

BAMS Board Meeting March 9, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Jill Bolender, Carlen McKenzie-Coley, Bill Fienga, Kevin Mulling, April Mole, Brian Cogswell, Dustin Everitt, Jeff Spencer, William Allen, Loren Walker, Simone Miranda, Brian Sawyer

- Called to order 6:33pm
 - Zoom call
 - All of the board was in attendance

Budget Review

- Financials came in
 - We will have a bump up in the FTE numbers to 476.5
 - Capital outlay is trending higher
 - No budget amendment at this time but will be at the next meeting
- National lunch program
 - \$80K BES in hole
 - Not sure of why we have that loss
 - They are going to have to assess how manage the losses including labor and how to make up the money
 - \$58K Bams in the hole
 - due to 20-25% kids doing remote school
 - So not getting all reimbursable dollars for students on site
 - Might show up as a loss at the end of the year
 - It would cost a lot more to try and create our own lunch kitchen at the school
 - A la carte items like the pizza still goes through lunch program
 - Our contract has it built in that we would share their losses
 - This is why we have cushion built in to handle losses like this in our budget
 - \$18K PPCA in the hole
 - due to 20-25% kids doing remote school
 - So not getting all reimbursable dollars for students on site
 - National problem since many schools are doing remote learning
 - They didn't get rid of food service workers since they didn't know when they would need them
 - Food is subsidized by the National School Lunch program
 - That program is very strict and filled with rules
 - All food needs to provided through a vendor that is contracted through the NSL program
 - Ex. Domino's uses a special ingredient list that has specific ingredients that makes it fit in the program nutrient rules
 - We don't sell any food even in vending machines because it is against the NSL program
 - It is key to have your kids that qualify for the NSL program as that is what pulls the reimbursement in from the program

- They get fresh fruit and vegetables and the lunches are quite good
- Disproportionally the students that did distance learning were the ones that used free/reduced lunch so their reimbursement from Food Program did not come in
- Many students starting bringing their lunches because their parents wanted them to have food that didn't get touched
- Also, Mrs. Bolender overheard some 8th graders said it was "nerdy" to eat lunch from school
 - She worked on that perception
 - Some of those kids lunch at school is the only time they get a full meal
- Hoping we will get some funding through the relief bill Mrs. Bolender and Mrs. Borglund will be reading through the details soon
- Free/Reduced lunches funds the food and staffing for the NSL program

Open Enrollment

- 297 applicants
 - Names will go in lottery
 - Usually can take in 160 students every year
- Great success for enrollment numbers

PPCA

- Ms. Carver is also in her 30th year
 - She submitted her drop papers for her FRS to Mrs. Bolender, then decided to go back to teaching
 - She is stepping down from administration completely
 - She will go back in the classroom and teach
 - All of her family is at Ridgeview Global with her three grandchildren so she is going to teach there with them all together
 - PPCA board will name new admin soon
 - They are accepting applicants
 - Maybe it would be a temporary
 - We are waiting to see who is announced
 - Hoping Mr. Sawyer will be principal for PPCA
 - Gervase will hopefully be assistant principal
 - If that happened, Walker would be brought into AP role

General

- 2021-2022 school year will hopefully be going back to more normalcy as state has said no distance learning for next year
 - Hoping for no mask mandate at that time
 - In person schooling
 - Social distancing will probably look different next school year
 - Things like air purifiers, hand washing, hand sanitizer, plexiglass might stay because it works now and doesn't interrupt conversation but does help to keep safer
- Ms. Davis is retiring in December
 - Will be looking for a new administrative secretary
- FSA
 - Will be required to be in person
 - On campus Monday-Tuesday (8:15-10:30am roughly)
 - Off campus come into gym Wed-Thurs (8:15-10:30am roughly)
 - For those whose parents work we will adjust for make-ups
 - Will also have make up days for those that missed due to illness, transportation etc.
 - MUST be done before midnight same day
 - Geometry , Algebra, and Civics are all FSA EOC test
 - Count for 30% of final grade

- Important that the kids attend
- Last year the state did not require them, but this year they are

Staff Salary Schedules

Still waiting on final approval from Polk Union and School Board, but hopefully putting salary changes in from our vote in Oct 2020 soon.

Miscellaneous

- May or June board meeting
 - Polk School board member may join for meeting in person
- May meeting will be the prep for the annual meeting in June
 - Board decisions
 - No new resumes yet for the board
 - Talk about staffing decisions

MOTION: End meeting - 7:38pm First: Spencer Second: Cogswell Result: passed

Minutes taken by Simone Miranda and published to the school website 3/10/2021.

Board of Director's Current Terms:

2019-2022- Mulling (President), Miranda (Secretary), Cogswell, Everitt 2018-2021- McKenzie-Coley (Treasurer), Fienga, Allen, Mole, Spencer Audit Committee: McKenzie-Coley, Allen, Spencer, Bolender