

School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

February 21, 2018

MINUTES

Attending

Paige Anderson
Marty Beck
Joanna Doerder
Kerensa Good-Bloyd
Kimberly Hoffman

Barb Jordan
Kay Ingham
Lana LaSalle
Chris Like
Richard Lynch

Celeste Miller
Mike Raso
Phil Redington
Michele Tabares

DISTRICT UPDATE

Future facilities plan on hold after Feb. 5 board meeting votes. More discussion likely to be part of the March 5th board meeting. (Superintendent Mike Raso)

A district committee is working on the integration of the new statewide social studies standards as well as further adoption of literacy standards into curriculum. Chris Like has been meeting with elementary teams regarding science standards. They are now adding a social studies component. The district is also reviewing math curriculum and working on a new adaptation at middle school. (Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services)

The 2018-2019 school year calendar has been approved by the board.

PRESENTATION

School Finance 101

Learn how the district is funded, how tax money is used, about fund limitations, and our community grant support as well as the challenges we face and the opportunities we have in the Bettendorf Community School District.

BCSD Director of Finance Dallon Christensen presented an overview of how the district is funded with the goals of the group to:

- Understand the school finance funding formula
- Understand the differences between funds
- Learn how our budget is created

He explained that the general funding formula involves the cost per student multiplies by the weighted enrollment as well as the enrollment variable of special education status, operational shaving and dual enrolment. The State Financial Aid Formula was discussed – involving property taxes and state aid. Bettendorf is near the average valuation in Iowa with 58.22% state foundation aid, 28.33% uniform property tax, and 13.45% additional property taxes.

Dallon explained the different school funding types as well as how the funds can be used including:

- General fund
- Activity fund
- Management fund
- Physical, Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)
- Sale Tax Fund
- Debt Services Fund
- Food Services Fund
- Internal Service
- Trust and Agency Funds

He also review the certified budget as well as spending authority, unspent authorize budge and solvency ratio.

The group had an indepth conversation on supplemental funding with dual enrolment and what programs dual enrollment. The group also had a deeper discussion on using PPEL vs sales tax.

NEXT MEETING

Student Achievement - Wednesday, April 11

Neil Armstrong Elementary School – Commons

Be part of the discussion about the district Iowa Assessment results, learn about the variety of assessments used by the district as well as how the assessment results are used to help improve the success of students.