

April 7, 2022

Work Session

The Schaller-Crestland Board of Education met in work session on Thursday, April 7, 2022 in the Media Center of the Schaller-Crestland/Ridge View Middle School, Early, IA. The following board members were present: Christy Horan, Kory Blum, Mike Schmitt, Matt Cress, and Steve Mason. Others present: Supt. Wiebers and Brd Sec'ry Wandrey. Visitors: Adam Bisenius, Alan Movall, Mitch Lyons, Amber Teague, Kelly Wiener, Melanie Pyle, Adam Pyle, Mike Smith, and Jenny Bailey with the Schaller Herald.

Call to order at 7 pm by President Horan.

Motion by Cress, second by Blum to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

Supt. Wiebers updated the board on what his wage recommendations are for the support staff and transportation staff for the next school year as well as a look at the administration personnel. Several different proposals were looked at. The districts health insurance is expected to increase by at least 9%. Supt. Wiebers noted that both schools are still in need of special education aides and is looking at a few options to help better recruit them. There was a change in the IPERS retirement restriction that will help the district with retirees. Retirees may now make up to \$50,000 and still take their retirement benefit. That maximum was previously set at \$30,000. A few retirees have come back to teach in the district to help with staffing shortages.

The board then moved into discussion regarding the whole grade sharing agreement, facilities, and 5 year plans. What is our district's vision and how will that effect the students of our district, was a question President Horan asked the board. The district will need to look at how we can become more efficient long term. Due to the rising cost of operation and staffing demands, the board felt that it would make the best sense to look at options of going to one K-8 facility. Improvements and additions to the Schaller facility were discussed. Also, discussed were updates to the Schaller football field/track and work done to the bleacher seating at the Schaller baseball field.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Horan at 9:05.