



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

Regular Meeting

July 23, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Office.

Members present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Forsythe, Mrs. Merz, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Mr. Kent.

Others present : Assistant Superintendent/Director of Human Resources Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Wood, Senior High School Principal Keane, a mass media representative, and four other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

President Cochrane requested that discussion be held related to personnel considerations (item 3.5 added to the consent agenda). Moved by Rogers, seconded by Merz, to approve the board agenda as President Cochrane presented. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the July 9, 2012, regular meeting and the July 16, 2012, special meeting; 3.2) allow for payment of the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant and equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds; 3.3) approval of personnel; 3.5) approval of the open enrollment request form Cory Krug for Foster Krug and Ralston Krug to attend the Fort Dodge Community Schools for the 2012-2013 school year; 3.5) discussion related to 3.3, personnel, prior to vote. Voting aye: Cochrane, Merz, Peterson, and Rogers. Voting nay: Forsythe and Wagner. Absent: Kent. Motion carried.

Communications

Comments from the Public: (there were no comments from the public).

Superintendent Van Zyl offered an update on the New Middle School Project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

President Cochrane called on Director of Financial Services Hansel, who presented on the duplicator paper bids. Mr. Hansel was not recommending the purchase of the paper which was the low bid, as testing results were not favorable. Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Peterson, to accept the paper bid from The Paper Corporation for 840 cases of E-Copy 92+ Domestic at a cost of \$20,613.60. All present voting aye, motion carried. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

President Cochrane called on Superintendent Van Zyl, who discussed transportation recommendations for Riverside area elementary students and past practice when building assignment alterations took place. All Riverside elementary students from first through fourth grades will have the opportunity to be transported to their newly assigned elementary buildings. Discussions were held related to the length of time for this transportation agreement. Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to transport Riverside area first through fourth grade students to their newly assigned elementary buildings until the administration brings forth the considerations for redistricting. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion and considerations were held related to the second reading of the revision of Board Policy 605.3 – High School Graduation Requirements. Fort Dodge Senior High Principal Dave Keane reviewed recommendations and curriculum area requirements that needed to be further defined. These included Financial Literacy, English, Civics, and Technology Proficiency requirements for high school graduation. The high school will carry out further research on related curriculum, definition of possible curricular assessments, analysis of state-wide requirement practices, and data on student achievement. This information will be presented to the Board prior to final consideration of Board Policy 605.3 – High School Graduation Requirements. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Peterson, to approve the second reading of Board Policy 605.3 as recommended by the administration. All present voting aye, motion carried.

President Cochrane called on Director of Financial Services Hansel, who reviewed the General Fund Financial Report for the period from July, 2011, through June, 2012.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) staffing update in hiring process reviewed; 2) recognition was offered for baseball team's success in making State Tournament play--invitations and awareness of chartered transportation availability were extended to the public and Board of Education--a pep rally will be held on Tuesday, July 24th, for the baseball team; 3) elementary and assistant secondary administrative staff will be returning to work on Tuesday, the 24th of July.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: no report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: met on July 23, 2012, and discussed facility issues.

Capital Projects: no report.

Negotiations: no report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: met on July 9, 2012.

Comprehensive School Improvement: no report.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: no report.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary