



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

Regular Meeting

December 11, 2017

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

- Members Present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Wagner, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Shimkat, and Mr. Kent.
- Members Absent : Mr. Springer.
- Others Present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Communications Lane, Principal Hartley, Principal Reding, Administrative Assistant Utley, and 32 other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Tracy, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the November 27, 2017, Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Tawnie Bell, for Eillie Estlund, Emma Estlund, and Alex Hutchinson, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Little Lambs Preschool; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from Teens Against Human Trafficking and Junior Civitan; and 3.6) approval of out of state travel requests – none were submitted. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Awards

Director of Communications Lane shared an overview of the Employee and Students of the Month Awards for exemplary academic performance and character. Board Member Tracy presented certificates and Fort Frenzy gift cards to the following individuals for the month of December:

- Elementary: Armondez Mosley
- Middle School: Aaron Amhof
- High School: Lief Klaschen-Bruns
- Employee: Lisa Reisner

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Tracy, to approve the change for order number 007 for the Fort Dodge High School Gymnasium Project with Kolacia Construction, Inc. of Fort Dodge, Iowa, constituting an increase of \$2,091.33. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve the change for order number 007 for the Fort Dodge High School Classroom and Locker Room Renovations with Woodruff Construction, LLC. of Fort Dodge, Iowa, constituting an increase of \$2,853.69. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl offered an overview and proposed changes of the policy review and revision of the following policies: 305.1A (Procedure) Administrator Benefits (Certified/Non-Certified) and 800.14 Tobacco Free Environment. The Policy Committee will review and hold a second reading on January 8, 2018.

The Policy Committee reviewed the following board policies and/or procedures: 303.1 District Administrator – Functions; 303.2 Administrator Code of Ethics; 303.3 Administrator Duties; 303.4 Management; 304.1 Communications Channels; 305.1 Administrator Salary and Other Compensation; 305.2 Administrator Evaluation; 305.3 Administrator Professional Development; 305.4 Administrator Resignation; 500.3 Student-to-Student Harassment/Bullying; 500.4 Drug-Free School Environment; 500.6 Possession of Weapons or Dangerous Objects by Students and Others; and 500.7 Expulsion.

### Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on December 20, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Middle School, followed by Board of Education Public Forum at 5:30 p.m.; (2) giveback and holiday celebration will be held on December 22, 2017; (3) construction updates were offered; and (4) the All Star Career Expo to be held at the FDSH cafeteria on December 15, 2017.

### Board Update and Committee Reports:

#### Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: Met on December 11, 2017.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Met on December 11, 2017, and discussed construction projects and potential new enrollment of elementary building boundaries.

Capital Projects: Will meet on December 12, 2017, to discuss bus bids.

Negotiations: None.

#### Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Met on December 6, 2017, and identified approximately \$16,000.00 worth of projects to be distributed for the 2017-2018 school year.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity (meets quarterly): Next meeting will be held in January/February 2018.

### Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary