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## HOLIDAYS HIT FM



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Residents lined Avenue G in downtown Fort Madison on Friday night as the annual Lighted Parade made its way between thousands that came out to kick off the holiday season. Several businesses stayed open along the main retail route to serve hot chocolate and popcorn and tempt holiday shoppers.

### WEIGHTS DOUBLE AS HOME DECOR

## Steffensmeiers flex muscle with Subtle Impact line

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – We're all stuck inside, but Rachel Steffensmeier of Fort Madison made the most of her time wandering around at home during this throttle back of socialization.

And if she has her way you'll be doing curls while your chicken risotto is simmering, or your whites are tumbling.

With the help of her mom Jenny, the two have launched a new product of home decor weights called Subtle Impacts.

These are incognito work out tools that double as art-deco placed around your home.

"Weights look kinda dumb laying around on the floor," said Rachel with a laugh. "And I've seen other people use different things for weights like milk jugs or other knick knacks, so we've designed



Courtesy Image

Jenny Steffensmeier, left, and daughter Rachel Steffensmeier have launched a new line of home decor exercise equipment called Subtle Impact.

something that fits that, but also works in any room."

The new line can be found at the following website: <https://subtleimpacts.com/>

or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/subtleimpacts/> and also on Insta-

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## This holiday, things aren't so different

So... how are the leftovers?

I read a lot before Thanksgiving about people celebrating in the their sweatpants and pajamas. That's a little dangerous making hot gravy, but it's all about the confidence in the kitchen I guess.

I think it's more about comfort. Like me walking down the Lighted Parade in shorts Friday night.

I felt like I had my fly down or something. Pssst. It wasn't that cold out.

This is Iowa, man.

Shorts and hoodies aren't just for the couch here. My brother once said that sicknesses are on the rise, pre-COVID by the way, because people are wearing long pants too often.

He's funny.

I think COVID has left us all a bit too constricted. We have to, or should, wear masks out in public. So it seems to me to be a nice trade-off. Extra clothes on the face, less on the legs.

It was nice seeing lots of people downtown. I talked with Chris Swed a bit about mint chocolate popcorn and ... wait, what?

People were flocking toward the warm buttery smell of the the Fox Theater. They stood in line at Shug's Tiny Town getting treats at the old fashioned ice cream counter. People packing into a toy store just before the town's holiday parade.

RALPHIEEEE!

I talked with the Baileys in front of Shug's. The Iowa teams are pretty good this year and COVID is having a big impact on the NFL. Wendy said I was the one she thought would be crazy enough to wear shorts.

Jeans are overrated.

I talked with others. Said Hi to Gary Pilkington and Eric Freitag. Waived at Dave Taylor and I think I saw Tim Gobble

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### AARIN J GUZMAN

Aarin J Guzman, 64 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. He was born July 25, 1956 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of Claro and Esther (Ortiz) Guzman.



GUZMAN

He was a 1974 graduate of Fort Madison High School and a lifelong resident of the area. Aarin worked 40 years at E.I. Dupont, retiring in 2015. He was a 40 year member of I.A.M. Machinist Union, Local 1010, where he served as a shop committeeman.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Dupont Athletic Association and Dupont Credit Union. He served on the City of Fort Madison Human Equal Rights Commission. He served on the Board of Trustees for the City of Fort Madison Public Library. Aarin was passionate about running for his health, music, and being a father.

He is survived by his son, Vance Guzman of North Liberty, Iowa; four siblings: Nicholas Guzman, Tina (Bob) Krieger, Mercedes "Shod" (Rob) White, and Valerie Guzman (Rick Parker), all of Fort Madison; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private Services will be held. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Guzman family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

**Pen City Current obituary policy**  
The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

## OBITUARIES

### SUSAN J. MEREDITH

Susan J. Meredith, 69, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 8:44 PM at her home.

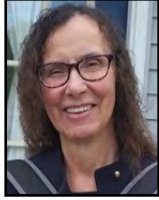
She was born on July 8, 1951 in Grand Rapids, MI to George and Ethel Green May. On November 5, 1971 she married William Meredith in Grand Rapids. Susan worked at Sheaffer Pen Company and was a teacher's assistant for the Fort Madison Community School District. She was a member of the First United Pentecostal Church and was involved in all aspects there. For over

thirty five years she prided herself by sitting in the 2nd row on the left hand side. Susan enjoyed going to amusement parks and especially loved riding roller coasters. She loved traveling to Michigan with her grandson, Talan and attending all her grandchildren's sporting events. Her greatest love was her husband Bill with whom she cherished her life with.

Survivors include three daughters, Michelle Meredith of Ft. Madison, Darria Doty of Grinnell, IA, Dionna Thueson of Stillwater, MN; three sons, Lance Meredith of Ft. Madison and Ryan and Kyle Meredith of West Burlington; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; two sisters, Cathy Lett and Carol Blake of Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, David.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 10:30 AM at First United Pentecostal Church.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the First United Pentecostal Church and she would love for anyone to swing by some Sunday and attend a service. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).



MEREDITH

## OBITUARIES

### RONNIE L. BUTLER

Ronnie Lee Butler, 67, of Montrose, Iowa died due to complications caused by the freaking coronavirus on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. In his final moments of a bravely fought battle, he was surrounded by love and his children at his side.



BUTLER

He was born at Graham Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa on Saturday, January 31, 1953; the first born child of John Robert Butler and Sylvia Marie Krouse Butler of Luray, Missouri. A member of Wyaconda (Missouri)

High School's graduating class of 1971, Ron held dear to his heart the time spent with his school mates and their many class reunions. He was a forklift driver at Fruehauf Trailer Corporation (1974-1996), Wabash National Corporation (1996-2001) and retired from Scotts Miracle Gro Corporation in 2018 after 15 years of service.

If the measure of a man is found in what he leaves behind, Ron was a giant. His large, loving and high functioning blended family and their traditions meant the world to him. He leaves behind many heavy hearts, including five daughters and one son: his eldest child, a Daughter, Dana (Troy) Smith of Kansas City, Missouri; and their two sons, Carson and Dalton Smith; Daughter, Melinda Worley of Montrose, Iowa; Daughter, Veronica (Joe) Lestina of Fort Madison, Iowa; and their two children, Joseph and Jovie Lestina; Daughter, Rebecca (Daniel Morgan) Butler of Montrose, Iowa; a Son, Zeb Butler, and his favorite daughter in law, Kayla of Keokuk, Iowa; and their two children, Maysen and Brinkley Butler; Daughter, Rachel (Jake) Bunker of Quincy, Illinois; a Sister, Sheila (Stan) Jenkins of Luray, Missouri; and his nieces Pam (Wes) Jensen, Amanda (Richie) Webster, and Kimberly (Keane) Morrison; and lifelong friends and mother to five of his children, Wilma and Wendell Smith of Montrose, Iowa, with whom he co-parented with long before such a label was mainstream, and many more dear relatives and loyal friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Steve and Irene Butler & David and Betty Krouse; parents, John and Sylvia; his younger brother, Kenny Butler; his best friend, Ray "Razor" Garnett, and many more dearly departed family and friends.

Late in life, Ron adopted four babies that remained in his care until the end: a white 1964 Ford Falcon convertible; a red 1965 Ford Falcon convertible; a red 1964 Ford Ranchero; and a 1967 Mercury Cyclone GT black convertible. Driving and competing in classic car shows was one of his most treasured hobbies. An active outdoorsman, Ron enjoyed hunting and exercising his second amendment right, playing horse shoes, shooting pool and listening to good music. When he was not dedicated to the sidelines attending the sporting games of his grandchildren, he was often found cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals. Ron was a social butterfly and notorious prankster with a penchant for making others laugh. He was most often found with a smile on his face and an ornery sparkle in his beautiful blue eyes.

He promoted the philosophy that one should not take life too seriously, especially in the midst of 2020, when life all too often sucks. Ron relished holidays, family traditions, western movies, inappropriate jokes and tomatoes.

For those wishing to pay their respects and bid a final "10-4" farewell to Ron, services will be held at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 10:30 AM. Burial will follow in Montrose Cemetery. The family will meet with friends from 1-3 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home on Sunday, November 29, 2020. The family encourages those attending the service to wear team gear for the Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals in honor of Ron.

Memorials may be made to the Ronnie Butler memorial fund and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## MIRIAM E. WEISINGER

Miriam Ellen Weisinger, 93, of rural Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:42 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at The Kensington. She was born on July 30, 1927 in Fort Madison, IA to Fred & Cornelia McKee Manny. She married Charles David Weisinger on August 28, 1948 in West Point, IA. He preceded her in death on May 2, 2014. She was a homemaker and a farm wife. She was a member of Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ, Plymouth Circle, a Sunday School Teacher and a church choir member for many years. She enjoyed reading, sewing, cooking & baking sweets, playing the piano and following her children & grandchildren's activities. She loved wrestling and attended the Iowa State High School Wrestling Tournament for 40 years and also attended several NCAA Wrestling Tournaments.



WEISINGER

Miriam is survived by: 3-sons: Scott (Linda) Weisinger of Fort Madison, IA, Jeff (Mary) Weisinger of Fort Madison, IA & Bruce (Michele) Weisinger of Marion, IA; 7-grandchildren: Katie (Mark Hoge of Good Hope, IL, Lindsay (Jay) Lampe of Fort Madison, IA, Nathan (Sarah) Weisinger of Fort Madison, IA, Grant (Whitney) Weisinger of Fort Madison, IA, Drew (Traci) Weisinger of Fort Madison, IA, Brittany (Dustin) Jaeger of Manchester, IA & Austin (Jenny Paulsen) Weisinger of North Liberty, IA; 17-great grandchildren: Carter, Nolan & Nora Hoge, Haley, Adelyn & Macyn Lampe, Owen, Vada & Lana Weisinger, Akron, Rylan & Leighton Weisinger, Ella, Eliza & Emma Weisinger, Colbie & Caelyn Jaeger; 1-sister: Janette (Denny) Hanson of Coralville, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband & a brother, David Manny.

Due to the current Covid restrictions, the family requests a private family visitation and service to be held at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and burial to be held at Denmark Cemetery. A memorial has been established for Denmark Church and contributions may be sent to: Scott Weisinger, 2874 180th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences and a video of the funeral service may be found at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### OBITUARIES

## DEBORAH A. WRIGHT

Deborah Amelia Wright, 50, of Keokuk, IA died Thursday afternoon, November 19, 2020 at her home. She was born January 5, 1970, in Keokuk, IA.



WRIGHT

She is the daughter of Sandra Wright Hansen. Deborah graduated from Fort Madison High School and began her lifelong career of education and learning. She attended Western Illinois University and graduated with a bachelor's in business and Economics and Accountancy. She then went on to graduate from Western Illinois University with a Master of Arts in Economics with an emphasis in Applied Econometrics, Labor Theory, Public Finance, and International Trade Theory. Lastly, Deborah graduated from Northern Illinois University in De Kalb, IL with a Doctor of Philosophy with her Fields of Study being Public Finance, Econometrics, and Labor.

Deborah had written several papers and even had a publication. She received several awards and honors such as Past President of Southeastern Community College Higher Education Association, Graduate Economic Association President, Outstanding Economics Teaching Assistant, and Outstanding Economics Graduate Paper. Deborah was a member of the American Economic Association and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society in 1997.

She had worked at several institutions and universities throughout the years with the most recent

being Southeastern Community College, where she was tenured, ITT Technical Institute, Northern Illinois University, and Kishwaukee College. She had several job titles from Online Instructor to Adjunct Faculty to Instructor/Teaching/ Research Assistant.

Deborah was a busy woman who could handle anything handed to her. Most recently she was credited with writing the grants for Lee County to obtain their K-9 officers. She was also member of the New Testament Church. Of all the job titles Deborah has had in her short 50 years, "Mimi" was the one she favored most. She loved to spend time with her grandkids.

Deborah is survived by her mother, Sandra Hansen, of Keokuk, daughter, Kendra Hedger of Keokuk, three grandchildren, Cole Hedger, Kylie Kellum, and Kamryn Kellum, all of Keokuk, a brother, a niece, an uncle, Fred Wright of Hannibal, MO, and two cousins, Sarah Davidson and Jacob Wright.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and one aunt.

Visitation services will be held Saturday, November 28, 2020 from 9 am to 10 am at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk. Memorial Services will be held at 10 am following the visitation.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Social distancing will be in place and masks are required.

Online condolences may be made at [www.vigen-memorialhome.com](http://www.vigen-memorialhome.com).

## JOY L. BROWN

Joy Lee Brown, 70, of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at her home in Keokuk.



BROWN

Joy was born on October 10, 1950, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Ralph and June Jobe. She graduated from Keokuk High School and spent her working years employed in hairdressing and restaurant services. Joy was a faithful member of God's Way Church in Keokuk.

Joy is survived by her daughter Brandy Mayfield of Montgomery, Alabama; her son Danny (Shawna) Murphy of Phoenix, Arizona; her boyfriend William Hampton of Keokuk; her sister Connie Jobe of Keokuk; and two grandchildren: Terrence Sale of

Freeport, Illinois; and Jazmine Sale of Des Moines, Iowa. Other survivors include several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joy is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Vicki Jobe and three brothers: Ronnie, Max and Warren Jobe.

Joy's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 2 pm on Saturday, November 28, 2020, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. For the safety of those attending, masks and social distancing will be required.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongs-funeralhome.com](http://www.dejongs-funeralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



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## Scene Around Town/From the Front



### Holiday carriage rides

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison shoppers watch the Rose Carriage Service escort residents around downtown Saturday as part of Mistletoe on Main. Businesses along Avenue G offered specials to take advantage of the opening of the Enchanted Forest behind Aldi and for the first time ever, live reindeer were on hand.

## COVID set aside as town flocks to Lighted Parade

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running up and down the street with lights on his head.

In a weird bit of irony Hawk-Eye photographer John Lovretta interrupted one of my pictures by walking through my line. I laughed under my breath and shook my head moving west toward the flashing lights.

The crowd was good and the weather was great. As I walked back to the Cruiser after shooting a card full of pictures I started thinking about how important it is for these types of events to continue.

I missed the holiday music and the bands,

but understand this year things are just different. But when we can hang onto events like this, it's only a little bit different.

I would say half the folks didn't have masks. I did, but I forgot I did and that says a lot. We're getting used to the intrusion and with vaccines on the way, there seems to be a light at the end of this very dark tunnel.

Strolling up to Brian Wright and his stogie was welcomed. A brief conversation about the Hawkeyes, his new downtown apartment, and doggie doo in the pocket park were a more welcomed distraction than I had anticipated.

Savanna Collier and Tim Gobble and the volunteers that helped keep that event are surely tired, but even more surely appreciated by the thousands that lined the streets on a just cool Friday night to ring in the holidays.

Saturday saw carriage rides, the opening of the Enchanted Forest, for real live reindeer and people on the sidewalks. It also saw the Bloodhound boys basketball team on the court getting in their second workout.

Yes, things are different. But because of the resilience of volunteers – because of the commitment of our health care workers – because of the force of human spirit – and because of the spirit of Christmas...

Things aren't so different.

A special mention this week to the family of former State Sen. Gene Fraise who spent more than three decades dedicating his life to public service. Fraise fell victim to complications of COVID-19. We published another obituary earlier this week that said the man was taken by "the freakin' coronavirus".

Yes indeed.

But that's Beside the Point.

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## Scene Around Town/From the Front

# New dumb bell line doubles as home decoration

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gram.

Rachel said she was nervous about presenting the idea to her mother, but said Jenny jumped right on board.

"It's her idea," Jenny said.

Jenny Steffensmeier is the owner of Steffensmeier Welding & Manufacturing in Pilot Grove, and said the two tinkered around with the ideas at the shop, but ultimately ended up working with a foundry out of Webster City, Iowa.

The two have just launched the product line and are starting with just the Impact line to judge reaction to the products.

"It's gonna be fun along the way when we see the questions and suggestions people come up with. That will definitely be part of the design concepts down the line."

The white pieces of decor on the book shelves are actually dumb bells created by Rachel and Jenny Steffensmeier as part of a Subtle Impacts line of products currently under presale.

Rachel said originally she was just trying to come up with something to make at Steffensmeier Welding that was outside the company's traditional welding and manufacturing services.

"I had all these ideas running around in my head and once I talked with mom, she gave me the confidence to move ahead with it," she said.

The weights are certainly atypical and look like art on the floor, or a countertop, or book shelf, but Steffensmeier said they are balanced and somewhat symmetrical and can just be set back down after a quick workout.

"I know I don't like to put my dumb bells away after a work out, but they look ugly on the floor, so I just thought this was a neat idea, she said.

"You also have to think about balance. We didn't want one side of the weight to be

heavier than the other and came up with this idea."

The new line is being promoted through marketing campaigns on their website, social media, and Pinterest and there is a presale underway with discounts on select items.

"Really right now we're just trying to get exposure vs. sales. We're trying to reach out everywhere," Rachel said.

The tooling is still being set up at the foundry and Jenny said she wished they would have moved on the line months ago.

"If we had been just two months earlier in finding the foundry, we'd be ahead of the holidays. We fumbled around here a little," Jenny said.

Rachel said she does have more designs in the works, but said they're just starting with the white Impact line to gauge interest.

"The tooling is pretty expensive so we're not going to launch all the designs just yet. We'll do collections at some point, if this takes off."

A focus group was assembled over social media to garner ideas and perceptions of the new product.

"That group gave us some much feedback on technical issues and that was so helpful in setting up the FAQs on the website," Jenny said.

Prices on the Impact design range from around \$40 to \$200 in the pre-sale model. Those orders are being accepted through Dec. 4. Orders now will come in just after Christmas or at the beginning of the year.

Rachel said at first look the prices may seem high with the average price for regular dumb bells at about \$1.50 per pound, but the Subtle Impact pieces are around \$5 per pound.

"This is a dual purpose and if you look at other prices for decor on other sites, I think you'll find our prices comparable."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Megan's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor was loaded with customers prior to the annual Fort Madison Lighted Parade Friday night downtown. Megan's is part of Shug's Tiny Town toy store.

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# Classifieds/Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fort Madison  
Community School  
District  
1930 Avenue M  
Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting  
November 23, 2020**

I. The meeting was called to order via Zoom by President Wondra at 6:00 p.m. Directors DiPrima, Hope, Wykert, Ross, Menke and Steffensmeier were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. This will

resume at the December 21, 2020 meeting.

IV. Monthly communications

A. Student Rep report. This will resume at the December 21, 2020 meeting.

B. Curriculum Corner. This will resume at the December 21, 2020 meeting.

C. "Did You Know?" This will resume at the December 21, 2020 meeting.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. This will resume at the December 21, 2020 meeting.

E. District Presentations. This will resume at the December 21, 2020 meeting.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve the

agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the October 12, 2020 Special Meeting; October 19, 2020 Special Meeting, October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting, November 2, 2020 Work Session; financial reports including the October Balance Sheet, October Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the October General Account Board bills for approval, November General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignation from Kent Bailey as varsity volleyball, Jade Nabors as associate at Lincoln, Nancy Butler as associate at the high school, Jerry Junkins as bus driver; employment of Scott Roen as assistant softball and approval of activity and athletic fundraisers. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

B. Superintendent

1. Consider approval of Request for Modified Supplemental Amount to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for open enrollment out in the amount of \$433,440. The Board reviewed the SBRC modified allowable

growth application. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the SBRC modified allowable growth application in the amount of \$433,440 as submitted. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of Request for Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) to the school Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Instruction beyond five years in the amount of \$1,550. The Board reviewed the SBRC Modified Supplemental Amount. Discussion followed. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Wykert to approve the SBRC Modified Supplemental Amount for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Instruction beyond five years as submitted. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

3. Consider annual Board appointments. Consider annual Board appointments. The Board reviewed and considered the annual Board appointments as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

a. Kim Harmon, Title I, Title IIA, Title VI, Title IX, ADA and 504 Coordinator

b. Kim Harmon, Compliance Officer (Step II) of grievance procedure as it relates to discrimination issues

c. Erin Slater-Child Abuse (Level 1), harassment alternate investigator (Level I), AAO/EOE officer

d. Kim Harmon-Child Abuse (Alt. Level 1) harassment investigator (Level I)

e. Nic Chiri, Asbestos Coordinator

f. Sandy Elmore, Insurance Trustee IEBP

g. Reconsideration Committee

i. Licensed Employee - Cory Byrne

ii. Media Specialist - Michelle Bentler

iii. Administrator - Kim Harmon

iv. Community Member - Janice Burch

v. High School Representatives - Lily Arnold, Kiley Bohnenkamp

h. Affirmative Action Officer - Erin Slater

i. Bus Driver Testing Program - Nic Chiri

1. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Special Education

Count. Director of Curriculum and Student Services Kim Harmon shared special education count information with the Board. Discussion followed.

B. Superintendent

1. Virtual instructional tour. The virtual instructional tour of the middle school will take place at the December 21, 2020 meeting.

2. 100% online learning stipends for Trimester 2. The 100% online learning stipends list for Trimester 2 was reviewed. Discussion followed.

3. Certified Staff Attendance. The certified staff attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board member attendance report.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

Exit DiPrima at 6:29 p.m.

XI. Announcements. December 7, 2020 6:00 PM, Special Meeting/ Work Session, Board Room, Central Office December 21, 2020 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

Enter DiPrima at 6:33 p.m.

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President  
November 23, 2020  
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

Chairman to address you. If you are participating by phone, please wait until everyone is done speaking before addressing the Board. Please keep your microphone muted to cut down on background noise. If you are participating by phone, press #6, this will mute your phone.

Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve Agenda  
Public Input  
Consider Approval of November 24, 2020 Board Minutes  
Consider Approval of Claims  
Open Bids and Consider Awarding Bid for Three New Type II Ambulances and Three New Type III Ambulances  
Review Bids and Consider Approval of Resolution Awarding Contract and Authorizing County Engineer To Execute Contract for HMA Resurfacing on J40  
Consider Approval of Agreement with Department of Transportation Initiated Detour of Highway 2 Onto Lee County Secondary Roads  
Consider Approval of Resolution Removing Mobile Home from Tax System  
Consider Approval of Resolution Establishing Payment Agreement on Delinquent Taxes  
Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Mt Hamil Tap  
Consider Approval to Extend A TV /UTV Ordinance  
Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution  
Personnel Actions:  
A. New Hire-IT (replacement)  
B. New Hire-Veteran Affairs Commission (replacement)  
Commission or Committee Reports  
Adjourn

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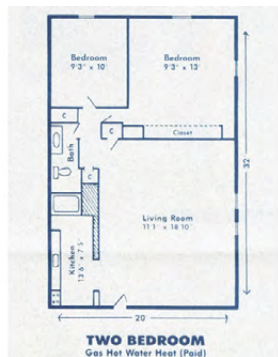
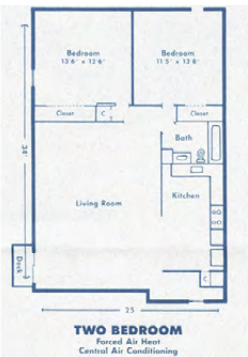
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