

Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2020

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, with Secretary Bachman present.

Members present: Mr. Hansen, Ms. Shimkat, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Springer.
Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Ulrich, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Human Resources Negus, Director of Elementary Education Anderson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Foundation Director Moser, one mass media representative, and four other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Hansen, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of minutes of the February 10, 2020, Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Kenneth & Patricia Hayes, for Trevor Hayes, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year; from Kathryn Merseal-Gourd, for Wyatt Merseal-McBroom, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year (application denied as does not meet deadline or good cause); from Molly Hamilton & Ryan Kaufman, for Raelynn Cook, requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; from Rebecca Eglund, for Gabrielle Ackerman Eglund, requests open enrollment from the Clarion Goldfield Dows Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; from Jon & Molly Morris, for Brilee Morris, requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; from Sarah Adams, for Madelyn Adams, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; from Becky Grazier, for Bethany Grazier, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the CAM Community Schools (Iowa Connections Academy) for the 2020-2021 school year; from Kathryn Merseal-Gourd, for Wyatt Merseal-McBroom, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; from Diane Macek, for Jayne Macek, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; from Demetrius & Celeste Reed, for Aizlee Reed, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; from Shawna Banse, for Emma Stevens, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools (IA Virtual Academy) for the 2020-2021 school year; from Shawna Banse, for Reanna Stevens, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools (IA Virtual Academy) for the 2020-2021 school year; 3.4) approval of contracts with Woodruff Construction LLC. and Digital Theatre LLC.; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from TAG/Extended Learning, FDMS Volleyball, Event Training Class, and Ultimate MPG; 3.6) approval of gifts received from FDCSD Foundation, Elanco Animal Health, FDSH Alumni Association, Availa Bank, Moeller Furnace, Unity Point Health, and Feelhaver Booster Club; 3.7) approval of out of state travel – none were submitted; and 3.8) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant, equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Recognition/Awards

None.

Communications/Announcements

Rick Kuhlman, former FDCSD administrator, expressed his concern regarding exterior lighting at the Senior High.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to adopt Resolution in Support of a Complete Count in the Decennial U.S. 2020 Census. On a roll call vote the following voting AYE: Shimkat, Hansen, Springer, Tracy, Wagner, Cochrane, and Kent. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-07

Fort Dodge Community School District A Resolution in Support of a Complete Count in the Decennial U.S. 2020 Census

- WHEREAS, The United States Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, enumerates every person in the country, regardless of citizenship status, and is fundamental to fair and representative government;
- WHEREAS, The 2020 decennial census has critical implications for the state of Iowa, and determines its allocation of seats in the House of Representatives and billions of dollars in federal funding;
- WHEREAS, A fair and accurate count on the 2020 U.S. Census will help ensure that Iowa's communities, families and students are represented in our democracy and receive critical services and supports for education, healthcare, transportation and infrastructure, including rural utilities and broadband;
- WHEREAS, Census counts of school-aged children and children in poverty at the state and school district levels are used to determine funding for the U.S. Department of Education's two biggest elementary and secondary programs, Title I (compensatory education) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (special education), as well as the National School Lunch Program; and
- WHEREAS, Census data are used to calculate the rate at which federal funds match state spending on programs that support the health and well-being of Iowa students, including Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Dodge Board of Education pledges to:

- Inform its families, staff and other leaders within the community about the critical importance of a complete count and participation in the 2020 U.S. Census;
- Provide appropriate resources and support to assist in securing a complete count;
- Work in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as organizations focused on traditionally undercounted communities to explore other activities and maximize opportunities to ensure a complete count;
- And, further, recognizes that every Iowa child and adult counts.

ADOPTED by ACTION of the BOARD this 24th day of February, 2020.

Signed: Board President: Stuart J. Cochrane

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the second reading of review/revision of Board Policies/Procedures: 400.3 Anti-Bullying; 400.4 Substance Free Workplace; 400.9 Child Abuse Reporting; 500.3 Student-to-Student Harassment-Bullying; and 711.6 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the budget estimate for publication and set March 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Office Board Room for a public hearing on the 2020-2021 certified budget. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to accept the monthly financial reports for the period December 31, 2019, through January 31, 2020. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Ulrich shared information about the following: (1) welcomed Nik Moser as the New Foundation Director; (2) congratulated the FDSH wrestling team for their third place finish at team duals and for having eight place winners with one champion at the state wrestling tournament; and (3) wished the co-ed bowling team good luck at the State bowling tournament.

Board updates: No update.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Barbara Bachman
Board Secretary

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