



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

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2016

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

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

Members absent : Mr. Cochrane.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Building and Grounds Filloon, Director of Educational Services Cole, one mass media representative, and 32 other interested party.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Wagner, 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 Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the December 22, 2015 Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Bill and Linda Ball for Zachary Ball (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Prairie Valley School District for the 2015-2016 school year); and from Tanner and Leslie Lawrence, for Ella Lawrence (requests open enrollment from the Humboldt Community School District to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with the Southeast Valley Community School District, the Clarion Goldfield Community School District, the Spirit Lake Community School District, and the Webster City Community School District; 3.5) approval of the National Honor Society fundraiser; and 3.6) approval of out of state travel from the A Capella Choir trip to Onalaska, Wisconsin, on January 15, 2016.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Awards

Director of Communications Lane introduced the January Students and Employee of the Month. Board member Shimkat congratulated the winners and presented them with a plaque.

Elementary: Stephen Wheaton from Duncombe
Middle School: Ciarra Love
High School: Courtney Cordle
Employee: Steve Nessa from Duncombe

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

ISG, Inc. from Mankato, Minnesota, with Kolacia Construction from Fort Dodge, Iowa, presented preliminary layout, floorplans, and elevations of the proposed Duncombe elementary and surrounding grounds. The Board asked questions and discussed options.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the cost of \$8,650.00 for Literacy Footprints Complete Collection materials paid for by a grant from the State of Iowa. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Director of Educational Services Cole presented information on the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) program that was implemented this school year. She outlined statistics on education and half year results and improvements. The Board asked questions and sought answers.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: 1) reminded Board Members to share in community and civic group meetings to share information on the upcoming bond issue; 2) the Governor's proposal for the one cent sales tax and how that will affect future budgeting; and 3) Open houses will take place at the Senior High on January 25, 26, and 28, 2016 helping to support the bond issue.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report. Will meet January 13, 2016.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: No report. Will meet January 12, 2016.

Negotiations: Everything is on schedule.

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Discussed spring fundraiser and committees.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity: No report. Next meeting is scheduled February 25, 2016.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary