



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

Regular Meeting

February 12, 2018

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. Springer, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Cochrane.
Members Absent	:	Ms. Tracy and Ms. Shimkat.
Others Present	:	Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Education Services Cole, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Human Resources Supervisor Filloon, Principal Cross, Principal Acree, Principal Reding, one mass media representative, Administrative Assistant Utley, and 16 other interested parties.

### Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wagner, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

### Consent Agenda

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Springer, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the January 29, 2018, Regular Meeting and February 2, 2018, Special Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Wendelin Nelsen, for Sadie Nelsen, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Melissa Olson, for Klaire Olson, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Dennys & Ashley Canto, for Aayson Canto, (requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Dennys & Ashley Canto, for Damyan Canto, (requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Wendelin Nelsen, for Lanie Nelsen, (requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Wendelin Nelsen, for Rylie Nelsen, (requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Wendelin Nelsen, for Sadie Nelsen, (requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Belinda Cardona, for Lars Frazier, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge (IA Virtual Academy) Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Sarah Walker, for Blake Walker, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts; Consulting agreement with Sara Hefti, Manson Northwest Webster Community School District, Interagency Agreement for Special Education Instruction Service in Cooperation with Corrections Education Programs with AEA, and CAM Community School District; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from

Ultimate MPG Class; and 3.6) approval of out of state travel requests for S. Cole and S. Anderson to present at the National AASA Conference in Nashville, TN on February 15-17, 2018. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

### Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

President Cochrane congratulated Chad Thompson for Media Award.

### 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 Wagner presented certificates and Fort Frenzy gift cards to the following individuals for the month of February:

Elementary: Emma Estlund  
Middle School: Drew Moritz  
High School: Boston Gordon  
Employee: Teresa Luth

### Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to table the proposed 2018-2019 school hours to the next regular board meeting. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wagner, to table the 2018-2019 school calendar to the next regular board meeting. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl shared parameters of issues and considerations of elementary boundary definition. The topics included class size caps at registration time, open enrollment placement, in-district transfers, grand-fathering for fourth graders, and considerations for special education students. District desires timely registration. Board members asked questions and shared in discussion related to parent feedback and input.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Hanse, to approve the "Resolution For Final Acceptance And Closing Final Project Costs For The Public Improvement Contract With Kolacia Construction, Inc." On Roll Call vote the following voting AYES: Springer, Wagner, Cochrane, Kent, and Hansen. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Tracy and Shimkat. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-05  
RESOLUTION FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE  
AND CLOSING FINAL PROJECT COSTS  
FOR THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT WITH  
KOLACIA CONSTRUCTION, INC.

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2016, Fort Dodge Community School District entered into a construction contract with Kolacia Construction, Inc. of Fort Dodge, Iowa, "Contractor" for the construction of certain public improvements generally described as the Fort Dodge Senior High Gym Expansion Improvement Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, on April 13th, 2016, Fort Dodge Community School District entered into a contract with I&S Group, Inc. ("Architect") for architectural/engineering design services associated with the above Project; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2018, Architect filed a certificate with the Fort Dodge Community School District certifying that the contractor had substantially completed the construction of said public improvements in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract and plans and specifications.

WHEREAS, the Architect has now submitted a subsequent report, change order, bonds, close out documents and pay application to Fort Dodge Community School District recommending that the project be accepted by the District as finally complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors Fort Dodge Community School District:

Section 1: That said reports, documents and recommendation of the Architect are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2: That said public improvement is hereby approved and accepted as having been fully and finally completed in accordance with said plans, specifications, and form of contract.

Section 3: That the total contract cost of the improvement yet payable under said contract with Kolacia Construction, Inc. is hereby determined to be \$142,383.60.

Section 4: That \$142,383.60 of the total contract cost yet paid shall be retained for a period of thirty (30) days following this board's action to finally accept this public improvement project, pursuant to the requirements of Iowa Code § 573.14. If at the end of the thirty-day period, claims are on file as provided the Fort Dodge Community School District shall continue to retain from the unpaid funds a sum equal to double the total amount of all claims on file. The remaining balance of the unpaid fund, or if no claims are on file, the entire unpaid fund, shall be released and paid to the contractor in accordance with Iowa law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2018.

Stuart J. Cochrane  
President of the Board of Directors,  
Fort Dodge Community School District

ATTEST:

Robert L. Hughes  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Fort Dodge Community School District

### Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) negotiations will be set to begin in the upcoming weeks; (2) insurance renewal increase is .5%; (3) the State of Iowa Supplemental State Aid money will be 1%; (4) state wrestling tournament begins February 14, 2018; and (5) as of February 12, June 5, 2018, is the last day of classes, pending no more snow days.

### Board Update and Committee Reports:

#### Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Met on February 12, 2018, and received a presentation from Activities Director Elsbecker regarding school activities and events.

Capital Projects: No report.

Negotiations: Exempt session this evening following Board meeting.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Preparations are underway for the annual Go Big Go Dodgers Fundraiser on April 6, 2018, at Fort Frenzy.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity (meets quarterly): Met on February 8, 2018, and discussed schedules and calendar.

President Cochrane called for a two-minute recess at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Closed Session

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, to go into closed session under Section 21.5(1)j of the Code of Iowa to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. On a roll call vote, the following voting aye: Wagner, Cochrane, Kent, Hansen, and Springer. Voting nay: none. Absent: Tracy and Shimkat. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Time In	:	7:04 p.m.
Time Out	:	7:25 p.m.
Subject	:	Purchase or sale of property.

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 7:25 p.m.

Exempt Session

At 7:26 p.m. the Board entered into exempt session under Code of Iowa Chapter 20.17(3) to discuss negotiation strategy with organized bargaining units. The Board returned to open session at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Tracy, to adjourn the meeting 8:23 p.m. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary