

Work Session

March 21, 2019

Knowledge Quest Academy

I. Call to order at 6:42 pm

II. Roll call – Tauna, Damon, Amanda, Dave (by phone). Excused: Keir, Carol, and Craig. Also in attendance: Linda Spreitzer, School Principal, School teachers: Dan Johnson, Brenda Chinn, Ashley Blickenstaff, Jackie Forchette

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. KQA Code of Honor

V. Administrator Update

A. Curriculum Update

Brenda Chinn presented the costs to implement Reading Wonders as the language arts curriculum for K-2 and 3-5. The total approximate cost for K-5 is \$82,500. Brenda and Linda discussed the benefits of the curriculum. Board discussed budget to pay for half of the curriculum now and half later. There is currently no availability in the budget to do so. The Board and Linda discussed what options there were available to get the teachers the materials early in the summer for planning purposes.

B. Tech Update

Dan Johnson updated the Board on the E-Rate program. Dan reminded the Board that entering into a contract for a fiber line may not be approved by the E-Rate program, but the School would still be liable to pay for the project. The Board discussed this possibility and agreed to continue with the fiber line.

Dan then presented the Board with an updated agreement with the E-Rate consultant, Kenny Acklin with Acklin Associates. The contracted amount increased to \$1800 per year for Category 1 projects; and \$150 per hour for Category 2 projects. The Board discussed the pricing.

Lastly, Linda and Dan spoke to the Board about the security of the student Google Drive accounts. Currently the School is using a software to monitor the student Google Drive accounts for inappropriate items. A more robust monitoring software, Gaggle, will be implemented at the School District. Gaggle provides blocking and reporting for vulgarity, profanity, suggestive images, and other questionable content. Two agreements for Gaggle, one for 4/1 – 6/30/19 and one for 7/1/19 – 6/30/20, were presented and discussed.

C. Kindergarten Update

Linda stated that the State Legislature currently has a bill for full day kindergarten funding that is making progress. If the bill were to pass, it would be implemented for

the 19/20 school year. Linda stated that the transition for KQA to full day kindergarten classes would be easier than other schools may have. The Board discussed the idea of both kindergartens moving to fully day for 5 days a week.

D. Calendar

Linda presented the draft calendar for the 19/20 school year. Due to the School District eliminating half days and adding in several staff in service days, middle school will need to start 7:30 am and the whole

school will dismiss at 2:35 pm. This is to ensure the KQA is compliant rules and regulations regarding student contact minutes. The Board discussed the calendar and suggested minor edits to it.

E. Playground Update

Linda presented two quotes for the red playground. The first quote was to add a smaller play structure for \$42,000 and the second was to replace the existing structure for \$60,000. Linda stated that with the removal of the slide and other minor repairs, the current structure does not have any eminent need for replacement. The Board discussed the item and agreed to review the playground updates in the future.

F. District Purchased Services

Amanda and Linda discussed the recent meeting with Becky Samborski, District CFO, regarding the School District's purchased services agreement. Currently the School contracts with the District to provide technology support, business services, and special education services. The School District will continue to contract with the School to provide the services, but will also add a charge for the gifted and talented program.

During the meeting with Becky she stated that due to a change in a State law, KQA must receive its proportionate share of a prior mill levy override revenue. The net affect between the increases in the services and the mill levy revenue received will be about \$14,000 in the positive.

The Board discussed the services and the agreement term.

G. Budget

Amanda asked for this item to be tabled until more Board members could be present in the room to view and discuss the budget. There were no Board objections to tabling.

H. Staff Contracts

Amanda asked for this item to be tabled until more Board members could be present in the room to view and discuss staff contracts. There were no Board objections to tabling.

I. New Board Members

Linda stated that there are currently three open seats with three candidates. Therefore the election was canceled and the three candidates will be seated during the April annual meeting.

VI. Adjourn at 8:22 pm

Submitted by Board Treasurer, Amanda Proctor