

Board of Education
Work Session
August 5, 2019
5:00 PM

This work session was opened with roll call. Troy Bauder, Jennifer Jenson, Derek Knobloch, Scott Lee, and Justin Metzger were present. Supt. Kreman and Principals Snyder and Jiskoot were also in attendance.

Motion # 2739

Moved by Bauder and seconded by Knobloch to approve the agenda. Motion carried, all members voting "yes".

Principal Jiskoot began with discussion on College Credit courses, dual credit courses, transfer credits, and AP offerings. Board members reviewed information on AP Course offerings at West Lyon and other local schools. Most schools offered one class. Central Lyon and Boyden-Hull offer more than one course. Jiskoot also presented information that indicated total college credit enrollment increased from 17 in the fall of 2017 to 42 in the fall of 2018. Numbers increased in the spring as well, from 23 to 49.

Jiskoot talked about his concern with how to handle "transfer-in" student's credits when those credits come from an unaccredited school. Jiskoot said the administrative team will have more information to consider at regular August meeting.

Jiskoot spoke to the Board about initiating a policy that would have students pay for their books when they take college credit courses. Jiskoot said that, in FY19, the school paid nearly \$6,200 for books for students. He said that we are one of only four schools that pay for books for these courses. Jiskoot said he will bring a recommendation on book fees to the regular meeting in August.

Discussion moved to the drop in student attendance in recent years. Jiskoot presented information that showed the high school had an average attendance of 97% during the years in which the school had a test exemption policy that rewarded good attendance. Last year, that number fell to 94.8%. The administrative team said that they would like to discuss the topic with the SIAC group and get input from the public on a possible policy change for FY21. Board members noted that this concern needs to be communicated to parents, students and the public.

Administrative compensation was discussed. Days worked and comparisons with NWAEA schools have been reviewed.

Steps for creating a Facilities Action Plan were discussed. The Board would like to get input from the public on what they see as the short and long term facility needs of the school. Public forums, possibly on November 4th and 7th, and surveys should be used to gather information and input. The possibility of an early buy out of the 2012 bonds was also discussed.

The need for a District Mission Statement and Vision Statement was discussed. Supt. Kreman passed along handouts from IASB. The Board also looked at current Statements from area schools. Kreman said he would search out members to create a sub-committee tasked with developing Statements for the Board to consider.

Supt. Kreman talked to the Board about the need to develop Board Goals for FY20 and Superintendent Goals for FY20. Kreman reviewed the goals that were developed for each for FY19. Each Board member was tasked with submitting at least one Board Goal and one Superintendent Goal for review at the regular August meeting.

A schedule for evaluation of the Superintendent was reviewed and discussed.

Motion # 2740

Moved by Jenson and seconded by Metzger to adjourn this work session at 9:15 pm. Motion carried, all members voting "yes".