

Board Meeting News 1-11-2017

By Chris Fine, Superintendent

The board reviewed several board policies as we do each month. They also approved several recommended revisions including one that removes a restriction on how many steps or columns a teacher may move on the salary schedule each year.

Next the board had a discussion about the 2017-2018 school calendar. They were presented 2 calendars, both with 150 days, and both with 2 weeks for Christmas break. One had the break starting on 12/15 and one on 12/22. Although no vote was taken, the board seemed to like the one with a later break. The staff likes the later option as well by a slim margin. We will approve the 2017-2018 calendar next month.

The 2017 Total Eclipse Festival was next on the agenda. The Lathrop Area Chamber of Commerce would like to use a lot of our outdoor space for visitors coming to Lathrop to watch the total eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. The board approved a facilities usage agreement and a separate list of items from them that we will agree to. It sounds like they are planning for up to 25,000 people in Lathrop for that event! That would be as amazing as the eclipse itself!

Our three counselors submitted their guidance and counseling program review. There were no concerns noted from the board.

The building level reports were up next on the agenda. Attendance is the highest it's been in a long time, although this week we seem to have seen an increase in illness that may start to affect our data. Achievement test scores are looking really good from 1st - 8th in reading and math. (We only give them 1st - 8th)

In closed session we hired a para-professional and voted to extend my contract as Superintendent for one more year, through the 2018-2019 school year.