



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

Regular Meeting

November 26, 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. Peterson, Mr. Rogers (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Mrs. Merz.

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, Communications Director Lane, Fort Dodge Senior High School Principal Keane, two mass media representatives, and three other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the November 12, 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) (there were no open enrollment requests); and 3.5) approval of fundraiser to be conducted by the Fort Dodge Senior High wrestling team. All present voting aye, two absent, motion carried.

Communications

Iowa Central Community College Student Kyle McGriff shared that he was writing a government paper based on his observation of the School Board Meeting.

Superintendent Van Zyl called on Owner Construction Representative Albrecht to share progress on the new middle school project. Mr. Albrecht introduced Joe Benesh, RDG Planning and Design, and John Arians, Construction Services, Inc., who shared specific details related to the construction of the new middle school.

(Mr. Rogers arrived at the meeting at 6:05 p.m.)

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Peterson, to approve the second reading of policy revisions of board policies 503.3, Wellness Policy, and 800.14, Tobacco Free Environment. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Director of Financial Services Hansel reviewed the monthly General Fund Financial Report for the period September 30, 2012, through October 31, 2012 (Iowa Code 291.7). Moved by Kent, seconded by Forsythe, to accept the report as presented. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl called on Director Hansel, who shared the Community Forum Financial Presentation for the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Special Election. Board members listened to presentation, asked relevant questions, and offered suggestions to increase the effectiveness of the community forum presentation.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Rogers, to approve the ballot for election of Dan Woodin, Ames Community Schools, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Association of School Boards for District #5. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) state of insurance projections from CBIZ were shared; 2) the "Rachel's Challenge" behavioral and school/community-wide climate initiative was introduced; 3) Dodger Drive should be opened in the near future by the City of Fort Dodge; and 4) street lighting was discussed with the City of Fort Dodge.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: no report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: no report.

Capital Projects: meeting held November 16, 2012--discussion was held related to the bus and vehicle bid letting process.

Negotiations: no report.

Communications: meeting to be set up.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: next meeting to be held December 3, 2012.

Comprehensive School Improvement: next meeting will be in April, 2013.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: a meeting will be held in January, 2013.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary