

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
School Library *Moved to Mr. Kronhofman’s Classroom due to gas odor
March 12th, 2018 7:00 pm

President Dennis Roskop called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

President Roskop announced that the Arapahoe-Holbrook Board of Education follows the rules of the Open Meetings Act which is posted.

The following members were present: Dan Warner, Chad Carpenter, Rodney Whipple, Dennis Roskop, Brad Schutz, and Lisa Anderson.

The following member(s) were absent: None.

Also present was Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Principal Bob Braithwait joined the meeting at 7:37 pm. Visitors were present.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Whipple to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, Anderson, and Warner. Motion carried 6-0.

President Roskop welcomed the visitors and asked for Public Comment. Heidi Thomas stated that she and Marcia Foley have 30 students that qualified for State National History Day on April 7th in Lincoln. Some of those students have come to represent the group and they are Colton Hearn, Carson Schroeder, Branigan Schaben, Frydryk Sitnik, Damien Hillman, Maggie Weatherwax, Diana Hanzlick, Olivia Leising, Derek Sander, Cord Frink, and Reilley Einspahr. The following students stated that they were in attendance for the state FFA per diem request: Olivia Leising, Melonie Meyers, Parker Ehrke, and Cooper Schutz. Roskop asked how many students were going to attend state FFA. Leising stated that the State FFA Convention is taking place April 4th thru 6th in Lincoln. They are taking 26 FFA members and several sponsors. They have seven teams competing in career development events and one member participating in a leadership skills event, which is a prepared public speech. During their time there they will be attending numerous leadership workshops and seminars. They would greatly appreciate it if they could receive per diem funds during the three days in Lincoln. Roskop thanked Leising for her presentation. Leising added that they have several students receiving their state degree at convention. Roskop congratulated all of the participants that are going on behalf of the board. He stated that the request is an action item further down in the agenda. He thanked them for coming. Maggie Weatherwax stated that the National History Day students will be competing at the state competition on April 7th. There are 30 students going in various categories such as performance, exhibit, documentary, and website. She showed the board some of the examples of the exhibit boards that will be moving on to state. Thomas stated that all of the projects moving on to state represent about 40 hours of research work. Foley stated that it is a research competition and they share their research either in exhibit boards, performance, website, or documentary. Roskop thanked everyone for coming. Schutz asked where the History Day competition is held. Thomas stated that it is at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Foley stated that they pick the top two from each category and those move on to Nationals in Washington DC. Schutz asked when that is held. Foley stated that it is in mid to late June and is on the University of Maryland campus. We have sent students the last three years to Nationals. Roskop thanked everyone again for coming. Craig Hilker stated that he saw the ad to hire another janitor and asked if someone was retiring. Griffith stated that they had a janitor that left us about a year ago, they then filled that position, but that person has also left. They have been running a person short. He is hoping to get someone at least part time. Craig Hilker stated that he was surprised to see the ad since contracts were just renewed for all of the yard work. He asked if that was taken into consideration when looking for a full time person. Griffith stated that is something he is looking into but would not be until after this year. Tammie Middagh reported that she was just recently notified that Arapahoe has two seniors that qualify for the Teammates Scholarship and they are Alayna Whipple and Adrienne Einspahr. We are very happy for these girls.

REPORTS

Griffith stated that Braithwait is waiting for the gas company to check a possible leak. He shared Braithwait’s report to the board. He stated that MAPS testing is just about complete and make up tests were done today. Thomas added that they are about 9 students away from completion. Griffith thanked Thomas for her input. The Community Speech Night was last Monday night and was very good. Mrs. Thomas does a great job with her program. All of the second evaluations for probationary teachers are done. FFA Week is this week. Mr. Kuntz and his students have activities planned every day. There is a Career Fair for our sophomores in Holdrege on the 14th. The 5th and 6th Grade Spring Concert is the 22nd at 7:00 pm. Inter High Day is in McCook on the 28th. Golf and Track have begun their respective seasons.

Griffith stated that the morning of April 18th there will be a health clinic for staff and their spouses. This is a free service provided by Wellness Partners out of McCook. Board members are also welcome to participate. The state food inspector was out last week for our inspection and the kitchen has been placed on corrective action for not meeting the whole grain

requirements. We do have a waiver on some whole grain items like pasta and pizza crust but there is a limit on how many of these items we can list each year. This means our long johns, dinner rolls, biscuits, and other bread items will now have to be at least 50% whole grain and this could result in more waste. Our federal and state funding is dependent on meeting these requirements. An updated draft of the District's Safety and Security plan is complete and out for review by the crisis management team. PGH&G (Perry Law) is in the process of updating job descriptions for 34 positions and a set has been ordered for the district to use in updating our local job descriptions. They haven't been updated since 2009. Cassie and Griffith will be attending the area Budget and Finance workshop on Thursday in Kearney. It is from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm on March 15th. He will be leading an external team visit for school improvement at Brady Public School on Monday, March 19th. This will be very educational process. Some other things we need to look at in the future as we move into the new building are chairs. We have some that dig into the floor that will need replaced. Whipple asked if Griffith knew the number of participants in Track and Golf. Griffith stated that he did not have that information. Schutz asked how long they have to correct the lunch issue. Griffith stated that they have to start working on it immediately. They won't be back to check us again this year. We have some time to implement the changes.

Board Member Reports: None.

Board Committee Reports: Griffith stated that the minutes from last month's finance committee meeting are available in the packet. They also met again prior to tonight's meeting. There were a couple of questions on software and a computer. These purchases were made to update the plasma cutter and get it running again. It hadn't been running for a while.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Schutz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included minutes from previous meetings and financial reports. AYES: Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, Anderson, Warner, and Carpenter. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Schutz and seconded by Whipple to approve claims including the General Fund, Lunch Fund, and Building Fund totaling \$439,922.41. AYES: Roskop, Schutz but abstaining from Claim Number 29538 to the Arapahoe Public Mirror for \$1,094.54, Anderson, Warner, Carpenter but abstaining from Claim Number 29597 to W & J Carpenter-Repair for \$874.99, and Whipple but abstaining from Claim Number 29540 to ATC for \$351.36. Motion carried 6-0.

Griffith's recommendation is to approve the per diem request from the FFA group. Schutz asked where the students are staying while they are attending State FFA. Meyers stated that they are staying at The Cornhusker which is where the majority of the workshops are held. A motion was made by Schutz and seconded by Warner to approve the FFA per diem request. AYES: Schutz, Anderson, Warner, Carpenter, Whipple, and Roskop. Motion carried 6-0.

Griffith's recommendation is to approve the per diem request for the National History Day group as well. This is an important thing for our kids to be involved in and they do an excellent job. He is impressed with the work they shared with the board. He is proud of them, the FFA and National History Day kids. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Carpenter to approve the National History Day per diem request. Schutz asked if they will be staying overnight. Foley stated that it's one day, they leave early and get back late. AYES: Anderson, Warner, Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, and Schutz. Motion carried 6-0.

Roskop thanked the kids and sponsors for attending the meeting.

Cassie Hilker informed the kids they could leave if they wanted to. All of the kids left except Reilley Einspahr and Cord Frink who stayed to fulfill requirements.

Griffith stated that the changes to the Pregnant and Parenting Policy 5422 are required by the state and must be done before April 1st. The recommended change to the Per Diem Policy 4135 is changing the amounts. It also clarifies how to calculate the reimbursement rate if an employee has to use their personal vehicle. It increases the daily per diem amount from \$30.00 to \$35.00, which is \$8.00 for breakfast, \$12.00 for lunch, and \$15.00 for supper. Partial days will be prorated based on time of departure and return. It also clarifies the federal regulations on meals for reimbursement which means that unless an employee stays overnight they cannot get reimbursed. The employees need to request funds ahead of time or they don't get it. The changes are the same for the student per diem amount as it is for the staff per diem amount. His reason for that is tied to the Coffee Act Policy. The Coffee Act states that meals will be reimbursed and doesn't have a limit. There are times when some of the meals are more than the daily per diem rate he is requesting. This will make it easier to keep things in line. He is working on establishing times to help determine what funds can be given for partial days. Schutz asked what amount it is being adjusted from. Griffith stated that it is going from \$30.00 per day; it is a \$5 increase. The change to the Coffee Act Policy is that meals will be covered at the Per Diem rate set in board policy 4135 as opposed to meals will be reimbursed. There will be deductions in the per diem requests for activities where meals are provided. A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Carpenter to approve the Pregnant and Parenting Policy 5422, Per Diem Policy 4135, and Coffee Act Policy 8231 as presented. Cassie Hilker asked when these policies will take effect. Griffith stated that the Pregnant and

Parenting Policy 5422 will take effect immediately. The Per Diem Policy 4135 and Coffee Act Policy 8231 will take effect with the 2018-2019 school year. AYES: Warner, Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, and Anderson. Motion carried 6-0.

Griffith stated that the server bid was run through the E-Rate program. This bid is for network equipment, such as, servers and ports that are updated since ours will no longer be effective after this year. The district is responsible for 30% of the cost. He wishes someone else would have gotten the bid, but it is something that has to get done. Whipple stated that bid shows that installation is included but asked about any continued configuration or management of the devices. Griffith stated that the ESU handles that. Schutz asked if this is equipment in the new construction. Griffith stated that this will cover the entire school. The ones in the old will no longer be operational. Schutz stated that he has heard of Nex-Tech. Whipple stated that they are out of Kansas and are a very progressive telephone company. They do a fine job. He talked with Wade Gibson from the ESU because they were disappointed that they didn't see the bid request. ATC is registered with USAC and the E-Rate program. Wade was also disappointed with the number of bids they received, but they are not allowed to illicit. He didn't know if in the future the school would be allowed to notify local service providers. They are certainly disappointed that they missed it, but they did. Griffith stated that he is familiar with Nex-Tech and he has no problem with their equipment or service. His is more of a personal head butting with cost and E-Rate stuff. He had to take phone service away from them to give it to another company since they were cheaper, which wasn't popular. Whipple stated that Ubiquiti is a well-known manufacturer of equipment and there price points are definitely in line with what they like. Anderson asked who USAC was. Griffith stated that USAC is the federal government's telephone system. Anderson clarified that they are paying for 70% of the cost. Griffith agreed. He explained that there are two different types, Category 1 and 2. Category 1 covers internet costs. Category 2 covers equipment costs. There has been money sitting there for a while and this gives us an opportunity to use what's there at the right time. Griffith recommends approving the bid as presented. A motion was made by Schutz and seconded by Carpenter to follow Griffith's recommendation and approve the server bid to Nex-Tech in the amount of \$29,921.10. AYES: Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, Anderson, and Warner. Motion carried 6-0. Schutz asked what fund this will be paid from. Griffith stated that it can come from the Equipment Depreciation Fund since it is replacing equipment and that is the plan.

Griffith stated that the initial bid he received from Bishop for document scanning was in the \$20,000 range plus other fees for services and the cloud. The cost could range anywhere from \$17,000 to \$30,000 for scanning. When comparing it to Sparq they are actually cheaper. He thinks the number of pages are under-estimated. Sparq would scan the information and provide us with 2 DVD. It is searchable, but does not provide much technical support. The other company is docufree which he thinks is the best option as far as services. They send us boxes that we fill and send back. They have a flat rate fee of \$18,675. This can be broken down into a monthly billing of \$602.64 per month for 36 months. This includes online storage in the cloud. This gives us more access for more people. The company he recommends is docufree. The issue with Sparq was the guarantee, but the only guarantee we will get is if they check it after they scan it. Docufree indicates that will happen. Schutz asked where the company was from. Griffith stated that he went through a local vendor and this company was their recommendation. Schutz asked if someone came out to visit Griffith about this company. Griffith stated that a representative did come out for a visit. Warner asked if this becomes live after everything gets scanned in. Griffith agreed and stated that they can continue to add to it. Warner asked if it would be at the same monthly fee. Griffith agreed and stated that it allows us to get files and add files. Whipple asked if he could share the overall intent of this project. Griffith stated that this is to secure the older records that are slowly deteriorating and free up storage space. It makes older records easier to search through. He stated that they recently had a request from 1976. Schutz asked if we had them. Cassie Hilker confirmed that we did. Whipple asked if the fee was \$18,675. Griffith agreed. Anderson asked if that is for every year we use them. Griffith stated that the fee is to get everything into the system and can be paid over the 36 months. Cassie Hilker asked if staff would be scanning the information going forward. Griffith agreed. Whipple stated that it looks like the 36 month fee includes 36 months of the cloud subscription. Griffith agreed and stated that there would be a cost to continue the subscription but the data would still be ours. This kind of thing would be true for any other company storing data with the cloud. Whipple asked if Griffith knew which package we would fall into at that time. Griffith stated that he was not sure. Anderson wondered if it would be better to have the information on the cloud or a DVD. Griffith stated that there is the ability to store the information locally as well, but that would take up a lot of space. Anderson asked if the \$600 fee was to have the data on the cloud. Griffith stated that the \$600 fee includes the cost to scan the information. Anderson asked if Sparq has a monthly fee. Griffith stated that they do not have a monthly fee since we get the retrieval software with the DVD. Anderson asked how often the school retrieves data. Griffith stated that a lot of times it is finding where an item was purchased. The most graduation requests come from those that graduated in the last 5 years. The files can be done where personnel records are filed one way and others are filed another way to keep them separate. Schutz asked if Sparq or Bishop would want their money up front and docufree is giving us the option to spread it out over 3 years. Griffith agreed. He stated that Bishop also has the online service, but is somewhat costly. Schutz asked if Sparq was the company the School Board Association recommends. Griffith stated that Sparq is the company they work with. Schutz asked if any are schools use docufree. Griffith stated that the docufree bid came in about a week ago. Cassie Hilker asked if docufree is with Eakes. Griffith agreed. Schutz asked if the intent is to get this done over the summer months. Griffith agreed. We have a couple of boxes that are pretty moldy right now. They can break things down into age as well. Schutz stated that his only concern is knowing who we are doing business with. Eakes is a reputable business, but he would like to know what schools are using docufree. That is his only concern. Griffith stated that we could table this and he could gather more information. Whipple stated that he would like to know the ongoing storage fees after the 36 months. Griffith stated that he will get that

information. A motion was made by Schutz and seconded by Warner to table the document scanning and electronic storage decision. AYES: Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, Anderson, Warner, and Carpenter. Motion carried 6-0.

Schutz asked if the amount of the Hausmann Pay App 008 was \$677,311.20. Griffith agreed. Schutz asked if after this Pay App we are through 50% of the bond money. Griffith agreed. Roskop stated that it is probably more than 50% with what costs were paid outside of the bond. A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Carpenter to approve the Hausmann Pay App 008 in the amount of \$677,311.20. AYES: Roskop, Schutz, Anderson, Warner, Carpenter, and Whipple. Motion carried 6-0.

Griffith stated they have found someone for the position of Technology Director / Tech Teacher. It is Mr. Dan Sich from Ansley. Mr. Braithwait and I interviewed him and he is a very qualified tech person and we feel that he would be an excellent candidate for the position. He also has 10 years of experience as AD, so we are looking at splitting the AD position between him and Mr. Kronhofman. This way we will have an additional supervisor and someone that hopefully is not coaching at the same time. Anna Bade is currently student teaching here in Science and Social Studies. The other candidates we got during the interview process were a first year teacher and a candidate with some experience but wouldn't fill any other extra-curricular areas that we would need covered. We offered the biology position to Mrs. Bade. Braithwait stated that she is from Bartley. Griffith stated that they are two quality candidates and he feels that both would do a great job for our school. Dan brings three kids with him. Cassie Hilker asked if Anna graduates in May with her teaching certificate in biology. Griffith agreed and stated that she will move on to get her Masters in biology. She can do that on the GI bill, which would also be a savings to the district. We try to help get people certified in those positions with their education. A motion was made by Schutz and seconded by Anderson to approve the hiring of Anna Bade as the 7-12 Life Science Teacher and Daniel Sich as the Technology Director / Informational Technology Teacher. Schutz asked if Mr. Sich would also be helping during the summer months. Griffith stated that there are extended contract days that go with it. Currently, Mrs. Connie Hoefs gets 10 additional days and Mrs. Stagemeyer gets 5 days for helping with the elementary technology. If Mrs. Stagemeyer wants to give up the elementary technology, Mr. Sich would get 15 extended contract days. Whipple asked if he would also be teaching. Griffith agreed that he would. Warner asked where we are sitting on coaching vacancies. Griffith stated that wrestling is still vacant, but he is working on that and things will be okay. AYES: Schutz, Anderson, Warner, Carpenter, Whipple, and Roskop. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to enter in to executive session at 8:00 pm for purposes of negotiation. AYES: Anderson, Warner, Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, and Schutz. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Anderson to exit executive session at 8:06 pm.

Roskop stated that they are going to increase Griffith's salary \$1,000, which makes the total salary \$111,000 per year. All benefits remain the same. The contract is extended one more year. They appreciate everything Griffith has done for us in getting through the building process and continue to move forward with that work. We appreciate everything you do. A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Carpenter to increase the superintendent's salary \$1,000 to \$111,000 and extend the contract out one more year. Whipple thanked Griffith. Griffith thanked the board. AYES: Anderson, Warner, Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, and Schutz. Motion carried 6-0.

Griffith stated that he looked at trying to come up with some kind of a rotation for the computers and couldn't make anything work where they wouldn't be doubling up on a lease. The reading series that they are looking at for the elementary is heavy in technology. He has looked at different options. He has looked at PCs instead of Macs, but there are far more problems with viruses and such with that. He has used Chromebooks in a previous school, but there are some issues with Java on those computers. They also have a limited amount of storage. Going with a 4-year option instead of a 3-year option would increase our current payment from \$48,000 to \$52,000. This would allow computers at all grade levels. He also researched additional costs. Schutz asked if there were any classes in the high school that only use their laptops and have no textbooks. Braithwait stated that there isn't one. All classes have a textbook component. The new reading series they are looking at has a textbook component, but the majority is technology oriented. There is still the paper aspect. Griffith stated that the Microsoft Office renewal is \$29 per teacher, which is for 35 teachers and all students. LanSchool is a remote monitoring system and the renewal is \$330. This is a cost we would have whether we upgraded or not. Currently, we use JAMF as a management software and is pricey. We have gotten recommendations from the ESU and Mrs. Connie Hoefs. Mosyle costs \$5.50 per device, K-12, would total \$2,315 per year. JAMF gave us a 3-year deal at \$13,000. There would be a cost savings. Whipple asked if the management software he is talking about is the type that keeps all of the devices the same. It reloads and makes it easy to keep the software up to date and identical. Griffith agreed. We can go in and make sure all of the computers are formatted the same way. It can also be used to manage the iPads. Additional costs for the new computers would be \$2,049. This is a one-time cost for adapters that changed. It is a multi-port adapter. There are some options for charging stations for the iPads. There is a cart that will hold 30 or there is an option that is a little over a foot deep and can be placed on a counter. They take up less room than a cart and cost \$599 each. Total cost for all iPad storage using the counter top option and having 3 in each room would be \$8,999.25. Getting 5 carts would be \$0.50 more. Cassie Hilker asked if they were okay to start this lease June 1st. Griffith agreed. He stated that the other districts in the RPAC usually run iPads for six years. This would result in two years with no lease payment for iPads. Schutz asked how many

iPads the quote was for. Griffith stated that it was for 130 iPads and 110 laptops for students. It would be \$349.50 per computer. Anderson stated that is saying we are going to have 26 students in each class for 4 years. Griffith stated that the number of students per class changes all of the time but hopefully we will have enough for everyone. He added that Connie told him they were short once and had to purchase 5 or so at the beginning of a school year. Anderson asked what all they do with the iPads now in the elementary. Braithwait stated that they will be a big part of our reading series. Anderson asked if they use what we have quite a bit. Braithwait agreed. Schutz stated that one of his questions is how they justify this cost and where is the cost savings down the road. They have had one-to-one in the high school for over 10 years. Roskop agreed. He thought this was their fourth lease. Griffith stated that his background is in curriculum and instruction. We need to make sure we are differentiating instruction, which is teaching at different levels at the same time in the classroom. Having an iPad and a curriculum series that works with that helps those students that are struggling and move those other students forward that are excelling. The idea is to make sure everyone is reaching their potential. He had to differentiate instruction with paper in Texas and that is hard. The benefit of having the online curriculum is that it allows individual students to reach their potential in a more effective way. Schutz understands that concept but asks if we are going to do that. We have had laptops now in the high school for over 10 years and when we first started that concept it was to move away from what we were doing conventionally and going to what Griffith is talking about. He doesn't see that has happened. He sees the laptops being used as a resource to access the internet, but he doesn't know that they are being used at their maximum capacity to get the bang for their buck. Griffith stated that he thinks that is a result of superintendents. It is one of those things that you have to make sure gets done. Schutz asked how staff would be trained to do that. Griffith stated that Mrs. Stagemeyer, Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Schutz would need limited development. Miss Renken uses it when she has the opportunity to get it. They have to sign up for it. He has one teacher that will need more intense professional development to get it in the classroom. His idea is to use a mentoring system. He has two staff members scheduled to go with him to NETA. They will get training on specific things that can be used in the classroom, including differentiated instruction. The Department of Education has a site that has multiple free resources available. The goal is to get teachers using that more. The idea is that using supplemental material also helps students at various levels. It is a matter of getting out there and making sure it is getting done on my part. If there is a failure, that would be a failure of mine. It has to be pushed from leadership. Schutz asked if there are enough professional days in the calendar to get that done. Griffith stated that it would be one of those situations where we would have to give them a professional day to work together on it and would be in addition to what we have. It would be similar to the mentoring we do with the ESU for a brand new teacher. Talking to one teacher it is not that she doesn't want to do it, it is that she doesn't feel comfortable with it. Having someone to work with to improve that is an important thing. Talking with the Science teacher and the new Life Science teacher there are discovery education programs out there and they are cheap. It could be \$50 per student and it lasts 6 years with all of the updates. It also provides the instructions that meet the new science standards. It comes down to making sure that leadership is doing their job. Whipple asked how we move forward. 9 of the 11 schools surveyed provide a K-12 one-to-one program. 2 of those provide a PK-12 program. The other two provide a 5-12 with Macbooks and provide 75 iPads available for the elementary. Industry standard says that 40% of all jobs today require technology. He is asking how we move forward with this. He is in complete agreement that we need to see that it is being used and staff is trained. It is important to have this technology within our school. He has been on this committee for 9 years now and it has been an important discussion every time. Braithwait stated that he thinks there has been some resistance from the older staff members. As we become a little bit younger with retirement and those new teachers come in with more ideas and are more exposed to this kind of teaching. That has made it easier. Whipple stated that they just approved a new Technology Director and he doesn't want to handcuff him by not giving the technology. Griffith stated that his recommendation is to move forward with the four year lease for the laptops and iPads and trust that he will do his job making sure things are getting done the way they are supposed to. Cassie Hilker asked if this is something that could be added to the teacher evaluation tool. Braithwait stated that they have talked about that. There is nothing on the current evaluation. Griffith stated that the evaluation tool we will have is an evidence based evaluation tool. Basically they will have to prove to us that they are meeting the goals that they have set. It is more of a professional development based evaluation tool. It is on that long list of items to get done in the next month and a half. He has a couple models to choose from. The one thing that is holding him up is making sure the state will accept the one he prefers to go with. Schutz asked Whipple if he thought it was better to have iPads in all of the elementary classes. Whipple stated that he likes that model. He sees the younger kids using those smaller mobile devices. There is the ios versus the mac operating system. He does like the idea of having a key pad if he had a preference. He thinks a lot of the apps are geared toward the younger generation in the ios versus the mac os. Based on the review of the survey, it does look like most of the other schools have iPads in the elementary. He wishes that the technology director was already here to get his input. Griffith stated that this is his recommendation. Whipple asked what is included in the Apple Care. Griffith stated that it covers accidental damage and repairs for the first three years. They also come with a one year warranty. The new tech person is comfortable with doing repairs on the equipment. Anderson asked what the policy will be for the 5th-8th grade students and if the computers will stay at the school. Griffith stated that the computers will stay at the school, but it is something he would like to look at in the future. A lot of it comes down to how the classroom teachers will use it and monitor it. Anderson stated that she agrees with keeping the laptops here for that group. She asked what they plan to do with the iPads we currently have and asked how many we currently have. Roskop stated that it was shared at a Technology Committee meeting that there is a company that was recommended for recycling technology equipment with. Connie Hoefs has that information. We can get some money back and it seems to be a substantial amount, however, it is all based on condition. Griffith stated that a quality one could be \$200. He was contacted again this morning from a recycling company. Our district has really good success in our students performance and he thinks this will enhance how our kids perform. Schutz asked Griffith if he

thought the smaller charging stations would fit better in the classrooms over the carts. Griffith stated that his plan is to get input from the teachers, but there has to be a consensus. He does prefer the smaller units. Braithwait stated that elementary teachers like to have room and he is guessing they would choose the smaller units. Roskop stated that we also receive REAP funds to help offset the cost of the lease payment. Schutz asked if the Lock-N-Charge is a company we are currently using. Griffith stated that they were made by New Age from Norton. Schutz stated that he appreciates the work Griffith has done. It looks like he has found some areas where we can get more for what we have been spending. Griffith stated that he plans to stay on top of what the best price is moving forward. Whipple asked how the motion should be done. Griffith stated that the only thing that needs to be decided today is if we are going to move forward with the four year lease. He would then work with Connie on getting things set up so that it would start at the appropriate time. We also need to decide if we want the Apple Care or not. Whipple asked if any decision needs to be made on the buyout. Griffith stated that there is a \$1 buyout option for the current computers. Roskop wondered if we would have to approve the purchase of the current computers for the \$1 buyout. Griffith stated that it is low enough and within his authority. The motion would also need to include if it is for the laptops and the iPads or just the laptops. Carpenter asked if we really needed the Apple Care since Mr. Sich is willing to work on the computers. Roskop stated that Connie agreed that it is much better to not have the Apple Care. That doesn't mean that things haven't happened or will happen, but she feels we are still money ahead by not having it. Schutz understood it that if we drop a device or break a screen, Apple won't cover it. Griffith stated that Apple Care is around \$12,000 and we can get a lot of \$349 iPads for that money if we have to purchase them. A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Carpenter to approve the computer lease of 110 MacBook Air Laptops for grades 9-12 at a cost of \$138,199.50 over a four year lease and 130 iPads for grades K-4 with no Apple Care at a cost of \$58,008.25 over a four year lease. AYES: Warner, Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, and Anderson. Motion carried 6-0.

Whipple would like to request a Technology Committee Meeting to discuss the implementation of these purchases and the recommendations Griffith made.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment – None.

Griffith was very happy that the kids showed up like they did. Roskop appreciated them being here as well.

Whipple asked Braithwait if he had the numbers for Track and Golf. Braithwait stated that they have 23 boys and 7 girls out for Track and they have worked really hard on that. They have 9 golfers.

Schutz wanted to address the public comment about the janitor and asked Griffith if there have been any applicants. Griffith stated that he had one and it will be more of a part-time position which would be cost effective.

Griffith stated that he has had visits from salesmen on the weight room equipment. We do have some items that need to be replaced. It comes down to what type of things we want to have in the weight room that helps our students and is available for the public to use. He wanted to bring it up and give everyone some time to think about it. It is at least 6 months out. Schutz asked if there was a budget for that in the project. Roskop stated that they discussed using funds in Equipment Depreciation for that, but doesn't think they ever set a specific dollar amount. We were doing the same kind of thing with tables, chairs and those things because we didn't know what was going to fit. We have those funds collected, but don't have a specific dollar amount set for those items yet. Anderson stated that she has had some people from the public request it and she told them that they hadn't allocated anything for that. She has applied for 3 grants, but has been denied on all of them. She didn't know if we try to get used treadmills or equipment or what. Griffith added that he mentioned at the beginning of the meeting the need for new elementary chairs and is something we need to look into. We don't want to damage the new floors. Schutz asked if the Building and Grounds Committee needs to start reporting what is needed along with estimated cost information. Roskop stated that getting an inventory of what we have is the biggest undertaking and establishing what we have and what condition it is in. Griffith stated that we have it all written down, but it is not in the computer yet. We are working on it. Cassie Hilker stated that she is about half way done. Griffith stated that they did take some items that were not useable and not going to be used to the Holbrook Lions Club Sale. It all sold. He was planning to take the car but didn't have enough time to look it over and remove the drivers ed equipment. Next year we will have heat and air units and he thinks this will be the best way to do it moving forward. Anderson asked if the old gym floor would be worth something. Griffith stated that they lost a large section due to the sewage issue.

OAC Meeting, Thursday, March 15th, 2018 at Noon in the Hausmann Trailer.
Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 9th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School Library.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Warner to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary