

Board Meeting Synopsis

January 27, 2020

SYNOPSIS

The regular monthly BOE meeting for January was called to order at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Cindy Petershagen, Mike Kleffner, David Long, Dave Garro, Joe Barnhart, and Penny Schoene (Vicki Bade arrived later).

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2020
- 7 pm

High School Library
300 4th Street; Vienna, MO

- The board approved the agenda with the change of making the Substitute List an ACTION Item.
- The board approved the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting.
- There were no communications to the board this month.
- The board approved the Monthly Bill List.
- The board heard monthly financial reports to include deposits thus far for tax revenue.
- The board heard monthly administrative reports as follows:
 - Mr. Parker- Superintendent
 - In my report I discussed the days missed for snow days and that we may need to amend the calendar to add an additional day to make up the time missed. I will know more later as winter winds down and we know exactly how much time we need to make up. I also informed the board that we should know our insurance rates later this week after a meeting I have on Wednesday. Lastly, I invited the Board and public to our assembly on Thursday when Marc Mero comes to talk to our MS and HS students on anti-bullying and making good choices at 1 PM. Marc is the #1 School Speaker in the Nation and we are very happy to have the opportunity to have him here.
 - Mrs. Snodgrass- ES Principal
 - Mr. Murray- MS/HS Principal
 - Mr. Edwards- SPED Coordinator
- The board approved the substitute list.
- The board heard a presentation on the 4-day School Week, given by Mr. Jon Turner from Missouri State University. Jon then answered any questions the board and attendees had about the research behind the schedule.
- The board was recognized for their service to our community by serving on the Maries R-1 School Board. Governor Parsons has designated February 9-15, 2020 as Missouri's School Board Recognition Week.
- The board approved the date for Senior Graduation to be May 10, 2020.
- The board approved the Resolution for Special Bond Election on April 7, 2020
- The board approved an Underwriting Agreement with LJ Hart & Company for the bond issue.
- The board was given a copy of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to be used for the bond issue projects.
- The board heard a presentation by Justin Luebbert on Cyber Security.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Update from the Maries R-1 Superintendent

On Monday, January 27, we had our regular monthly board meeting and I wanted to share an update with the community about the discussion on a 4-day school week.

I personally want to express to the community, parents, students, and staff of Maries R-1 that I am in no way ready to make a recommendation to move our school to a 4-day school week. At this time, we are still and will continue to gather information from various sources to include parents and community members, about the pros and cons of this type of schedule. Our first and foremost mission will continue to be the education and well-being of our students.

During the next year, the Board and I will continue to examine the 4-day school week and looking at the concerns and comments that have been brought forth by the surveys that were administered last week. We will continue to work through this over the next year and if a decision to move to this schedule is made, it will be for the 2021-22 school year at the earliest. At this time, we are just in a fact-finding mission for the district to help gather the needed information in order to make the decision.

I want to thank all of those that participated in our survey to help us gather information. I want to reassure you that if you listed a positive comment or a concern on the survey, your comments were shared with the board and they have been heard. As we continue to work through this, we will strive to keep these concerns and comments in mind to make the best decision possible.

If you have any further questions about this or school in general, please email or call me at school. My contact information is as follows: Phone: 573-422-3304; email: superintendent@viennaeagles.org

Thank you,

Mr. Mark Parker