

Education Committee- May 8, 2014

Members present: Joel Street

Bobbie Dietz

Sonja Culler

John Lewis

Charles VonCannon

Buford Peters

Steve Lowrance

Pat Hicks

Motion to accept minutes of last meeting by J. Lewis, second by B. Peters...All Ayes

Dr. Kevin Ward gave a report on the school system:

Academic Improvement Plan---2 yr plan

All school to have PLC (Professional Learning Communities) for organized instruction; groups for the betterment of the schools

Each student to have an individual data folder, so instructors will know the students weakness to better serve that student

Common Core: How and Why—Thinking test, not choice.

Pacing Guides: Different types of assessment/enrichment for students

RTI- Response to Intervention- K-3 reading improvement/grade level reading

PARCC testing on hold, but schools did get money from the state to update and add computer labs ready for this test. BenchMark (\$70,880) test to assess for learning prior to the PARCC test.

Focus: Teacher Learning Teams....How to improve level 1 &2 to 3-4-&5 levels-  
Professional Improvement Plans

Principals are participating in Principal PLC for Instructional leadership.

The Referendum money has been greatly appreciated and has "freed-up" money for bus purchases, provided funds for roofing; windows; renovations; & fencing.

School Systems will need \$96,149.65 to meet the MOE for their budget.

New Business:

Possible land and building project for the Stoney Creek area. The tract of Land is 7 acres with gas, sewer, and 6 inch water line. The proposed school would be a Junior High for 600 students, from Keenburg; Unaka Elem; Hunter Elem., it would help to eliminate old portable classrooms from these schools. Cost of such school would be around 16 million dollars.

There was discussion of the 14 cents coming from the loan from Cloudland Elem, which is finished after this May. This money would help fund the new project.

Improvements needed at Unaka Elem. Cafeteria and Gym, ceiling joist need to be replaced...possible cost 3.5-4 million dollars.

Meeting was recessed to visit possible school project site.

Reconvened:

Motion by S. Culler to recommend to the budget committee the purchase of this property if the soil samples are good and the school board agrees to purchase.

Second by S. Lowrance. After much discussion in regards to industrial use of the property and flooding zones the motion passed....All Ayes.

Motion to adjourn—P. Hicks, Second- S. Culler -All Ayes

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Sony Culler*