

Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 14th, 2023
5:00pm - BHCUSD Board Room

The Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School Board of Education Tentative Budget Hearing was called to order on Monday, August 14th, 2023 at 5:00pm by Robert Danner, Board President.

Roll Call was taken. Present: John Petersen, Cheryl Brumett, Steve Lane, Robert Danner, and Maridith Hearnley, Jeremy Deck, and Justin Watt. Also present was Scott Watson - Superintendent of Bismarck-Henning CUSD and Crystal Johnson-Maden - Superintendent of Rossville-Alvin School District.

Guests: Phil Benjamin - Assistant Principal, Kelly Meeker - Bookkeeper, Jen Guminski - BHRA Teacher, Amanda Potter - Parent, Mendy Stephens - School Counselor, Tony Foster - Athletic Director, and Tammy Duncan.

The Tentative FY24 Budget was presented to the Board by Mrs. Crystal Johnson-Maden.

- Motion to display the Tentative FY24 Budget made by Justin Watt and seconded by Jeremy Deck. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.
- Motion to adjourn the Tentative FY24 Budget Hearing at 5:10pm made by Maridith Hearnley and seconded by Cheryl Brumett. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.

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- Motion made by Steve Lane and seconded by John Petersen to approve the minutes of the July Board Meeting. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.
- Motion made by John Petersen and seconded by Maridith Hearnley to approve the Bills of the Month. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.

Activity Fund Balances were presented to the board.

Administrative Update

- Finishing touches being made to the football field. 1 more section of concrete to pour. The old track was removed and partially replaced with a sidewalk. A big thanks to all those that have helped pour concrete. New scoreboards are not yet up.

- Grounds wise the buildings look great. Our custodial staff led by Jim Ribbe has done an amazing job preparing the building for the year.
- Teachers report tomorrow.
- Students report Thursday.
- Mrs. Stephens has done a lot of work preparing schedules for the coming year.

Dual Enrollment Tuition Discussion

- BHRA pays full tuition for College Express Students.
 - 60 Students Fall of 22 @ \$26,098.44
 - 57 Students Spring of 23 @ \$25,585.48
- Dual Enrollment in House – Students can earn 26 credits if they take advantage of all in-house dual enrollment opportunities. (Taught by Mrs. Jennifer Guminski, Mr. James Hasty, and Ms. Hilary Mathis). This opportunity is at no cost to students.
 - 150 Credits earned Fall of 22 (Tuition BHRA parents saved \$36,720.00)
 - 204 Credits earned Spring of 2023 (Tuition saved BHRA parents \$27,000.00)
- Dual Enrollment at DACC/Online
 - Students are charged 50% tuition rate (25% tuition if free/reduced lunch)
 - Scholarships available through DACC Foundation
 - 44 Credits in Fall of 2022 (\$3,960.00)
 - 54 Credits in Spring of 2023 (\$4,860.00)
- Committee to be created to discuss the best way to help our students with dual enrollment.
- Motion made to move into Closed session at 5:49pm made by Jeremy Deck and seconded by Cheryl Brumett. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.
- Motion made to move back into Open session at 5:59pm made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by Jeremy Deck. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.
- Motion to deny fee waiver as presented made by Justin Watt and seconded by Maridith Hearnley. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.

5 Handbook Additions sent by IPA added to the handbook. Also, designation of what is considered ½ day based on the current bell schedule. These additions were presented for the first reading.

Reports

- Approximate student count for 23-24 school year is 375.
- Online registration went really well. More students registered right now than we typically have.

Third Annual Patriot Day at BHRA Event to be held on September 8th, 2023 at BHRA vs Hoopeston. Proceeds this year will be donated to the Bismarck Community Fire Protection District.

- Motion made by John Petersen and Seconded by Maridith Hearnley to allow purchasers of the event t-shirt to receive free admission to the Patriot Day Game if they are wearing their shirt. Approved by roll call vote 5-0.

Personnel

- Motion made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by Steve Lane to reemploy Teresa Wells as an aide. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.
- Motion made by John Petersen and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to reemploy Karen Lane as an aide. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.

- Motion made by Steve Lane and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to employ Nancy Heidrick as Class of 2027 Class Sponsor. Approved by roll call vote 7-0.

Public Comment

- Ms. Amanda Potter would like to see transparency of fees and what all the fees are used for.

President, Robert Danner

Secretary, Jeremy Deck