

BOARD NOTES

To help aid in communication, we were asked to post some notes of what took place at each board meeting. These are *not* the official meeting minutes as they will be approved at the next board meeting. This, however, is the running notes from each meeting.

Meeting Date: **October 21, 2024**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: **Utica Middle School**

The board held two public hearings beginning at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Title One and Federal Funds. The other public hearing was for Student Wellness and Success.

The meeting in October is a regular business meeting. The board started on time at 6:00 p.m. with all present. There were no recognitions this month to report on. The board heard the Superintendent's report concerning Senate Bill 29, concerning student privacy; league change in a couple of sports dealing with league awards; and the Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) for supporting student needs. The treasurer provided the board a synopsis of the district finances and had Dawn Nelson, Food Service Supervisor, discuss how we are doing with the free lunch program.

In the work session, the board heard a proposal from Cheryl Ryan from OSBA concerning strategic planning support and what would be needed if the board wanted to move forward.

In the consent agenda, for personnel, there were several staffing resolutions concerning the hiring of personnel and accepting resignations. There was a resolution to approve supplemental positions for winter and spring seasons, substitute rates for certified and non-degree were also approved. A request for FMLA leave was also approved for a staff member. In the finance consent agenda, the board acted on items for approving the reconciliation reports, payment of bills and purchase orders.

In other board action, the board approved coaching volunteers. The board also heard a resolution to approve META to request a proposal to purchase of competitive retail electric service. There was a resolution to approve a student for early graduation. The board approved the job description and position for an additional school medical assistant.

Board discussion included a discussion concerning the presentation from OSBA regarding strategic planning, formally recognizing FFA, cross-country, volleyball, and middle school cross country. The board also discussed pay to play scholarships and the deficit in school lunches.

The meeting concluded at 7:53 p.m. The next meeting is on November 18, 2024, at Utica Elementary School starting at 6:00 p.m.