

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: January 23, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Utica High School Room 106

The planning meeting is a second meeting in the month of January to work on the preparation for the upcoming school year. The board started on time at 3:00 p.m. A couple of action items were discussed and voted on by the board, which included accepting two resignations, and approving two transportation van drivers.

Work session began with the planning meeting agenda, these are some of the critical items that we would like to work on in the upcoming school year. The board worked on the following:

- The board reviewed the annual items of the district philosophy, vision, mission, goals, organizational chart, policies, communication, and assessment schedule.
- A presentation from Board Doc's about utilizing the service to help with agenda creation, communication, and strategic planning. Outcome was to look at cost and see if this can be implemented.
- Academic discussion concerning the goals of the district to improve math and reading scores was heard. Items presented included: the reading program; work on the math curriculum; the need for staffing, which would include math teacher, special education services, math and reading support; art teacher; dyslexia training. The outcome included looking at the establishment of an ED unit for Utica elementary, finding a math teacher to support the program at the middle school. Continue to work on the reading program. Complete the math review of curriculum, and review to see about adding an additional art teacher.
- A discussion about adding a second Agricultural Science teacher to support the middle school program was had. Outcome, with the potential funding from career tech, and enrollment we need to support the current teacher to relieve the work load he has taken on and grow the program.
- Athletic information was reviewed concerning participation in athletic activities, and student support at events.
- Transportation was discussed concerning the lack of drivers, the potential need for more vans, and the routing system that we ordered. Outcome of this discussion was we have not paid for the system when it is not working, the company has resupplied the district with a corrected program; vans we are looking for purchase and at this time supply is not available.
- Middle school building project was discussed concerning the concept completion and work toward design phase.

The meeting concluded at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is on February 13, 2023 at Utica Middle school starting at 6:00 p.m.