

**Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa**  
**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 8, 2020 (virtual meeting)**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Vice President Wagner at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Utley present.

Members present: Mr. Wagner

Members present via teleconference: Mr. Hansen, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Kent, and Ms. Shimkat (joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.)

Members absent: Mr. Cochrane and one vacant board seat.

Administration present: Superintendent Ulrich and Director of Financial Services Hansel. Others present via teleconference: Director of Elementary Education Anderson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Buildings & Grounds Utley, Principal Harvey, Principal Banwart, Principal Flaherty, Principal Fitzgerald, Principal Laird, and one other interested party.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Hansen, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of minutes of the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting and May 28, 2020 Special Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Journee Hall, for Jaydrien Bender, requests open enrollment from the Humboldt Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; Jason & Lesley Smith, for Khloe Smith, requests open enrollment from the Webster City Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; Danny Grooms, for Danielle Mathis, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the CAM Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; Danny Grooms, for Emma Mathis, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the CAM Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; Melanie Ron-Pingel, for Diego Ron, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; Melanie Ron-Pingel, for Mateo Ron, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; Melanie Ron-Pingel, for Stella Ron, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year; 3.4) approval of contracts with Impact7G, Inc.; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests – none were submitted; 3.6) approval of gifts received from Fort Dodge Softball Booster Club, Iowa High School Athletic Association, University of Iowa, and Fort Dodge Community Foundation; and 3.7) approval of out of state travel – none were submitted. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Recognition/Awards

None.

Communications/Announcements

None.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve Leadership Coaching Services provided by Becky Hacker-Kluver in the amount of \$30,467.80. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the Student Handbooks for 2020-2021 school year. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kent, to approve the Substitute Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Shimkat, to approve Resolution 2020-16 for SAVE Fund Revenue and Physical Plant and Equipment Levy. On a roll call vote the following voting AYE: Tracy, Wagner, Kent, Shimkat, and Hansen. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Cochrane and one vacant board seat.

Resolution 2020-16

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT, ORDERING AN ELECTION ON A REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FROM REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE SECURE AN ADVANCED VISION FOR EDUCATION FUND AND ON THE QUESTION OF CONTINUING TO LEVY A VOTER APPROVED PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROPERTY TAX AND INCOME SURTAX, AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund ("SAVE Revenue") pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2, as amended; and

WHEREAS, by operation of law, the School District's current Revenue Purpose Statement governing the use of SAVE Revenue will expire on January 1, 2031; and

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement that includes all proposed uses of SAVE Revenue, will take immediate effect upon voter approval, and will extend beyond the expiration of the current Revenue Purpose Statement; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that an election also should be called on the question of continuing to levy a voter approved physical plant and equipment property tax and income surtax.

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 47 requires that the District submit this election resolution to the County Commissioner of Elections at least forty-six days prior to the date of the special election:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORT DODGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WEBSTER, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the Board wishes to authorize spending SAVE Revenue for the following purposes and, in doing so, must approve the following Revenue Purpose Statement.

Section 2. That the following Revenue Purpose Statement shall be approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Revenue Purpose Statement with the Webster County Commissioner of Elections at least forty-six days prior to the date of the election.

**Revenue Purpose Statement  
Fort Dodge Community School District**

Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 423F.3, the Fort Dodge Community School District hereby adopts and submits to the Commissioner of Elections of Webster County, Iowa, this Revenue Purpose Statement to be submitted to the electors at an election to be held September 8, 2020.

Money received by the Fort Dodge Community School District from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund may be spent for any one or more of the following purposes:

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under a district-to-community college as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.

To provide funds for property tax relief; and

To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Fort Dodge Community School District.

Section 3. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the Fort Dodge Community School District, in the County of Webster, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The following Propositions are approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the following Propositions for the Ballot with the Webster County Commissioner of Elections at least forty-six days prior to the date of the special election:

#### PROPOSITION \_\_\_\_

Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Fort Dodge Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

In the Fort Dodge Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Fort Dodge Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under a district-to-community college as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.

To provide funds for property tax relief; and

To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Fort Dodge Community School District.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Fort Dodge Community School District.

#### PROPOSITION \_\_\_\_

Shall the Board of Directors of the Fort Dodge Community School District, in the County of Webster, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years to levy and impose a voter-approved physical plant and equipment tax of not exceeding One Dollar Thirty-four Cents (\$1.34) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the board, to levy a physical plant and equipment property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to impose a physical plant and equipment income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2024, or each year thereafter?

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 4. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 5. This election will be conducted by the County Auditor of Webster County, as Commissioner of Elections.

Section 6. That the Election Board for the Voting Precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election, not less than 15 days before the election.

Section 7. The Commissioner of Elections is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the election, in a newspaper that meets the requirements of Iowa Code Section 49.53(2). That, in addition to the ballot proposition, the Notice of Election must include the following statement:

"If a majority of eligible electors voting on the question fail to approve this Revenue Purpose Statement, then upon expiration of the current Revenue Purpose Statement, revenues received by the School District from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education fund shall be expended in the following order:

The payment of bonds for which SAVE Revenue has been pledged;

Reduction of bond levies under Iowa Code Sections 298.18 and 298.18A and all other debt levies;

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Hansen, to approve the second reading of revision of Board Policy 105 Beliefs.  
All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Shimkat, to approve change order number 003 for the New Central Office and Maintenance Facility Project in the amount of \$48,387.25. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Ulrich commented on the following: (1) on behalf of the District, Dr. Ulrich expressed his sympathy to the Springer Family on the passing of Board Member Steve Springer; (2) pursuant to Iowa Law, the board will fill the vacancy by board appointment on June 22, 2020; (3) The Department of Education announced an eligibility waiver to any player from Belmond-Klemme and Eagle Grove to participate on any team for this year's baseball and softball season. Due to the District's strong participation in both softball and baseball, the sharing agreement will not be recommended for approval; and (4) this year's commencement ceremony is still scheduled for the evening of July 26, 2020, at Dodger Stadium.

Board updates: No update.

Adjournment

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

Adriana Utley  
Board Secretary

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