

**Turkey Valley Community School**  
**Jackson Junction IA 52171**

The Turkey Valley School Board met in a regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024. The meeting was held in the Elementary Meeting Room at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Don Blazek called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following Board Directors answered roll call: Don Blazek Jr, Don Manderfield, Jody Steinlage, and Jamie Hageman. Katie Stika was absent.

Janice Brown took the oath of office as business manager and board secretary.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Hageman to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Hageman and seconded by Manderfield to approve the consent agenda items. Board Minutes: December 11, 2023, regular meeting. Resignations: none; Appointments: Ashley Walz - Associate. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Manderfield to approve the financial reports and bills. General Fund \$111,175.44, Clearing \$21,470.31, Hot Lunch \$15,758.04, PPEL \$1,606.24, Capital \$2,294.32 Carried unanimously.

Mr. Blazek and Mr. Jurrens presented Sawyer Wickham with his diploma. He completed classes and graduated after the first semester. Congratulations Sawyer!

Moved by Manderfield and seconded by Hageman to approve the second reading 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 Hageman and seconded by Steinlage to approve the request for bus use from Christ Our Hope Cluster. The driver must be a Turkey Valley bus driver. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Manderfield and seconded by Steinlage to approve the IBN Fundraising ideas, Penny Wars, Jeans/Hats for a week and "tape a teacher to the wall". Carried unanimously. Mrs. Hoy thanked the IBN students and the student senate for their great organization and planning of these events.

Moved by Manderfield and seconded by Hageman to approve the District At-Risk Plan for 2024-25. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Hageman and seconded by Steinlage to approve allowing the administration to request Modified Supplement Amount from the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$138,257.00 for the At-Risk and Drop-out prevention program. This is not money, but spending authority. It requires a general fund match of \$46,086 plus \$112 carryover. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Jurrens told the board that next year's calendar will be a little challenging due to a variety of items. August 23rd, the first day of school, falls on a Friday, Christmas is midweek and Memorial Day is early in

the month, to mention a few. Mr. Jurrens and Mrs. Hoy will discuss the calendar and bring options to the board and the staff. The calendar will be an agenda item in February and March. The public hearing will be held at the April meeting.

Mr. Jurrens presented quotes to the board to repair the parking lot. After some discussion, the board instructed Mr. Jurrens to get figures for a new parking lot. The cost for this project will mandate an engineer. Mr. Jurrens will contact an engineer and bring information to the board as he acquires it.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Manderfield to approve the gym painting quote from Hackman/Carolan for \$23,200.00 and a quote from NetWell Noise Control for new ceiling baffles in the gym for \$13,750.00. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Hageman and seconded by Manderfield to approve the contract for educational services with North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) 2023-2024. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hoy said that students and staff are getting back into the swing of things after the holiday break. She explained the ineligibility policy to the board. She gave a shout out to the AEA's. They are so important to our rural school. The support that they give us is immeasurable.

Mr. Jurrens reminded the board that it is Turkey Valley's turn to host the joint meeting with New Hampton. He will ask the New Hampton board members if they can join us prior to the March meeting. An Alert training has been scheduled for an upcoming PD day. This training covers crisis management. Mr. Jurrens told the board that the cooler in the kitchen will be replaced this summer.

Thank you to Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$1000 to our special needs department. Turkey Valley is stronger because of this organization and all of the community support given to our school. Thank you so much!

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday February 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM.

The board prepared to go into closed session. All guests left the conference room. Blazek asked for a roll call. The following board members were present: Don Blazek, Jamie Hageman, Don Manderfield, and Jody Steinlage. Katie Stika was absent. Mr. Jurrens and Joan Busta also attended the closed meeting.

Mr. Blazek read: Per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) a school board may enter closed session "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session" Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Hageman to go into closed session at 7:55 PM. Carried unanimously. The board held Mr. Jurrens's six month evaluation. Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Manderfield to come out of the closed session at 8:15 PM. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Steinlage and seconded by Manderfield to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Carried unanimously.

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President

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Secretary