

WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**SIAC Meeting
Elementary Library**

**Monday, January 26, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

Those present at this meeting included:

Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent
Shannon Bucknell, High School Principal
Sara Oswald, Middle School Principal/Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation
Jessica Burger, Elementary School Principal
Deb Schreiber, Board Member
Richard Paulus, Board Member
Mike Owen, Board Member
Mike Colbert, Board Member
Lacey Becker, Teacher
Chris Marshall, Kevin Olson, Laura Gongora

Welcome: Welcome by Mr. Hatfield and introductions of participants. Mr. Hatfield gave a summary of October 27, 2014 SIAC work. Mr. Hatfield provided a review of the SIAC core values and the overall SIAC goal of “aligned, combined and pulling together... on behalf of students!”

District Student Achievement Targets Overview: District core values that were created based on important things the District needs to keep in mind or address to help student learning and achievement; and helping students socially, emotionally and physically, as well as maintain a positive, non-threatening school environment were reviewed. District SMART goals were shared by the principals.

District Strategic Plan: Assessment and Feedback on Progress: Members separated into three groups to review and discuss the progress of three of the Strategic Goals:

- Goal 1:** Support Effective Teaching and Learning Practices – the district is progressing with implemented initiatives. It is a continuous work-in-progress.
- Goal 2:** Invest in Human Capital and Leadership – it was suggested and noted that teacher evaluations are ready to be re-visited and updated.
- Goal 5:** Improve Academic and Social-Emotional Learning Environments – It was noted that the initiatives that were developed in 2012 had great “foresight” and have already taken place and are progressing successfully.

District/State Updates:

Instructional Support Levy: The Instructional Support Levy (ISL) is due for re-approval. A public hearing is being held Monday, February 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the school Board meeting. Information about the ISL is being communicated to parents and community members via school bulletins and public notices.

Master Facilities Plan (Phase II):

District Calendar: Iowa Department of Education has indicated that they will no longer automatically grant start date waivers so schools can start in August before September 1st, as stipulated by Iowa law unless they provide evidence of “significant negative educational impact.” The District is developing two calendars; one version to submit with the waiver and the second version if the waiver is not approved.

School Funding: The Iowa Department of Education has accepted the recommendation from the Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation to approve the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) plan for 2015-16.

School District's Foundation: The District has reached out to parents, students, alumni, business leaders and community members to assist in revitalizing District's School Foundation. The kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, in the Hoover Elementary School's library, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting – Next meeting will be held February 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary library. We will review student achievement targets, behavior goals and facilities/strategic goal updates.