

Campbell County School District Board of Trustees Special Dinner Meeting  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:15 PM  
Educational Services Center, Rocky Point Room

Present: Anne Ochs, Ken Clouston, Lisa Durgin, Tim Hallinan, Joe Lawrence, Larry Steiger, Rollo Williams, Alex Ayers, Kirby Eisenhauer, Dennis Holmes, Larry Reznecik, Alison Gee, and Tracy Peterson.

Also attending: Cassia Catterall

Dr. Ayers listed the topics for the meeting: 1) Policy Committee Updates; 2) Hope Squad Presentation

Policy Committee Update – Dr. Larry Reznecik updated the board regarding policy work and shared that the committee has been reviewing Policy 5113 Student Attendance, Policy 4340 Drug and Alcohol Testing, 4201 Sick Leave Bank, and Policy 4208 Family Leave.

Audit Committee Update – Mr. Dennis Holmes shared with the board that the audit by Bennett, Weber & Hermstad is complete, and Paula Steiger will present the information at the board meeting.

Consent Agenda Item – Dr. Hallinan requested that Item F 3, Aquatic Center Construction Agreement with Van Ewing Construction, Inc., be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Hope Squad Presentation – Student Support Suicide Specialist Lori Holmes and the Buffalo Ridge Hope Squad shared there are currently 14 schools in the district with a Hope Squad. Hope is an acronym for “Hold on” Persuade,” and “Empower,” which stands for the steps required to intervene with those who may be at risk. Members are nominated by their classmates as trustworthy peers and trained by advisors. Hope Squad is the eyes and ears of the school and strives to create a safe school environment, promote connectedness, support anti-bullying, encourage mental wellness, and reduce mental health stigma. Hope Squad members greet students in the mornings, give new students building tours, help them feel included, create a positive culture in their schools, and look for signs of students who are not acting like they usually do or are sad. Hope Squad partners with QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Institute, which is a nationally recognized suicide gatekeeper, and it provides students with simple steps to reach out to struggling peers and refer them to trusted adults. Hope Squad, advisors, and other school and community stakeholders are certified and trained QPR gatekeepers.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm, with no action taken by the board.

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Secretary, Tracy Peterson

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Chairman

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Clerk