



CORNVILLE REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

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CRCS School Board Meeting 5-27-15

In Attendance: Laurie Hayden, Mimosa Mack, Jean Walker, Jake Daigneault, Carrie Tessier, Stephanie Miller

Justin Belanger, ED
Travis Works, Principal

Jean called the meeting to order at 605pm

Executive Director

Resignation - Barbara Averill , Special Ed

Budget

Discussion around next year's budget:

A review of the Mass Customized Learning, Habits of Mind, and Proficiency Based Learning

Explanation of Federal Entitlements

Title I – half time position for ELA and Math

Title II – Professional Development

REAP Funds –Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) initiatives that are designed to help rural districts that may lack the personnel and resources to compete effectively for Federal competitive grants and that often receive grant allocations in amounts that are too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes flexible monies

IDEA funds – Special ED Permitted expenditures include the salaries of special education teachers and costs associated with related services personnel, such as speech therapists and psychologists

CSP grant – start up grant we rec'd for three years , one yr left

- Grant funds for next year will go towards new office furniture, new tables for café, lockers, a professional development resource library for teacher so they will not have to go outside of school as often.
- How do we sustain our grant purchases after grant is done? Board members discussed wanting to know the CSP grant budget as this should be information provided. The board will review the CSP grant budget in September before the grant budget is submitted.

Public Discussion

A parent asked how the visit went with Stephan Huh. Justin responded the visit went very well. He was extremely pleased with how we were using the grant money. Several students showed him how they are using the technology. He visited our school for almost four hours. Mr. Huh would like us to pursue a disseminating grant. The grant amount is \$200,000 Dissemination grants are awarded to charter schools to support activities that help open new public schools or share the lessons

learned by charter schools with other public schools. There were concerns by board members that our school should have a solid foundation before we pursue more work.

Updating to Quick Books Pro to combine our current spread sheets and upgrade payroll saving time

A Future consolidation of charter schools is being looked at to pool together financial services as most schools use Bangor Savings Bank. The bank would allow a reduction in fees in payroll, 10-99's, and financial reports if schools pooled their services together.

Also being considered is a consolidation for a Special Ed Director /Consultant to sign off on paper work etc. for all charter schools.

Discussion in regards to line items in budget

Salary Food. The line item should be moved back to this line instead of in Special Ed services.

The Loan interest needs to be added back

Discussion about future budgets to contain all revenues including grant money to see the big picture

Mimosa made a motion to accept the Operation Budget with the recommended changes moving the special ed cost center 5376 to the Food Cost Center/Transportation, adjustment of benefits, and adding loan interest back into Facilities. Carrie Seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Mimosa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 715pm Laurie seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Tessier , Board Secretary