Shenandoah Community School District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – December 11, 2017

Administration Board Room

**Call to Order:**

Board President Greg Ritchey called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Roll Call was answered by Directors Kip Anderson, Jean Fichter, Kathy Langley, Greg Ritchey and Adam Van Der Vliet.  Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kerri Nelson, Board Secretary Lisa Holmes and School Business Official Sherri Ruzek.

**Mission Statement:**

The SCSD Mission Statement was read by Director Kip Anderson.

**Welcome to Audience:**

Board President Greg Ritchey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Open Forum:**

John Greenleaf shared with the board that he and 2 other drivers had just completed their final course to become DOE certified.

**Administrative Reports:**

Preschool Program:  Elementary Principal Tiffany Spiegel gave a presentation to the board on the preschool program.  There are currently 70 children attending with an increase of approximately 12 children expected when the current Head Start class joins the district as a 3 year old class beginning after the first of the year.

Avenue of Scholars Scholarship Fund: High School Principal Sandy Hilding reported that Avenue of Scholars representatives have informed the school that they will be offering a minimum of 5 scholarships to Shenandoah seniors who meet need requirements and are first generation college students to attend Metro Community College.

Director Van Der Vliet left at 5:22 p.m.

Middle School Science Presentation:  Mr. Ehlers and students Logan Dickerson and Carter Backus gave a demonstration on how the program Makey Makey works and Emma Sickman, Lily Barnhart, Maddie Silvestre and Kallee Kalkas showed houses that they built using common items to see what materials insulated the best. These programs are all part of the 8th grade Science Exploration class.  Mrs. Hunter gave a presentation to the board on programs being taught in her 7th grade Innovative Technology class which includes coding and introduction to robotics.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approve the consent agenda as amended to include previous minutes, the financial accounts and the payments of bills.  Personnel Requests:  Contracts:  Sara Wilcox, Special Education Associate - $11.99/hr probationary.  Modifications:   Lori Knight from Associate Level I to Level II/III - $13.19/hr to $13.34/hr; Barbara Farwell, .625 FTE to 1.0 FTE - $37,484.38 to $59,975.00.  Resignation:  Morgan Pulliam, Special Ed Associate; Bailey DeBolt, 9th Grade Softball Coach; Jason Birt, MS Football Coach. Volunteer Coach:  Andy Campbell, 9th Grade Girls Basketball.  Fundraising Requests:  on attached sheet.  Out of State Travel Requests:  Contemporary Affairs class to participate in Mock Trial competition and travel to an Omaha, Ne prison in March.  Motion to Approve by Director Anderson, 2nd by Director Langley.  4 Ayes with Director Van Der Vliet absent – Motion passes.

**Action Items:**

Approve​ ​the transportation and disposal of chemicals form the high school chemical storage room -  Motion to Approve by Director Langley, 2nd by Director Fichter.  4 Ayes with Director Van Der Vliet absent – Motion passes.

Approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Application in the amount of $186,959.  Motion to Approve by Director Fichter, 2nd by Director Langley.  4 Ayes with Director Van Der Vliet absent – Motion passes.

Approve License and Service Agreement with Simplified Online Communication Systems.  Motion to Approve by Director Langley, 2nd by Director Fichter.  4 Ayes with Director Van Der Vliet absent – Motion passes.

Approve 28E Agreement with Clarinda CSD for ELL Teacher.  Motion to Approve by Director Fichter, 2nd by Director Langley.  4 Ayes with Director Van Der Vliet absent – Motion passes.

Approve Board Operating Principles and Guidelines – Motion to Approve by Director Anderson, 2nd by Director Langley.  4 Ayes with Director Van Der Vliet absent – Motion passes.

**Discussion Items:**

Director Van Der Vliet arrived at 5:55 p.m.

School Based Mental Health Services – Dr. Kerri Nelson shared with the board an opportunity to provide on-site mental health counseling a few days per week that would be contracted with an outside company.  The board was agreeable to this option and Dr. Nelson will investigate further and bring a possible contract back to the board for approval at a later date.

Board Goals – Dr. Kerri Nelson provided the board with some optional templates for displaying and sharing the board goals.  A committee of Jean Fichter and Kathy Langley will meet with Dr. Nelson to work more on this project.

**Next Board Meetings**:   School Tour – meet at the K-8 building at 1:00 p.m. on December 12th.  Regular Meeting – January 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 6:07 pm.  Motion by Director Langley, 2nd by Director Van Der Vliet.  5 Ayes – Motion passes.