



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

November 9, 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 of the Central Office Building.

- Members present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Springer, Mr. Wagner, and Ms. Tracy.
- Members absent : Mr. Wagner entered at 6:01 PM.
- Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Athletics and Activities Elsbecker, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Education Services Cole, Principal Birnbaum, Principal Reding, one mass media representative, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, to table item 3.3) the open enrollment request from Debra Sorenson for Jordan Owen (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year) and to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2015 Regular Meeting, of the November 2, 2015 Special Meeting, and of the November 2, 2015 Board Workshop; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.4) approval of contracts with Ames Community School District, Clarion-Goldfield Community School District, Dubuque Community School District, Eagle Grove Community School District, East Sac Community School District, Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children, Humboldt Community School District, Johnston Community School District, LuVerne Community School District, Manson-NW Webster Community School District, Prairie Valley Community School District, SE Webster-Grand Community School District, South Central Calhoun Community School District, Mason City Community School District, Stratford Community School District, Twin Rivers Community School District, Webster City Community School District, Statewide Voluntary four-year-old Preschool, Mason City Community School District, South Hamilton Community School District; and 3.5) approval of fundraisers. Wagner entered meeting. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Awards

President Cochrane called on Athletic and Activities Director Elsbecker to assist with recognition of the 2015 fall participants of girls' swimming, football, volleyball, and cross country. Individuals honored and present included:

Football Coach Miller announced the Central Iowa Conference (CIC) First Team Division 2 recipients: Sam Cook, Sam Kolacia, Cainen Hiracheta, Kayden Preston, and Kit McCarville.

Cross-Country Coach Hanson recognized State Cross-Country All Conference recipients Ryan Wagner and Dalton Niemeyer.

Swim Coach Koonz and Assistant Coach Poldervaart introduced State Qualifiers: Taylor Hartley, Gretta Leigh, Lehr Thorson, Adyson McKinney, Kate Keith, and Caitlyn Goebel.

Volleyball Coach Burrell recognized six volleyball players for selection on Central Iowa Conference (CIC) Northern Division teams. Liz Hatcher was selected on the 1st Team of the CIC – Northern Division. McKenzie Thompson and Kati Astor were selected on the 2nd Team of the CIC – Northern Division. Three other Fort Dodge volleyball players selected as Honorable Mentions to the CIC – Northern Division included Kacee Gollob, Kaela Gollob, and Emma Totten.

Communications Director Lane shared an overview of the Employee and Students of the Month Awards for exemplary academic performance and character. President Cochrane presented certificates and Fort Frenzy gift certificates to the following individuals for the month of November:

Elementary: Gavin Doebel
Middle School: Tristin Doster
High School: Austin Gehlhausen
Employee: Cheri Ritenour

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

President Cochrane read and signed the 2015 American Education Week Proclamation. He declared November 16-20 Education Week in Fort Dodge, celebrating appreciation of public education.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Director Cole presented the 2014-2015 Annual Progress Report of Student Achievement Goals, highlighting assessment results in reading, science, and math scores across the District, and comparing them to the state average. Graphs were presented displaying the growth and progress of FDSCD students' achievement and goals. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Director Cole complimented the Board of Education for their support of the early out, teacher in-services and commitment to professional learning communities. Both contributed to the success of the assessment results.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, to approve the Snow Plow Bids presented by Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon. The District agreed to the purchase of one Boss V-Blade Snow Plow from Hiway Truck Equipment INC. of 2246 1st Ave South, Fort Dodge, Iowa, for a sum of five thousand, six thousand, four hundred, and fifty seven dollars (\$6,457.00). All six present voting aye, no nays, one abstention (Forsythe), motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Wagner, to approve the ¾ Ton 4 X 4 Pickup Truck presented by Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon. The District agreed to the purchase of one truck from Shimkat Motor Company of 2723 5th Ave South, Fort Dodge, Iowa, for a sum of twenty six thousand, five hundred and seven dollars (\$26,507). All six present voting aye, no nays, one abstention (Shimkat), motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) facility considerations including construction of the new Duncombe Elementary building, safety and security of all school facilities, POD area at Senior High, and sports/athletic activity spaces at Senior High were highlighted as top priorities for the potential bond issue. The Board shared in discussion of facility considerations and how to write the ballot questions for the February school bond election.

Communications/Updates (Continued).

Director of Financial Services Hansel and Superintendent Van Zyl will present this to the legal counsel for drafting of the bond referendum language ; (2) reinforced highlights of the Annual Progress Report of Student Achievement Goals were shared; (3) twenty one staff members attended the Professional Learning Community Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, during November 4-6. Sessions on professional learning communities were extremely meaningful and applicable to education; (4) data and trends related to the importance of education, graduation, and expectations was covered; (5) fall/winter sports and academic schedules were reviewed; and 6) activity attendance on Wednesday afternoon/ evenings was discussed with Board Members asking questions and clarifications.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: Next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2015.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Discussed preferences on bond referendum wording.

Capital Projects: Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon shared details on the upcoming roof replacement project at Senior High, roof sections S and T.

Negotiations: No report.

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Grant request due in December, 2015. The Foundation is preparing for new members, upcoming elections, and grant reviews.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity: Next meeting will be held on November 19, 2015. A presentation on Growth Mindset will be presented at the Middle School that evening at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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