

HARNEY EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

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Harney ESD Board of Directors

Present: Dan Brown, Board Chair
Kirk Davies, Director
Pat Sharp, Vice Chair
Sandy Volle, Director

Board Retreat

Also Present: Charles Beck, Superintendent
Cori Wright, Business Manager
Hollie Held, Board Secretary

November 5, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Charlie Beck called the Board Retreat Work Session to order at 10:42 a.m. at the Bella Java Bistro meeting room at 314 N. Broadway Ave.

STAFF PRESENT

Donna Schnitker
Eric Nichols

DISCUSSION

SPEECH – Donna Schnitker presented for the Speech Department. She said they are experiencing growth in Slater and ECC. This year at ECC they have three children that either have been diagnosed or are in the process of being diagnosed with autism, which is the first in many years. HESD has been contracting Kira Wright through the Hello Foundation. She is here one week out of the month and works with Jill Miuilenburg who is an SLP assistant, they both work very hard and are very busy. Philip Kurkinen also helps Kira with the evaluations. Philip has been working very hard providing speech services to the rural districts and Crane. Donna stated that Courtney McMullen has been providing speech and language services to ECC. EI/ECSE is approaching 45 children that Courtney and Donna work with. Three have autism and most have speech and language with a lot of behavior challenges this year too.

EARLY CHILDHOOD/SPECIAL EDUCATION

Donna Schnitker stated that she has the best staff she's had in years at ECC and is really proud of where they are at now. They have started a new thing this year and are having all 3 year olds in morning classes and all 4 year olds in afternoon classes. She said it has been going very well. Donna said she would be looking to get an approval to submit an application for extended day funding. Donna said this would allow a class time for 20 kids. 50% of parents like the idea of the extended day, which she said is perfect because that would be about the size of class they are looking to extend. Donna is the head of Special Education at Harney ESD and Gayle Mackey provides special education services to component districts. She said Gayle Mackey goes out to the rural schools at least once a week to meet with the teachers that have a student on a special ed. plan, and gives them ideas on what they could do to help the child make progress. Donna also said that Gayle Mackey works on response to intervention which is very valuable to the school districts.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

Eric Nichols presented for the Curriculum and Technology Departments. Eric stated that he has received test scores, but has not finished analyzing them and would be able to discuss those score cards in greater detail at the December Board Meeting. Eric really wants to help teachers teach and hopes that the departments expand together. He has been working on several conferences and trainings for professional development such as google apps training, teaching strategies, teacher clarity, step up to writing and the Tech Conference that will take place April 12th. He also talked the RTI Eastside conference that was held last Friday at HESD. They had about 35 in

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attendance and Eric said it went really well, and that he was excited to be able to offer this training on this side of the state. Eric gave his assistant Janet Caldwell recognition and said she has been working very hard putting together all the details and behind the scenes planning. He also stated she has been helping with Synergy Help Desk and Synergy Oaks.

BUSINESS MANAGER – Cori Wright presented the board with a couple documents that Superintendent Beck had asked her to put together to help make a decision on which direction to go in the new Superintendent hiring process. The first document is a current salary breakdown for ESD Admin for the 2018-2019 year. The second is a document of possible Superintendent job title scenarios. And the third document is a salary survey of some of the other ESDs. These documents were handed out to all board members.

MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting at 12:56 p.m.