



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

Regular Meeting

December 20, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Board Member Wagner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fort Dodge Middle School Auditorium.

- Members Present : Mr. Springer, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Shimkat, and Mr. Cochrane (entered at 5:04 p.m.).
- Members Absent : Ms. Tracy and Mr. Kent.
- Others Present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Communications Lane, Principal Cross, and Administrative Assistant Utley.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Springer, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2017, Public Forum, and December 11, 2017, Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Melissa Mutchler, for Timothy Elliott, (requests open enrollment from the Webster City Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Scott Kelley & Mandi Crouse-Kelley, for Jonathan Kelley, (requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Scott Kelley & Mandi Crouse-Kelley, for Joseph Kelley, (requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts – none were submitted; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests – none were submitted; 3.6) approval of out of state travel requests – none were submitted; and 3.7) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant, equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. 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 reopen the Early Retirement Considerations for eligible staff members for the 2017-2018 work year. President Cochrane entered at 5:05 p.m. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Shimkat, to accept the monthly financial reports for the period October 31, 2017, through November 30, 2017. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) last school week prior to winter break. School will resume on January 2, 2018; and (2) construction update for Duncombe Elementary was offered. Progress continues to be made.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: None.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Will meet on January 8, 2018.

Capital Projects: Met on December 12, 2017, and reviewed projects.

Negotiations: None.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: None.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity (meets quarterly): Next meeting will be held in the spring.

Adjournment

Moved by Cochrane, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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