

WORK SESSION

November 6, 2017

MINUTES

NOTE: An **Executive Session** was scheduled for **6:00 p.m.** to discuss personnel and negotiation issues.

The Board of Directors of the Sayre Area School District began their meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the following in attendance: Debra Agnew, Kenneth Bentley, Ron Cole, Andrew Hickey, Kay Husick, Dave Jarrett, and Don Skerpon. Absent: Rick Jennings and Pete Quattrini. Administrators present were: Barry Claypool, Dr. Sherry E. Griggs, Dayton Handrick and Michelle Murrelle.

- i. Presentation by Robert J. Miller and Associates –Robert J. Miller was present to discuss the possibility of working with the district to identify grant interests and needs to possibly match against a database of 85,000 organizations. His company prepares materials to submit appropriate grants on behalf of the district, and fees would be approximately \$28,000-\$32,000 per year. He raised questions for the Board about the district missing opportunities for grants and about the district best accessing those grants at the lowest possible cost. He further described some of the grants that are available which are targeted to specific populations of students. Board members asked several clarifying questions.

I. Instruction

A. Curriculum/Instructional Programs -none

1. Comprehensive Plan
2. Other

B. Personnel

1. Additions/Deletions to the 2017-2018 Substitute Lists -None to report
2. Resignation of an Elementary Teacher
3. Reinstatement of a Furloughed Employee
4. Other

- C. Students - Mr. Handrick stated that Sayre High School held a mini recess day as a reward for academic achievement to mark the end of the first nine weeks of classes. Mr. Handrick reported that he has additional data of student testing results that he will share next week. He was pleased to report that 79% of 11th grade students scored proficient after testing and retesting the graduation rate for our 4-year cohort was 89.4%. He has also been working to align truancy protocols to comply with Act 138 that was enacted last year. This weekend the Drama Club will present the musical, "Anything Goes."

Mrs. Murrelle distributed sample mathematics questions from the PSSA mathematics assessment that is given to fourth grade students. She also distributed samples of Math Madness problems that students work through together as a group. The new test design involves more analysis and critical thinking skills. Parent teacher conferences will be held this week as well.

II. Operations

A. Buildings and Grounds - Mr. Hickey – none.

- B. Finance – The Finance Committee will meet on November 14, 2017 at 6 p.m.

- C. Community Relations - Mr. Cole stated that there will be a financial aid presentation on November 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Sayre High School auditorium. Winter band and chorus concert dates will be announced soon. He would like to schedule a Community Relations Committee meeting in January. The Redskin Club collected over 61,000 pounds of electronics during their recycling event.
 - 1. Environmental Center Report - Mrs. Agnew stated that the Center has been winterized.
 - 2. Other
- D. Policy Review - none.
- E. Technology – no report
- F. Athletics and Recreation - Mr. Skerpon announced that there will be a Head Coaches meeting Thursday on November 9, 2017 in the Sayre High School Library at 6:30 p.m.
- G. Personnel
 - 1. Coaches
 - 2. Other

III. Miscellaneous

IV. Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Luchaco
Board Secretary