



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

Regular Meeting

February 26, 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, Mr. Cochrane, Ms. Tracy, and Ms. Shimkat.
- Members Absent : None.
- Others Present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Communications Lane, Principal Reding, Supervisor of Information Technology Pearson, Skills USA State Officer Gordon, Skills USA Member Hernandez, one mass media representative, Administrative Assistant Utey, and one other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the February 12, 2018, Regular Meeting and February 13, 2018, Special Meetings; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Bill & Lindsey Ganzeveld, for Ryan Ganzeveld, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webser Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Joseff & Ashley Mundie, for Paisley Mundie, (requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Bryan Bachel, for Brynley Bachel, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Brandi Sweeney, for Brock Fleming, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Brandi Sweeney, for Kennedy Fleming, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Brittney Foreman, (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 Becky Grazier, for Bethany Grazier, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Lisa Glenney, for Odyssey Hanson, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Lisa Glenney, for Oryan Hanson, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Lisa Glenney, for Owen Hanson, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Jeff & Hailey Haults, for Hattie Haults, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest

Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Rambo & Ashley Holder, for Rylie Holder, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Deanna Lau-Smith, for Caleb Lau, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Bill & Heidi Miller, for Paityn Miller, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Jami Newberg, for Tanner Newberg, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the CAM (IA Connections Academy) Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Jason & Amy Seehusen, for Cole Seehusen, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Brandi Sweeney, for Brody Skoglund, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Megan Passow, for Aria Ulm, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); from Ciera Scott, for Zeyllin VanAlstine, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2018-2019 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts; Humboldt Community School District, Sioux City Community School District, Southeast Polk Community Schools, Des Moines Community Schools, Belmont-Klemme Community Schools, and Woodward-Granger Community School District; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from Varsity Girls Track, Butler Elementary, and Middle School; 3.6) approval of out of state travel requests for the Varsity Wrestling Coach Thompson to attend the National Coaches and Officials Wrestling Convention and NCAA Wrestling Tournament in Cleveland, OH on March 14-16, 2018; 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 seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: Parent Ms. Hill expressed concerns regarding emergency response trainings in the Fort Dodge Community School District. Ms. Hill requested that all Fort Dodge Community School District employees and board members participate in active shooter trainings. President Cochrane thanked Ms. Hill for her time and offered comments from the boards perspective.

Recognition/Awards

None.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the Skills USA Puppy Jake Foundation fundraiser. Skills USA State Officer Gordon and Skills USA Member Hernandez gave an overview of the organization and the services they offer to students and military veterans through the Puppy Jake Foundation. Board members asked questions and shared in discussion. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve offering graduating students the opportunity to purchase used Chromebook devices for \$40. Supervisor of Information Technology Pearson offered an overview of the 1:1 program that allows all students in grades 7-12 to have access to Chromebooks. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to accept the proposed 2018-2019 new school hours. Director of Communications Lane presented the new hours for elementary, middle school, and high school, which will begin in the fall of the 2018-2019 school year. The proposed hours are as follows: elementary 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., middle school 8:00 a.m. – 2:50 p.m., and high school 7:55 a.m. – 2:55 p.m. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Springer, to accept the 2018-2019 school calendar. Dr. Van Zyl explained layout of the school calendar. The 2018-2019 school year will begin on August 29, 2018, and year ending May 31, 2019. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, to accept the monthly financial reports for the period December 31, 2017, through January 31, 2018. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) negotiations will begin on March 6, 2018; (2) Superintendent application deadline is March 6, 2018; (3) overview of legislative decisions were shared (4) there will be a legislative luncheon at Central Office at noon on March 2, 2018; and (5) Go Big Go Dodgers Fundraiser is scheduled for April 6, 2018.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: No report.

Negotiations: No report.

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): No report.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary