

**Postville Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Scheduled Meeting at 6:30 P.M.  
RISE Academy  
January 8, 2018**

Vice-President Smith called the regular meeting of the Postville Board of Education to order at 6:29 P.M. on Monday, January 8, 2018, with the following members present: Tony Gericke, JoAnn Jacobs, Staci Malcom. Absent: Jamie Smith

Vice-President Smith welcomed the visitors.

Motion by Gericke, second by Jacobs, to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Jacobs, second by Gericke, to remove item C from the consent agenda and approve remaining items. Carried unanimously.

- a. Approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve the monthly invoices (reviewed by JoAnn Jacobs)
- d. Approve the resignation of Hodan Farah/elementary associate.
- f. Acceptance of Donations/Gifts to the District
  1. United HealthCare SVS, Inc - \$500.00 - Wellness
  2. Women of the ELCA, St. Paul Lutheran - \$250.00

Discussion took place regarding item C. Motion by Malcom, second by Jacobs, to approve the hire of Tommy Chavez/Elementary Associate. Carried unanimously.

Superintendent Dugger shared that the 1<sup>st</sup> semester has finished. We have had good weather, no late starts, early outs, or cancellations.

Principal Zurbriggen shared that good progress is being made in the Kids Club. A lot of staff members are helping with tutoring, thanks to a grant the Mr. Dugger wrote. Elementary will begin with assessment testing, Benchmarks, and Fast testing.

Principal Knudtson shared that the Rise Academy is going well. Students are making great progress. They just had four students graduate. Twelve students are on schedule to graduate this year.

Curriculum Director/Dean of Students Schutte explained SMART goals for 2017-2018. She handed out information explaining goals for grades K-8 and testing that has been completed. More testing will be finished the first week in February showing new results in growth rates.

Mark Kroemer presented information on the elementary building project. He discussed the kitchen remodel project and reviewed the project schedule. They would like to start the outdoor portion of the project in mid-April, weather permitting.

Motion by Gericke, second by Jacobs, to approve the 2018 elementary building improvement project bidding. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Malcom, second by Gericke, to approve Hacker/Nelson, of Decorah, for auditing services for FY18, FY19, and FY20. Carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Postville girls' sports program. Conference scheduling for next year will begin soon. The district needs to move toward having varsity teams. A decision will need to be made at the February board meeting. Mr. Knudtson will schedule a meeting for parents, students, and community members as soon as possible.

Motion by Malcom, second by Jacobs, to resolve and document the board's support of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System. Carried unanimously.

The approval of construction bids, the girls' athletic program, the purchase of the City building, and testing score results will be items for the February agenda.

The February Board Meeting for the Postville Board of Education will be held on February 12, 2018, at 6:30 P.M, at the Postville Fine Arts Center Lobby.

Motion by Malcom, second by Gericke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Jamie Smith, President

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Melissa Fettkether, Secretary