



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

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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Regular Meeting

January 14, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Vice President Forsythe at 6:02 p.m. in the Board Office.

Members present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Rogers, 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, Fort Dodge Senior High School Principal Keane, Ms. Andi Adams, Ms. Shelby Portz, two mass media representatives, and three other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2012, regular meeting, the December 17, 2012, special meetings, and the December 20, 2012, special meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of the following open enrollment requests: from Philip Chavez, Sr., for Philip Chavez, Jr., to attend Southeast Webster Grand Community School District for the 2013-2014 school year, from Jon and Andrea DeJong for Mina DeJong to attend the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2013-2014 school year, from Robert and Diane Happel for Emily Happel to attend the Manson-Northwest Webster Community School District for the 2013-2014 school year, from Elaine Schlick for Janna Gilbert to attend Southeast Webster Grand Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Mark and Tammy Haack for CaitLynne Haack to attend the Humboldt Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Mark and Tammy Haack for Nathan Haack to attend the Humboldt Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Samantha McCollough for Adrian McCollough to attend Prairie Valley Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Samantha McCollough for Riley McCollough to attend Prairie Valley Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Fred and Roberta Schmieder for Mary Rose Schmieder to attend the Humboldt Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Fred and Roberta Schmieder for Sarah Schmieder to attend the Humboldt Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, and from Karen Kunkel for Bella Kunkel to attend the Manson-Northwest Webster Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year; and 3.4) approval of the out-of-state travel request for the Fort Dodge Senior High Band and Orchestra to attend the Outback Bowl, December 26, 2013, through January 3, 2014, in Tampa, FL. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Communications

Ms. Shelby Portz, a Fort Dodge Senior High student representing the Fort Dodge leadership class, shared the desire to establish a student leadership club. Ms. Portz described the group's Mission and Goals. The group is seeking the Board of Education's sanction to formally organize. Ms. Andi Adams discussed the need and desire to engage students to become future leaders. Ms. Adams explained how the club would benefit the school and larger community.

Superintendent Van Zyl called on Owner Construction Representative Albrecht and CSI Contractor Steve Bennett to share progress on the new middle school project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Kent, to approve the request that application be made to the Iowa Department of Education for a waiver to be exempt from state regulations regarding seat time and credits awarded. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to accept the monthly financial reports for the period October 31, 2012, through November 30, 2012 (Iowa Code 291.7). All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl shared information related to the upcoming Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEEL) election. Informational presentations have been organized and scheduled throughout the month of January. Issues centered around State support and presentations by the Governor were discussed. Emphasis was placed on getting the vote out. Board members listened to the presentation and asked relevant questions.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) staff professional development for Rachel's Challenge was offered on January 9, 2013; 2) the schedules for Rachel's Challenge student and community presentations were reviewed; 3) negotiations procedures and upcoming schedule were discussed; 4) it was shared that the December 20 and 21, 2012, snow dates will be made up on January 21, 2013, and February 18, 2013.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: meeting to be held on January 16, 2013.

Long Range Planning/Finance: meeting to be held on January 14, 2013.

Capital Projects: meeting to be held on January 23, 2013.

Negotiations: openings with FDEA and TABU to occur at end of January.

Communications: met related to upcoming PEEL election.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: a meeting was held on January 7, 2013, with discussion held regarding officers; a PEEL presentation was offered related to the upcoming election.

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

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee: met January 10, 2013.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary