COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

February 13, 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.

Members present: Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Springer, Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Kent, Ms. Tracy, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Communication and Community Relation Lane, Administrative Assistant Utley, one mass media representative, and 25 interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Kent, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2017, regular and special meetings; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Olivia Simonson, for Elsa Simonson, grade 5, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools for the 2016-2017 school year), from Olivia Simonson, for Zane Simonson, grade 4, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2016-2017 school year), from Elizabeth Peete, for Tre’Anna Brown, grade 1, (requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year), from Alicia Clayton, for Maci Charon, grade 11, (requests open enrollment from the Humboldt Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year), from Alicia Clayton, for Mason Charon, grade 8, (requests open enrollment from the Humboldt Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year), from Scott &
Patty Fosseen, for Emelia Fosseen, grade 9, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year), from Jessica Davie, for Aiden Davie, grade kindergarten, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year), from John & Connie Elkin, for Jayda Elkin, grade kindergarten, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge (IA Virtual Academy) Community Schools for the 2016-2017 school year), and from Sarah Walker, for Blake Walker, grade 11, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valle Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); 3.4) approval of Culture and Climate Grant implementation; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from FDSH Baseball, Dodger Academy, Cooper Boosters, FDSH Art Club, and Riverside Family Fun Night; and 3.6) items removed from consent agenda: none. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Award

Director of Communications Lane shared an overview of the Employee and Students of the month Awards for exemplary academic performance and character. President Cochrane presented certificates and Fort Frenzy gift cards to the following individuals for the month of February:

- Elementary: Jennifer Merida-Guillen
- Middle School: Aubrey Spurling
- High School: Mariah Clairmont
- Employee: Shayna Larsen-Nordin

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

First reading of Board Policy 500.3A Student-To-Student Harassment/Bullying Process was reviewed.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent’s Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared overview and insight on a variety of updates: Elementary Duncombe walkthrough; insurance renewal of 2.7% increase, with a potential of 0% increase if District agrees to a 100% Wellness checkup; State approval of 1.1% budget guarantee, which is roughly 1% for the District; Chapter 20: Collective Bargaining Bill is in session now, awaiting results and potential impacts for negotiations; Behavioral Dr., Laura Riffel, is making presentations at the Middle School Auditorium on Monday, February 13, 2017; testing windows will open up during and after March; an overview of the hiring process was discussed; and negotiation meetings will be held awaiting results of Chapter 20. Board Members asked questions and shared in the discussion.
Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Budget presentation with Mr. Hansel will be held on March 23, 2017.

Capital Projects: Met on February 2, 2017 and reviewed numerous projects.

Negotiations: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation (meets first Wednesday of every month).

Comprehensive School Improvements/Equity (meets quarterly). Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Exempt Session

At 6:25 p.m., the Board entered into exempt session under Code of Iowa Chapter 20.17(3) “to discuss negotiations strategy related to organized bargaining units.” The Board returned to open session at 6:48 p.m.

Adjournment

President Cochrane called for further business, and there being none, he called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. All seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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