



Howard-Winneshiek Community School District School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

January 24, 2024, 4:30 pm

Discovery Center, Crestwood Elementary & Middle School

District Vision: Our vision is to discover, develop, expand passions, creativity and strengths.

District Mission: Our mission is to prepare and empower our students to think creatively, serve, contribute and succeed locally and globally.

Agenda/Minutes

1. Call to Order - 4:30 p.m.
2. Members present - Kathy Rice, Lear Clubb (Freshman), Kiaya Ruroden (Freshman), Kim Kerian, Lori Kerian, Evan Kimber, Terra Bigalk, Doug Sickles, Tyler Wedemeier, Kris Einck, Robyn Lane
3. Approval of Agenda
4. New Business
 - A. Keystone AEA update – Mr. Einck
 1. 9 AEA - Area Education Associations
 2. Keystone serves 23 public schools plus some private schools
 3. 1975 AEAs were created for Special Education
 4. AEA have taken on other roles
 1. Curriculum
 2. Professional development
 3. ICN - internet
 4. Hardware and software support (Karen Randall)
 5. A House Bill was introduced by the Governor to reduce AEA services to Special Education services only. Districts could contract services with the AEAs.
 6. \$581,000 is the flow through funds for Howard-Winneshiek
 1. Special Education Services
 2. Share a curriculum director
 3. Special education facilitator and psychologist
 7. Urban Iowa vs Rural Iowa
 - B. NEIC update – Mr. Einck
 1. 6 schools - New Hampton, Waverly, Decorah, Waukon, Crestwood, Charles City

2. FY25 - Waverly will be out of the NEIC conference
 3. Scheduling with a conference that is not full is problematic
 4. January, 2024, the board approved to ask for admission to the Upper Iowa Conference. The UIC will vote on February 6, 2024, on this request.
 5. Charles City is seeking membership in the North Central Conference
 6. NEIC is the oldest conference; however, you have to do what is best for kids.
- C. VPPEL – project update – Mr. Einck
1. Voted in November, 2023
 2. Tax - Current \$.67, Voted increase \$1.34 in FY25
 3. Purposes: Update the entrances to provide a safe and secure environment, H.S. parking lot issues, update auditorium, add instructional spaces/collaborative areas, cafeteria areas
 4. Working with Emergent Architects and Piper Sandler Financials to establish our facility needs and determine appropriate funding measures
 5. Phase I - Elementary/Middle School entrance, cafeteria, classrooms
 6. Phase II - High School entrance, auditorium, classroom updates
- D. Misc. Items
1. Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE)
 2. Cadet Campaign - \$1,000,000 goal, today we are at \$912,000
 1. Help supplement project and material costs
 2. Vigorous repayment schedule
 3. Perry School Shooting - letter was sent out to all parents
 1. HWCSD meets with police, fire department, administration, etc. to safeguard our students, staff, etc.
 2. Open communication with parents, students, community, etc.
 3. Safety place
 1. Run Hide Fight
 2. District phones are connected to send out a message - High School, Elementary/Middle School, ECDC, NICC, Bus Garage
 3. HWCSD is working on new camera system across the whole facility

Announcements

- E. Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 4:30 pm. in the high school library.
5. Adjournment: 5:15 p.m.