



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

August 13, 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, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Merz, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : None.

Others present : Assistant Superintendent/Director of Human Resources/ Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Wood, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, Owner Construction Representative Albrecht, Riverside Early Childhood Principal/Special Education Director Ristau, Communications Director Lane, Instructional Coach Ellendson, Instructional Coach Kuhlman, Instructional Technology Coach Richardson, a mass media representative, and four other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the July 23, 2012, regular meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of the following open enrollment requests: from Ann Baguhn for Brianna Baguhn, Jasmine Baguhn, Torin Baguhn, and Kayla Hannover to attend the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from David Fogelman for Kierstin Clark and Lillian Clark to attend the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Dave Kelly for Kenneth Kelly and Jesse Kelly to attend the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Michelle Rodriguez for Shantell Varnell to attend the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Roxanne Chaplin for Arissa Chaplin to attend the Manson Northwest Webster School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Bruce Ewing for Kierstan Ewing, MaKenzie Ewing, and Austin McBride to attend the Southeast Webster School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Amanda Hernandez for Christian Hernandez, DeAnna Hernandez, and Marissa Hernandez to attend the Humboldt School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Alicia Humphrey for Alexis Scott to attend the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Amy Patterson for Lyndi Patterson to attend the Webster City School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Kat Schiltz for Tanner Schiltz to attend the Humboldt School District for the 2012-2013 school year, and from Heather Snopek for Destiny Jondle and Michael Wells, Jr., to attend the Manson Northwest Webster School District for the 2012-2013 school year; and 3.4) approval of the Senior High Cross Country Team fundraiser. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Communications

Comments from the public: Jennifer Lane, Director of Communications, was introduced.

Shane Albrecht offered an update on the New Middle School Project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers, to renew contracts with Youth Shelter Care for the GRLS Program and the Day Treatment Programs. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Peterson, to approve the agreement with Your Own United Resources for shared classrooms and facilities for the Head Start Program. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to accept the contract with MIDAS Council of Governments for DART bus transportation services as recommended. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers, to accept the annual settlement between the Board of Education and the Treasurer. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Merz, to accept the furniture bid with installation for the new Middle School in the amount of \$606,208 from Lowery McDonnell Company of Waverly, Iowa. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Rogers, to accept the pest control bid in the amount of \$306 per month (1st year: 2012-13) and \$312 per month (2nd and 3rd years: 2013-15) from Mike's Pest Control of Fort Dodge, Iowa. All present voting aye, motion carried.

President Cochrane called on Dr. Sue Wood, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, to make an initial presentation on student achievement for the 2011-2012 school year and the literacy curriculum. Assisting with the presentation made by Dr. Wood were Ms. Ellendson, Ms. Kuhlman, and Ms. Richardson, the Fort Dodge Instructional Coaches. Several board members asked questions about the material presented during and following the presentation.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) school begins on August 20, 2012; 2) professional development schedules were shared; and 3) opening celebrations will be held Thursday, August 16, 2012. Superintendent Van Zyl called on Assistant Superintendent Hughes to offer a staffing update.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: met and are reviewing policies.

Long Range Planning/Finance: met on August 13, 2012, and discussed facility issues.

Capital Projects: discussions taking place.

Negotiations: no report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: met on August 6, 2012.

Comprehensive School Improvement: no report.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: no report.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Rogers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary