

BOARD BRIEFS

COW Meeting, April 16, 2015 7:00 P.M.

Opening Comments from Board President Bob Brown

Board President Bob Brown summarized the background discussion and findings that led to this meeting. He reviewed the parent concerns that were presented to the board at the March 26th Board meeting and explained that the purpose of this meeting tonight was that the Board could reach a consensus to vote on this issue at the April 30th Board meeting. It was requested at the last meeting that administration look at other alternate options for the kindergarten program that would resolve fiscal concerns for the District.

Kindergarten Schedule:

Principal Reinke presented the recommended kindergarten program option that would reassign Sue Hempe to be the second morning kindergarten teacher. Dawn explained why and how this would be a good solution, and illustrated what the schedules would look like for both morning and afternoon classes. She also discussed the enrollment figures and compared current FY15 year with what is projected for the upcoming FY16 school year.

Winfield Teacher's Union:

Debbie Sasveld, representative of the WTA, read a position statement which expressed the concerns about having one kindergarten section. Their position is to support two kindergarten sections, and continue this throughout all grade levels with two sections at each grade.

Public Comment: Some parents addressed the Board reiterating their previous reported concerns about the kindergarten program.

Board Discussion:

Board members discussed various kindergarten program options. Most agreed that the plan presented by Mrs. Reinke was a very good compromise and a great option without additional funding. They thanked the administration for this creative solution and will add this under the Program Plan to the April agenda for approval, along with the amended Staffing Plan.

The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, April 30, 2015, Regular and Reorganizational Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.