



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

August 14, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Vice President Forsythe at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office.

Members Present	:	Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Shimakt, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Springer.
Members absent	:	Ms. Tracy, Mr. Cochrane, and Mr. Kent.
Others present	:	Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Education Services Cole, Principal Hayes, Principal Flaherty, Director of Special Needs Ristau, Supervisor of Information Technology Pearson, Activities/Athletics Director Elsbecker, Administrative Assistant Utley, and one other interested party.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the July 24, 2017 regular meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Tara Ely, for Kyra Ely (requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Jessica Wilson, for Caiden Gilligan, (requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Jessica Wilson, for Cameron Gilligan, (requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Mark Hannover, for Aiden Hannover, (requests open enrollment from the Webster City Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Alyssa Ricklefs, for Keira Rickles, (requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Jay & Nicole Ascherl, for Elizabeth Ascherl, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Webster City Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from April Burkhead, for William Burkhead, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Sarah Pate, for Cody Pate, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Carly Larson, for Mia Westbrook, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Iowa Department of Education and In Class Today, Inc.; 3.5) approval of

the 2017-2018 Scholarship Report; and 3.6) approval of fundraising requests from the Girls Swim Team, Fort Dodge Senior High Football, Butler Elementary, and Feelhaver Booster Club. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Awards

None.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Springer, to approve the renewal of contract with MIDAS Council of Governments for Dart bus transportation services. Director of Special Needs Ristau offered an overview of the services MIDAS provides. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve change order number 001 to raise the ceiling height from 14'-2" to 18'-3" and for the demolition and removal of existing wood and rubber gym floor system for the Senior High Auxiliary Gym to Wrestling Room Conversion in the amount of \$6,545.25. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Keith Kolacia of Kolacia Construction updated the board members on the New Duncombe Elementary. Outdoor ground work and development of driveways have begun. Masonry is 5 to 6 weeks from completion, and interior photographs were shared displaying construction progress. Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon offered further information on additional construction projects. Fort Dodge Senior High projects are progressing. The Auxiliary Gym floor has been installed and bleachers will be installed next week. Classroom remodeling project is going very well and expected to be completed the week of August 14. Locker room renovations are behind schedule due to asbestos abatement. The total delay is 16 days, but work is moving forward. Supervisor of Information Technology Pearson offered an overview of the speaker system improvement project in the swimming pool, cafeteria, little theater, and main gymnasium. Sound system upgrades will be ready for the beginning of the school year. New Auxiliary Gym will have sound system proposed following completion of construction work. Riverside Elementary will incorporate electronic security systems with key cards, and the projected completion is for October 2017. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Principal Hayes and Principal Flaherty presented on behalf of the Fort Dodge Senior High and Middle School on the 1:1 Initiative that allows all students in grades 5-12 to have access to Chromebooks in and outside of the classroom. Chromebooks are the property of the Fort Dodge Community School District and are lent to students for educational and learning purposes. The 1:1 Initiative promotes technology literacy, pursuant to the Iowa Core Curriculums that guides on the 21st Century Skills.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) New staff luncheon will be held on August 22, 2017 at Kennedy Park; (2) 2017-2018 school year activities for staff begin with a welcome back breakfast on August 25, 2017; (3) Ken Williams will be presenting on August 28, 2017; (4) the Global Leadership Summit held on August 10th and 11th hosted 70 attendees at the Middle School; (5) board elections will be held on September 12, 2017, and three candidates have submitted applications; (6) district attendance areas continue to be defined as Duncombe construction is progressing; (7) calendar and flex days for future layout were described; and (8) the Employee Procedural Handbook and Worker Rules were shared with the board members.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: No report.

Negotiations: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Posted job description for an Executive Director.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity (meets quarterly): No report.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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