

Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

February 20, 2023

4:30 PM

1. Call To Order and Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
Motioned by Jim Marlow. Seconded by Christa Ellis. Carried 4-0.
3. Patron Comments
No comments
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of January 2023 Claims
 - b. Approval of Minutes from January 2023
Approval of Claims and Minutes motioned by Christa Ellis. Seconded by Jim Marlow. Carried 4-0.
5. Reports
 - a. Superintendent Report
Mr. Huber expressed his thanks for the support offered by the community for the tragedies we have experienced in the last few weeks.
He also reported we are currently receiving quotes for Stage Equipment, Sound Systems for Cafeteria and Gymnasiums. We have received the new Score Board and Software for the High School Gym. It will be customized for our needs and we will be able to stream games and other events. Internship program is growing interest. Possible Career Fair to be held to introduce students to what opportunities are available. Will be having a meeting with Second Harvest Food Bank to see if they can join forces with us to help our students and families.
 - b. INDLS Report
Mr. Huber reported that there are currently 7800 students and 255 teachers.
6. New Business
 - a. Audit Report
Final Review should be end of February, first of March.
 - b. Washington D.C. Trip details
Dates of D.C. Trip are March 28th -March 31st. 16 Students and 11 Adults will be going.
 - c. Disney World Senior Trip details
Dates of Disney Trip are May 7th – May 11th. 19 Students and 3 Adults will be going.
7. Personnel
 - a. Retirement-Jeff Gaff
With much sadness to accept Mr. Gaff's retirement, Motion was made by Christa Ellis. Seconded by David Schmucker. Carried 4-0.

8. Old Business

- a. Floor Quote HS Gym-Four Star Floors
Complete replacement is need for the High School floor. 5 weeks to complete the project.
- b. Floor Quote ES Gym-Four Star Floors
Cosmetic repairs needed for Elementary floor.
Motioned for replacement/repair for both floors made by Jim Marlow. Seconded by David Schmucker. Carried 4-0.
- c. Calendar Options for 2023-24
Motioned by Christa Ellis. Seconded by Jim Marlow. Carried 4-0.
- d. Bus Delivery and Financing
Our bus is ready for delivery. Financing application to be finished this week.
Motioned by Jim Marlow. Seconded by Christa Ellis. Carried 4-0.
Could be looking at purchasing yellow Mini Buses in the future.
- e. Meridian Health Presentation with Q & A on Health Clinic
Mr. Huber opened the presentation with how the contract with Meridian Health started. We were in need of a school nurse but with requirements and pay, finding a nurse is difficult. Meridian was able to provide the school nurse as well as behavioral help and clinic options.
Lisa Suttle, Regional V.P of Meridian Health Clinical Services, opened with assuring us this is not their first school clinic and they will be here to offer care for students, parents, siblings, and school staff. Community members can be seen at other locations or through virtual calls. There are several kids without a primary care physician and they can help provide services for those kids. It is a Federal Program with a sliding scale for those seen. This is done with no charge to the school. The clinic will be staffed a Nurse Practitioner and a Medical Assistant. There will be weekly in clinic visits by a staff RN as well as a Clinic Manager. Students will not be seen or treated without parental consent.

Patron 2: Can the meeting be delayed until 2 other parents can be present?
USC responded with offering to meet with the parents during the day to answer their questions.

Patron 1: Do you (Mr. Huber or School Board Members) have malpractice insurance?

Meridian responded with they carry the malpractice insurance.

Mr. Lacey, school attorney, added there is no need for Mr. Huber or the School Board to carry malpractice insurance.

Patron 2: Is an RN required for each school district?

Meridian responded no. They have overseeing RN's for each district.

Patron 4: Is the issue not paying enough for our school to have and RN with a BS degree?

USC responded with that the 180 day schedule for a school nurse just can't compete with the pay at a hospital.

Patron 1: Will there be community members in the building?

Meridian responded with they could be seen at other locations or through virtual calls.

Patron 1: Have you talked to other districts?

USC responded he has talked to other Administrators. They have not had issues with the clinics.

Patron 1: Maybe you should talk to someone besides Administration.

Patron 2: The letter sent home with students said Parents, Students, Staff, and Community would be seen in the clinic.

USC responded Parents/Guardians, Students, and household would be seen in clinic.

Patron 2: If the location is the Nurses Station they will be taking the focus off our students and making them move elsewhere.

Meridian responded our school nurse will be taking care of our school students.

USC responded there may be different options for the clinic's location or the school nurse.

USC added the focus of this school and the school board is our students and always has been.

Patron 2: The clinic will bring sickness into our school.

Patron 5: Added there are some parents who can not take off work to take their kids to the Dr. or may not have transportation to take them. Some have to choose between being at work or being fired. This clinic will give them the ability to have medical attention.

Patron 2; Should be just students.

Patron 7: There is an Elementary Basketball game going on right now in the gym. We allow parents from both schools to attend not knowing if they are healthy or sick.

Patron 4: If you do not have insurance, how do you pay?

Meridian responded they see anyone on a sliding scale.

Patron 4: The school being on the highway has always made her nervous. Staffing is ran thin and after being buzzed in you aren't always greeted by someone.

USC responded he doesn't share all school safety protocol. Sgt. Miller will be going to the door when a patient comes in. Plans are being made to add extra doors to the Elementary, High School, and Central entryways.

Patron 1: If the SRO is watching me in the clinic who is watching the rest of the school?

USC responded we will be adding extra security features, Sandy Hook Promise, and the school safety plan is always adjusted.

Patron 2: The letter stated there would be no prescription medicine in the clinic and what is the date to start the clinic?

USC responded the startup date is unknown at this time. We have student meds on sight now.

Meridian responded all medication will be behind 2 locked doors. There will be a log of medicines and no narcotics will be in the clinic.

USC responded there will be Sports Physical offered as well as Flu Vaccines and Immunizations.

Patron 2: Do patients have to have immunizations to come into the building? She has talked to secretaries at another school and she stated it takes away from her job.

Patron 2: Will there be an opportunity for more questions before the clinic opens?

USC responded there will be an Open House with more details coming.

Patron 2: There is not an ideal location for the clinic.

USC responded it is and it isn't an ideal location. It is close to the elementary entry.

Meridian responded the other clinics are not used often by adults.

Patron 2: Then why offer the clinic?

USC responded it gives families options.

Patron 4: Community members are interested and think it is a great idea. Maybe just in a different time period like after school hours.

USC responded this is to support our students and families not to hurt the school or any child.

Patron 2 stated she appreciated the meeting

USC responded there are still details being worked out. This may not be comfortable for everyone. We want to work with parents and not against them.

Patron 4: She has no staff issues. Maybe adding the double doors will help.

USC responded there are cameras in every room and office. Safety for all students and for the whole person not just one aspect is the goal of Union School Corporation.

Patron 2: Help the students but where do you draw the line?

USC responded he cares very deeply for this school and would never recommend anything harmful to our kids. He will always put our kids first and in the forefront.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, March 13 @ 4:30

10. Adjournment

Motioned by Christa Ellis. Seconded by Jim Marlow. Carried 4-0.