

Iowa Valley CSD Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting
March 18, 2013

The Iowa Valley Community School Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on March 18, 2013, in Room C-11 of the High School Building. Present were President Jane Fry, Vice President Dale Slaymaker, Directors Brad Patterson and Frank Davis, Supt. Alan Jensen and Board Secretary Janet Grafft. Also present were Andrew Henry, Ian Krutsinger, Nick Steblyuk, Amy Armstrong, Mike Carney, Jalise Megchelsen, Elizabeth Jensen, Thad Megchelsen, Doug Krutsinger, Kelli Krutsinger, Wendy Leonard, Jalene Megchelsen, and Principals Cindy Miller and Shawn Kreman. Absent: Dir. Swift

President Fry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. President Fry welcomed guests. Dir. Davis motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dir. Patterson, the motion carried unanimously.

Pres. Fry welcomed Amy Armstrong and Nick Steblyuk. Amy presented information on Worldlink and the steps that a foreign exchange student must complete before becoming eligible to participate. She looks forward to working with Iowa Valley in the future. Nick he discussed the differences in his school in Ukraine and Iowa Valley. His community is approximately 800,000 compared to 2,500 in Marengo. Nick has enjoyed his time at Iowa Valley and will continue studies in International Relations once back in the Ukraine.

Mr. Sovers updated the board on the Iowa Core. Mr. Sovers reviewed the website that Mrs. Miles has created for Iowa Core professional development objectives. One goal is to build on what the students have learned in the previous school year and how does a teacher assess the skills learned. Staff and students are using technology to help solve problems and create projects.

Mr. Sovers discussed how the iPads are being used to create projects, write stories, calculate consumer loans, and identify parts of the skeleton. Jalise Megchelsen and Elizabeth Jensen demonstrated how they created a story, had a classmate review and make changes then created movie trailers to depict the topic they wrote about.

Mrs. Leonard, Ian Krutsinger, Andrew Henry, and Thad Megchelsen gave a presentation about the Youth Leadership Conference they attended in Denver, Colorado last week. Featured speakers included Daniell Liebel with Special Olympics and Naomi Tutu, daughter of Desmond Tutu. Ian, Chloe Gerard, Belle Hartman, and Kayla Smith visited the GrowHaus. The GrowHause is a greenhouse used to grow fresh healthy greens and teach the community about healthy living. Andrew and Thad discussed the t-shirt they were wearing during their presentation. A student at the conference created the t-shirt slogan "Spread the Word to End the Word" to create discussion about not using the word retard. The Iowa Valley students felt they learned a lot and look forward to building on the service learning projects already at the school.

Dir. Davis moved to approve consent agenda items a. through e., seconded by Dir. Patterson, motion carried unanimously. Included under item d: splitting the assistant speech coach pay between Holly Kelly, Mindy Davis, Brian Redington, Dan Sovers, Ashton Linnell, and Martin Wieck; to approve Daniel Miller and Dustin Gehring as volunteer high school boys track coaches; to approve Scott Hardie and Dale Slaymaker as volunteer high school baseball coaches; approve hiring an assistant boys/girls golf coach; approve hiring assistant high school boys/girls track coach(es); accept Polly Gunzenhauser's resignation as cheerleading sponsor; and accept Eric Henry's resignation as head boys high school basketball coach.

Supt Jensen reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 school budget. Following board discussion, Dir. Slaymaker motioned to approve the proposed 2013-14 school budget with a 2% allowable growth and an 8% instructional support income surtax rate with the overall property tax rate of \$14.32309. Seconded by

Dir. Patterson, motion carried unanimously. Dir. Slaymaker motioned to set the public hearing date for Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 7 pm. Seconded by Dir. Patterson, motion carried unanimously.

Sec. Grafft reviewed the audit comments.

Supt. Jensen reviewed the asbestos removal bids. Dir. Davis motioned to approve Abatement Specialist, Inc, bid of \$17,986 for removal of asbestos from the junior high classrooms. Prin. Kreman presented pictures from Grinnell Middle School that had the ground concrete finish. The board instructed Supt. Jensen to obtain bids on terrazzo flooring. Supt. Jensen reviewed bids for convectors that will replace radiators in the junior high classrooms. Dir. Slaymaker motioned to approve S&S Plumbing bid of \$16,135 for the removal of radiators and installation of convectors in the junior high classrooms with the option to deduct \$650 off the total if the school staff remove and dispose of the radiators. Seconded by Dir. Patterson, motion carried unanimously. Supt. Jensen received an estimate of \$7,500 to air condition the family consumer science room and Prin. Kreman is getting options on cabinets. Prin. Kreman met with Coaches Bowlin and Davis regarding needs for a baseball/softball press box.

Supt. Jensen updated the board on the Marengo Task Force on the Health Center. It was decided that ACB out of Illinois will conduct the feasibility study. The cost of the feasibility study will be approximately \$26,800. Dir. Slaymaker moved to table contributing additional funds to the feasibility study and would like additional information on the cost and how the task force members will share the additional cost. Seconded by Davis, motion carried unanimously.

The administrative reports were informational only and required no board action:

- Principal Kreman reported that parent teacher conferences are this week and we are seeking more parent participation. There will be eighth grade planning meetings during conferences.
- Principal Miller reported that PTO will be selling Tupperware for their spring fundraiser. Justin Gehrts with KCRG read to the students during Love to Read family night. About 175 people attended and the book fair is still on through the end of the week.
- Sec. Grafft reported that we will have online registrations for the next school year. Computer lab times will be set up to help parents who need assistance or do not have computers. Instructions for e-registration will be sent out with report cards.

The following items were noted for the regular April 22nd, 2013 meeting agenda:

Dir. Slaymaker motioned to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Dir. Patterson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: _____
Secretary, Board of Directors

President, Board of Directors