

BOARD AGENDA FORM

Subject: Review of Board Committee Work

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Action Requested: Discussion

Executive Summary: All Board members serving on or representing the Board on committees and boards are requested to provide an executive summary of the activities of their last meeting. If a Committee wants a discussion by the full Board relative to their work, it is requested that the topic question be stated at the end of the executive summary. This will allow Board members to prepare for the discussion prior to the Board meeting.

Reports of Committee and Board Work

Ames Education Foundation (Acker)

Audit and Budget Oversight (Talbot/Briggs)

City Conference Board (Talbot/Acker)

County Conference Board (Talbot/Rasmussen)

Diversity Advocacy Committee (Simpson)

Facilities Committee (Espeset/Talbot)

January 7, 2015

24th Street: 100% Design Documents were approved at the December 15 meeting. A little tweaking still being done, but project is on schedule for bidding in March. Gerry said the City not requiring or wanting to assist with the expense of burying the electrical line (approx. a \$160,000). He also told the Committee that he would like to engage System Works for testing and balancing.

Edwards: The oversized geothermal pump was replaced over Winter Break. There will be one more change order for a credit coming to the Board at a future meeting.

Fellows: Site package is done. The temporary road around the project should go in next week. Evan Heggen, TOK, and Gerry have had an initial meeting with the four contractors and will meet again this month.

Meeker: Project is moving along well and on schedule. The cable is being installed, terrazzo flooring going in next week, cabinets to be installed in the next couple weeks, marker boards are up, and painting is finishing. Evan has met with demo and abatement contractors to coordinate those projects. Contractors are using the gym area for a staging area so have been holding on installation of gym floor. Dr. Taylor said he would talk to Principal Flynn about allowing the teachers to walk through on January 19 (District workshop day).

Mitchell: On schedule—the pipes are being insulated, lights are in gym, painting gym in February, terrazzo about two weeks from starting, floors going in early March, and finishing several areas in April. Ralph Schulte, TOK, said they are trying to do as much as possible before June 1. Gerry said they will be taking out the music portable in mid May. It was a built-in-place unit so it is not reusable.

Dotson Drive: A small glitch in DNR permit relating to the flood plane design. May push back bidding a week or two.

Change Orders: Mr. Schulte reviewed the change orders for Mitchell and Fellows that will go to the Board for approval on January 12.

Camp Sawyer: Dr. Taylor reviewed a tentative schedule for moving Sawyer to the old Edwards building (Camp Sawyer). Gerry said foundations for the portable should be done in March/April (weather permitting). A wall will be built in the media center to create 2 classrooms. Cleaning and final prep will be done in April. Furniture will be moved from Sawyer into Camp Sawyer as soon as school is out. Karl said it is his goal to have the building operational by Spring Break. Phones will not switch over until after school is out so we can use the same system at Camp Sawyer. Internet will activate July 1.

Miscellaneous: Gerry will research some options to dispose of the remainder of the furniture currently stored in old Edwards and the FF&E to come out of Meeker and report back at the January 21 meeting.

IASB Delegate Assembly (Espeset)

Meeting held November 19

Insurance Committee (Briggs)

Legislative Liaison (Espeset)

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (Espeset/Acker)

Next Meetings: February 10, 2015 – Update Projects & Bids

April 21, 2015 – Status Report, Set Calendar

Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary.

Policy Committee (Briggs/Rasmussen)

Next Meeting: January 13, 8:30 a.m. @ Crawford Educational Services Center

Teaching and Learning (Rasmussen/Acker)

December 1

Outcomes:

1. Is this the data the board wishes to have in the data dashboard?
2. Is it friendly enough for public use?
3. How do we want to share with the rest of the board?

Dan shared Iowa Assessment reports. Discussions around other reporting elements included:

- We agreed that individual student data should be addressed at the building and classroom level.
- Dan will bold the content area names on IA reports.
- Dan will do pull-down menus for the content areas within the grade-level IA report.
- Dan will add explanatory notes on tests that are not required.

Dan shared ACT reports.

- Need to add a title to the ACT reports.

TLC viewed the attendance report.

- Data are a day behind in reporting.
- Dan will explore labeling PK and K rather than in zeros.
- The committee discussed the unintended consequences of reporting numbers of days missed. Caution about being able to identify specific students.
- Dan will add a link to the board attendance policy.

December 17

Report from Sue Lawler and her staff about how they are moving forward with their SINA plan. She shared an overview of Sawyer scores and the work that they are doing relative to quality teaching and learning. This included:

- Research by John Hattie
- Essential standards work
- Data collection and analysis that help inform instructional practices
- Lisa Anderson, Success Teacher, shared a summary of the Climate Culture Survey.
- Support teachers are aligned with specific grade levels to attend PLCs and know those students better.
- I CAN statements in student language will be a required as part of math, and other areas as well.
- PLCs take notes and share on Google Drive, including next steps for the following meeting.
- Staff identified a need to address core instruction as the root cause/concern for addressing SINA status.
- Nearly all staff have received Explicit Instruction training through Heartland AEA. The training outcomes have been added to the SINA plan.
- Staff discussed that their lesson data collection helps them address ELP students as well as those who are not proficient.
- Riley Drake, Counselor, shared that she and classroom teachers are working with students to set goals for their work on Iowa Assessments.

Next meeting TBA.

Technology Committee (Briggs/Rasmussen)

Next Meetings: January 15 and March 12

Real Estate Liquidation Advisory Committee (Deardorff/Simpson)