



**COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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Regular Meeting

October 12th, 2015

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

Members present : Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Springer, Mr. Wagner, and Ms. Tracy.

Members absent : Mr. Cochrane.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, one mass media representative, and 26 other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Kent, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup> Regular and Special meetings; 3.2) approval of FDCSD Facilities Plan Community Forums held on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015; 3.3) approval of the open enrollment requests from Ronda Sorenson, for Tytan Kleppe (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Eagle Grove Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); 3.4) approval of personnel; 3.5) approval of contracts with Belmond-Klemme Community School District, the STARS program, and Greene County Community Schools; 3.6) Approval of out of state travel requests for PBIS Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on October 21-23, 2015 and Train the Trainer workshop in Chicago, Illinois, on December 8-11, 2015; and 3.7) approval of fundraisers. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from public: Kaela Gollob, Madi Bennett, and Claire Wallace presented on behalf the Leadership Club. They are seeking approval for a volleyball tournament fundraiser to support Kids Living Brave to be held November 7, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Recognition/Awards

Director of Communications Lane introduced the October Students and Employee of the Month. Vice President Forsythe congratulated the winners and presented them with a plaque.

Elementary: Josie Novencido from Duncombe  
Middle School: Saniyah McMahon  
High School: Mackayla Powers  
Employee: Gail Thompson from Feelhaver

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

The Understanding Social Systems class presentation of the Department of Conservation grant was tabled due to the grant application process.

Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon shared information on maintaining records, testing, inspecting, and the current status of asbestos maintenance and removal. There were no written or oral comments from the public.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, to approve the Chapter 12 Exemption Request for the 2015-2016 school year. Superintendent Van Zyl commented on the exemption request which allows Senior High students to take one trimester of physical education per year to fulfill the Iowa Department of Education standards. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl initiated conversation about consideration for an early retirement offering. The Board requested the Administration present options for consideration at the October 24, 2015 Board meeting.

Vice President Forsythe called on Director of Financial Services Hansel to present the 2014-2015 Certified Annual Report and the Popular Annual Finance Report. Board members asked questions and shared in discussion related to the reports.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Tracy, to approve the request for modified allowable growth for special education deficit balance for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in the amount of \$15,905.24. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Superintendent Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) Homecoming Week and other fall activities were successful; (2) an overview of the integration of Teacher Leadership and Instructional Coaching programs for Staff Professional Development was highlighted; (3) CBIZ, Inc. will review insurance policies and current status on Thursday, October 15; (4) Coffee Conversations will be held at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, October 15, in the Middle School; (5) the community forums to further develop the District's Long Range Facility Plans were held on October 5 and 7, 2015, with assistance from ISG Architect and Engineering, based in Mankato, Minnesota. Public comments, considerations, and questions have helped inform the development of school facility improvements. There are two more meetings scheduled for on October 13 and 15, 2015, to be held at the Middle School to further discuss facility needs; and (6) an overview of Board Committees responsibilities and placement was shared.

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.

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: No report.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity: Next meeting will be held on November 17, 2015.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary

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