

Turkey Valley Community School
Jackson Junction IA 52171

The Turkey Valley School Board met in a regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023. The meeting was held in the Elementary Meeting Room at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Ernie Schmitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The following Board Directors answered roll call: Jody Steinlage, Leon Shatek, Katie Stika, Don Blazek Jr, and Ernie Schmitt.

Moved by Blazek and seconded by Stika to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Steinlage to approve the consent agenda items. Board Minutes: November 13, 2023, regular meeting. Resignations: Willie Schmitt - bus driver; Appointments: none. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Stika and seconded by Steinlage to approve the financial reports and bills. General Fund \$64,667.05, Clearing \$35,777.77, Hot Lunch \$12,251.40, PPEL \$46,568.43, Capital \$12,447.77 Carried unanimously.

The Iowa Big North teacher, Marsha Jevne, and students Drew Brown and Lee Heinrich presented information to the board. They would like to thank The Depot Outlet for the grant which helped purchase furniture for the IBN classroom. Jevne and students told the board that they are working on a fundraiser project in conjunction with a Habitat for Humanity Home being built in the Turkey Valley district. The board thanked them for their work on this very important project. When the fundraiser ideas are finalized, IBN will bring them to the board for approval.

Annette Kriener, Stephanie Langreck, and Casey Rausch asked for direction from the board in regards to forming a formal committee for the gym project. They would like to get numbers or an estimated cost to share with the public because the question they hear the most is, "what will it cost"?

Moved by Shatek and seconded by Blazek to approve the quote from OMTech Laser, \$11,124.97 for the laser engraver cutting machine and fume extractor. Carried unanimously

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Stika to close the meeting at 6:30 to implement the new school board members. Carried unanimously.

At 6:30 PM Joan Busta read the canvas votes for the new school board members Jamie Hageman and Don Manderfield and for board member Jody Steinlage who ran again and will serve another term. These 3 board members took the oath of office as Turkey Valley school board members. Thank you and Welcome to our new board. Busta took nominations for school board president. Steinlage motioned to nominate Don Blazek as president and Stika seconded. Busta took a roll call vote for Blazek to be school board president. Yeas - carried unanimously. Nominations closed. Carried unanimously.

President Blazek took nominations for school board vice president. Hageman motioned to nominate Katie Stika as vice president and Steinlage seconded that motion. Roll call vote for Katie Stika to be school board vice president was taken. Yeas - Carried unanimously. Nominations closed. Carried unanimously. The President and Vice-President, took the oath of office.

Effective second semester, Turkey Valley would like to offer students the option to take a registered apprenticeship program to gain an elective credit. Moved by Stika and seconded by Manderfield to approve the course guide update - Work based learning addition. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Manderfield and seconded by Stika to approve county conference board representatives as follows: Chickasaw - Don Blazek and Fayette - Jody Steinlage. There are no board members residing in Winneshiek County. No representative assigned. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Hageman to approve the school board committee assignments as: 1) Negotiations A) Certified - Blazek, Hageman & Stika B) Non-Certified - Manderfield & Steinlage; 2) Facilities - Blazek & Hageman; 3) Transportation - Steinlage & Stika; 4) Audit/Budget - Manderfield & Stika. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Stika and seconded by Steinlage to approve The Calmar Courier as the official newspaper of the district. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Manderfield and seconded by Stika to approve Carrie Weber with Ahlers and Cooney, PC as the official attorney for Turkey Valley Community School District. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Stika and seconded by Hageman to approve the first readings of board policies 401.1, 503.1, 503.2, 503.1R(1), 503.8R(1), 605.3R(1), 705.1R(2). Carried unanimously.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Manderfield to set the superintendent's six month evaluation for January 8, 2024 following the regular school board meeting. Mr. Jurrens requested this evaluation meeting be in a closed session. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hoy updated the board with a written report so she could excuse herself to help prepare for the 7-12 concert. Within her report, she gave a big shout out to the substitutes who help us daily. We couldn't do it without them. Thank you to outgoing board members Ernie Schmitt and Leon Shatek for their years of service and dedication to Turkey Valley.

Mr. Jurrens told the board that the IASB New Board Member Workshop will take place on January 24th in Decorah. Please let him know if you want to register. The time was almost 7:00 so Jurrens suggested that the board finish up so board members could attend the 7-12 band and vocal concert.

Thank you to John Eichenberger for the \$400.00 donation to lunch accounts with negative balances and thank you to Sons of American Legion Squadron 279 for their donation of \$1000.00 to our students' clothing and needs fund. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday January 8, 2024 @ 7:00 PM.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Stika to adjourn at 6:58PM. Carried unanimously.

President

Secretary