



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

August 27, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:07 p.m. in the Board Office.

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

Members absent : Mrs. Merz and Mr. Rogers.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/ Director of Human Resources/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Wood, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, Owner Construction Representative Albrecht, Communications Director Lane, Fort Dodge Senior High School Principal Keane, Middle School Lead Principal Libby, Duncombe Elementary Principal Reding, Instructional Coach Ellendson, Secondary Instructional Coach Vinger, Instructional Technology Coach Richardson, a mass media representative, and three other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Kent, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the August 13, 2012, regular meeting; 3.2) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant and equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds; 3.3) approval of personnel; 3.4) approval of the following open enrollment requests: from Jennifer Chance for Keenan Chance to attend the Manson Northwest Webster School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Oliver Chavez for Jazzmin Chavez to attend the Southeast Webster Community Schools beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Amber Converse for Serenity Converse to attend the Manson Northwest Webster School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Suzanne Mood for Serenity Day to attend the CAM Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Paige Pettit for Addison Esquilla to attend the Southeast Webster Community Schools beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, and from Mark Freeman for Anna Freeman to attend the Humboldt School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from Butler Elementary School, Cooper Elementary School, the Senior High School girls' swimming team, and the Senior High School volleyball team; 3.6) approval of the out-of-state travel request from Jillian Knutsen for the Fort Dodge Senior High School Art Club to attend the

Minnesota Renaissance Festival and the Walker Art Museum and Sculpture Garden, Shakopee and Minnetonka, Minnesota, September 1-2, 2012; and 3.7) approval of the cooperative agreement between the Fort Dodge Community Schools and Valley Community School District for Distance Learning Courses. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Communications

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

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

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to approve the facilities usage agreement with St. Edmond Schools. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Kent, to approve the revision of Board Policy 401.1 – Substitute Teachers: Pay, Benefits, and Duties. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Director of Financial Services Hansel reviewed the General Fund Financial Report for the period July 1, 2012, through July 30, 2012.

President Cochrane called on Dr. Sue Wood, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, to make a second presentation on student achievement for the 2011-2012 school year, which included RTI (Response to Intervention) and the math curriculum. Assisting with the presentation made by Dr. Wood were the Fort Dodge Instructional Coaches, Ms. Ellendson and Ms. Vinger. In addition, Ms. Ahrens, a teacher at Fair Oaks Middle School, and Instructional Coach Ellendson offered a presentation on C.G.I. (Cognitive Guided Instruction). During and following their presentations, several board members asked questions about the material presented.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) report on the beginning of the school year; 2) Interim Transportation Director Harms is doing well; 3) weather concerns were discussed; 4) Dr. Moehnke of the Noon Sertoma Club had shared information with the administrative team regarding the "backpack buddies" program. The district's appreciation was extended to Dr. Moehnke, the Noon Sertoma Club, and the Backpack Buddies program; 5) an insurance update was offered related to CBIZ renewal information; 6) the Fort Dodge Community Schools Foundation will be hosting their annual fundraiser on October 13, 2012; 7) Assistant Superintendent Hughes was called upon to share information regarding the Iowa Association of School Boards Convention, which will be held on November 14 and 15, 2012; 9) discussion was held related to lunch schedules and the Healthy Food Act, and 9) an update was shared on the search for outside funding for elective course offerings.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: a policy meeting is to be scheduled.

Long Range Planning/Finance: no report.

Capital Projects: no report.

Negotiations: no report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: is working on committees and preparation for the October 13 fundraiser.

Comprehensive School Improvement: no report.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: no report.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary