. Deputy Struve of the Plymouth County Sheriff's office will also be coming to talk to our 5-6th Graders about internet safety at the end of the month.

8. We continue to move forward with our Westerner Proud work. This pairs 8-10 students across grades DK-5 with 1 staff member for 20 mins. to help us get to know one another across grades and reinforce our PBIS mottos—mostly focusing on kindness and helping one another. We began this work last year, and are doing 1 activity per quarter at this time. Students will be receiving a Westerner Proud bracelet next week when we meet again.

Jeremy Mills, 7-12 Principal
1. We will have a full in-service day on Friday, Jan. 13. The first half of the day will be spent working on student assessment from first semester, computing grades, and preparing for second semester. The second half of the day will be composed of emergency planning or mentoring work.

2. The first day of second semester will be Monday, Jan. 15.

3. I will be taking part of a second meeting with Xello, a College/Career Readiness Program. This would be a program that would be used in order to assist students in identifying career fields that exist, along with college opportunities and pathways that fit to their interests and academic achievements.

4. With the continued pursuit of filling open positions at the secondary level, our course offerings will continue to be evaluated and placed under the instruction of the staff member best fitting that role. This is something that will be discussed and developed within each department as new members are appointed to teaching roles.

5. Our secondary staff will be working through a series of professional developments that will all tie together on ways we can help our students in their academic growth. As a staff we are tying together a program through AEA for student engagement that mirrors APL training, along with AIW to identify ways that we can continue to improve instruction and engagement at A-W. We will also utilize data through some reports, including the EVAAS (Education Value-Added Assessment system). This report is determined by measuring expected progress against actual progress. For teachers, the data offers information on how well students perform on their exams and how much they are learning.

Derek Briggs, Superintendent
Facilities
*Bond Construction Updates:
-Locker rooms—The areas around the drains and each shower were touched up over our Christmas Break to help with their appearance and functionality. The plan is for them to return in the spring where the tiling and flooring installers need to return to fix the errors that exist. It is evident that the person who applied the flooring this time is very good at this and we are pleased with the work he has done.

-Science and Art rooms—The floors are level in each room and the floors in the high school art room and the flex classroom are installed and look good. The final flooring issue we are working on is connected to the trenches in the science rooms. We have a meeting set up for Monday, Jan. 8, with CMBA and Boyd Jones, to look at the potential solutions being presented by Midwest Mechanical as the issues are a result of their installation of the trenches. I will fill you in at the board meeting after we find out potential solutions.

-Secure Entry—Circle Drive Entrance—Just some minor finishes in this area other than the installation of our new "buzz in" system. We will be using our School Security Funding for that work and we are waiting for a bid to come through from Thompson Solutions.

-Weight Room—The two final items that we are working on for this area are mirrors and a sound system. We recently received a bid for mirrors and are awaiting a bid on a sound system.

-CTE Area—We are currently using this space and are awaiting the construction schedule for the relocation of the dust collection system.

Work that was completed over our Christmas Break:
*Bulkhead installed and ceiling lowered in the elementary hallway. This work went faster than expected and is complete. As a part of this, we also updated all of the lighting fixtures in the hallway.

*Glycol system drained, leaks repaired, then filled with new glycol—

as part of our heating system. We were surprised they only found a few leaks and were able to address those quickly. The system was up and running within a day of beginning this work.

*Lines on the floor in the elementary gym—the company we are working with sent representatives to fix the lines and quickly realized that the lines were as bad as we were telling them. They worked mainly on getting the blacklines completed and touched up the other colors with plans to return later this year (summer, most likely) to remove and replace all the lines. This has been a frustration and we continue to hold out hope that they will, eventually, get the lines painted so that they stay down.

*Non-Bond Construction Updates:
-Exterior Track & Football Field areas—They have shut down work for the winter in this area. We will have a planning meeting in February as we plan for work to begin as soon as weather allows in March.

-Bus Garage—They have replaced select windows around the bus garage, repaired the drainage and downspouts around the exterior, and repaired the roof.

-Playground—CMBA recently sent updated plans and Mrs. Henrich met with the committee helping with the design. We have a follow up meeting with CMBA set for Jan. 10 to work on finalizing plans as soon as possible and get them out for bid.

Transportation
*Chris Colt and I are working to finalize application documents for securing an electric bus. We will keep you posted as we hear back on this.

Other
*We shared with you last month that we are looking at some alternatives to our school calendar. We have received input from staff and are working on preparing a calendar with that input. It should be ready for review for the February board meeting.

*Naming Rights—after reviewing the naming rights policy last month, it was recommended that we put a dollar amount in the policy to help guide this process. After reviewing samples from other districts, I did not find any that specifically list a threshold for donations that open up the opportunity to name a building or facility after someone. My recommendation would be to set a minimum amount of \$100,000. I look forward to discussing this further at the board meeting.

POLICY REVIEW (1st Reading)
Policy 401.1 Equal Employment Opportunities Redline
Policy 503.1 Student Conduct Redline
Policy 503.1R1 Student Suspension Redline
Policy 503.2 Expulsion Redline
Policy 503.8 Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence NEW
Policy 605.3R1 Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Regulation Redline
POLICY REVIEW (2nd Reading)
Policy 801.9 Naming of District Schools & Facilities Policy
Policy 801.9E1 Naming of District Schools & Facilities Application NEW BUSINESS
Motion to Request to the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2024-2025 At-Rick/Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$180,946 for expenditures necessary to implement for the 2024-2025 at-risk and dropout prevention program plans as approved by the Akron-Westfield CSD school board by Martinsen, seconded by Von Hagel.

Motion carried with ayes by Hawkins, Martinsen, Schoenfelder, and Von Hagel.

Motion to approve the Custodial Letter of Assignment with Ian KJose for the 2023-2024 school year by Von Hagel, seconded by Hawkins.

Motion carried with ayes by Hawkins, Martinsen, Schoenfelder, and Von Hagel.

Motion to approve the Certified Teacher Contract with Kailee Tucker for the 2024-2025 school year by Von Hagel, seconded by Hawkins.

Motion carried with ayes by Hawkins, Martinsen, Schoenfelder, and Von Hagel.

Motion to approve the Certified Teacher Contract with Colleen Westergard-Bake for 2nd Semester of the 2023-2024 school year by Hawkins, seconded by Martinsen.

Motion carried with ayes by Hawkins, Martinsen, Schoenfelder, and Von Hagel.

COMMUNICATIONS
Correspondence: None
Recognition of citizen comments or requests to speak: None
Discussion Items: None
ADJOURN
President Schoenfelder declared the meeting adjourned without objection at 8:06 a.m.

Board Secretary
Amy Schoenfelder
Minutes are published prior to board approval

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LEGAL NOTICE PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (341.A Code of Iowa)

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS:
The Plymouth County Deputy Sheriff Civil Service Commission is now accepting applications for the open position of County Deputy Sheriff. The Plymouth County Sheriff intends to hire to fill an open position in March of 2024. The Civil Service Commission is fulfilling the requirement to maintain a list of certified applicants every 2 years, for filling open positions.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, be between ages 18 and 60 years old, have a current driver's license, be a resident of Plymouth County, Iowa, or intend to become a resident upon hire in Plymouth County. If an applicant is not already a certified officer in the State of Iowa, they must pass the ILEA standard physical agility test and a written exam administered through the Civil Service Commissions. If an applicant has taken and passed the Civil Service written exam within one year in Iowa, they may roll over that passing written exam score and be exempt from taking the written exam again, but are required to still take the physical exam. The County Civil Service Commissions will also accept a certified officer as a lateral transfer to become a certified applicant for employment at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office, and not need to take the written exam but is still required to complete the physical exam. All applicants are required to complete and submit the application. All applicants, upon hire will undergo an interview, will be finger printed and will consent to a full background check.

APPLICATION INFORMATION & FILING: Employment applications for Plymouth County Deputy Sheriff are available from the Personnel Director, Stacey Feldman, in the Plymouth County Auditor's Office at 215 4th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa. Business hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays or please contact Stacey Feldman at 712-546-6100, and an application can be mailed or emailed to any applicant. The Plymouth County

Akron Care Center Minutes for the Monthly Board Meeting Jan. 15, 2024, 5:15 p.m.

The Akron Care Center board met Monday Jan. 15, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at the Akron Fire Station. In attendance were Jeff Morehead, Diane VonHagel, Gary Tucker, Carrie Wilken, Angela Auchstetter (via phone), Toria Steffen, Jessica Pick, and Rick and Sue Gabel.

Jeff Morehead called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Members read the minutes from the previous two meetings held in December 2023 and Gary Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Diane VonHagel. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Board members reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Carrie Wilken made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Diane VonHagel. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Toria Steffen gave the administrator's report. The care center had one bed available as of 12/30/23 but was at full occupancy as of 01/03/2024. The wait list continues to be over eighty. The current forty-five census includes four residents on hospice services. COVID continues to affect staffing on and off. Toria Steffen, as the provisional administrator has reached out to Tim Christy for questions with PBJ reporting. She continues working with Paylocity, our time clock/pay system, to get an import spreadsheet the facility needs for this reporting. The department heads at the care center are hosting a soup supper appreciation for staff on Jan. 30, at various times to provide the appreciation to all shifts. One maintenance assistant was hired, primarily for snow removal. Morehead Snow Removal has been doing what they can with the amount of snow. Groon Salvage and his skid loader have been hired to push the snow piles further back and break through the drifted driveway around the perimeter of the building. The environmental service team has been working this last week to keep walk/doors clear of snow as well as inside, battling the salt, wet mess. Three PRN employees were terminated who were no longer interested in picking up shifts and one CNA left to move out of state. Chris Barten from the Iowa Department of Public Health and Human Services is coming to do an ICAR assessment this Friday. It is to assess and review our Infection Control Program and our Antibiotic Stewardship Program. This assessment is not mandatory, non-punitive, and is being done to make sure our policies and procedures are up to par.

The board members held discussion about an assisted living bill from Beckenhauer for services of the bid and rebid. It was agreed to get more of an itemized bill from Beckenhauer as well as include attorney Chris Coon in the process. The board also has rejected all assisted living bids, will not be rebidding at this time, and will be sending letters to all donors soon.

The decision was made to repost the administrator position on Leading Age website as well as the Iowa Healthcare Association website, as

Deputy Sheriff Civil Service application is also available for download at www.plymouthcountyiowa.gov. Any other applications will not be accepted. All applicants must return their signed application by mailing them to the Civil Service Commission for Deputy Sheriff, % Stacey Feldman, Civil Service Personnel Director, 215 4th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa 51031 or by delivering the application to the Plymouth County Auditor's Office in person by 5:00 pm on February 9th, 2024.

TESTING: The physical agility test will be held at the indoor recreational center at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Please arrive by 1:45 pm to check in. Please bring a photo ID. The written examination will follow at 4:30 pm at February 21, 2024 at the Plymouth County Law Enforcement Center, 451 14th Ave. NE, Le Mars, Iowa at 7:30 p.m. in the lower-level conference/training room. Applicants are required to pass all parts of the physical agility test or will not be able to proceed with the written exam. The written exam consists of 4 parts: Math, Reading, Grammar and Writing. Applicants will need to provide a current Driver's License / Photo ID before being able to begin the physical agility and written exams. A \$25.00 FEE IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF THE WRITTEN EXAM or the applicant will not be able to take the exam. When an applicant passes the physical and written exam, they will be placed on the Plymouth County Deputy Sheriff certified applicant list for possible hire.

CERTIFICATION — Upon passing the physical and written exams applicants are thus certified for possible employment for a 2-year period if a deputy sheriff position should be available during that time at Plymouth County.

CONTACT: If you have any questions about the Plymouth County Civil Service Deputy Sheriff Entrance Exam, please feel free to contact Stacey Feldman, Personnel Director and County Auditor at 712-546-6100.

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well as send out another mailing to licensed administrators in a different mailing radius. Angela Auchstetter made a motion to upgrade the Leading Age subscription which would allow postings to stay high priority and refreshed for 30 days. Carrie Wilken seconded the motion. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Angela Auchstetter and Diane VonHagel read the oath of office for their elected board positions and have accepted such appointment to their seat on the Akron Care Center Board for the new term.

At 5:48 p.m. Angela Auchstetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Carrie Wilken seconded. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Pick
Interim Board Secretary

BILLS Akron Area Chamber of

Commerce\$55.00
Akron Hometownner.....\$355.85
Amazon Business.....2,274.67
Aventure Staffing1,819.69
Bugman Pest & Rodent Control Inc.165.00
Bunkers Feed & Supply Inc.153.08
C & C Lawncare, Inc.3,458.00
Calhoun Pharmacy Group LLC...807.83
Century Business Products.....140.39
City of Akron.....3,537.46
Continental Fire Sprinkler Company588.75
Cummins Sales and Service..1,534.32
Dentons Davis Brown PC.....750.00
Direct Supply94.91
Ed's Repair69.95
Encounter Telehealth.....325.00
Globe Life.....259.00
GrapeTree Medical Staffing...32,729.00
GRP & Associates Inc92.00
Hawarden Regional Healthcare5,893.99
Heiman, Inc.....196.00
Helping Hands Nursing Solutions Inc34,211.47
Inovalon Provider, Inc.....920.57
Iowa Information, Inc157.92
IPERS Payroll.....35,677.30
Martin Bros. Distributing Co. Inc.15,787.75
Maynard's Food Center.....147.41
McKesson Medical-Surgical MN Supply Inc.....534.00
MercyOne Business Solutions..141.25
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Paylocity.....1,455.59
Penner Patient Care, Inc.275.89
Pinney Bowes201.00
PointClickCare Technologies..2,562.20
Premier Communications.....617.44
Roxane Patton, RD, LD.....980.50
RX Care Assurance.....21.24
Sioux Laundry Inc.....2,608.02
Staples95.74
TuDogs Computing.....200.00
Verizon129.83
Washington National Insurance Company84.70
Wellmark BCBS.....3,487.55
Wilcox Electric.....1,238.46
Grand Total163,158.13
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