



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

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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Regular Meeting

December 10, 2012

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. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Merz, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Rogers (entered at 6:05 P.M.), and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Mr. Cochrane.

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, Athletic Director Kinseth, Fort Dodge Senior High School Principal Keane, Mentor Director Harms, two mass media representatives, and twenty-three other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Peterson, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the November 26, 2012, regular meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of the following open enrollment requests: from Lacey Liska for Grant Liska to attend the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Amy Kirkhart for Peyton Mericle to attend the Manson-Northwest Webster School District for the 2012-2013 school year, from Amy Kirkhart for Brock Mericle to attend the Manson-Northwest Webster School District for the 2012-2013 school year, and from Amy Kirkhart for Paige Mericle to attend the Manson-Northwest Webster School District for the 2012-2013 school year; 3.4) approve rescheduling of the December 24, 2012, regular meeting to December 20, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. as a special meeting due to holiday; 3.5) approval of the out-of-state travel request for Matt Elsbecker, Blake Utley, Jordan Miller, Aaron Miller, and Jamie O'Meara to attend the American Baseball Coaches Association Clinic, January 4, 2013, in Chicago, IL; 3.6) approval of the out-of-state travel request for Matt Miller, Kris Lien, Blake Utley, John McBride, Todd Constable, Andy Kavanaugh, Dan Adams, and Josh Smith to attend the Glazier Football Coaches' Clinic, February 15, 2013, in Minneapolis, MN; 3.7) approval of the out-of-state travel request for Dave Keane, Robert Hughes, Andrew Tew, Ed Birkey, Jessie Palmer, Kris Lien, Matt Elsbecker, Andi Adams, Dan Adams, Becky Daniel, Cheri Ritenour, Peg Christensen, Bobbie Westergaard, and Amy Jaeschke to attend Careers Conference, January 27-30, 2013, in Madison, WI. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Communications

Ms. Melissa Egli, representing Fort Dodge wrestling parents, shared the desire to have a new wrestling room constructed. It was stated that the group was willing to fund the project. Concerns were shared related to current location and size. Ms. Egli volunteered to make a further presentation to Physical Plant and Equipment Levy sub-committee. She shared that the wrestling parent group possesses a positive attitude in seeing improvements through.

Ms. Tamara Grossnickle raised a question related to Pontius Funds.

Ms. Leann Osborn offered further comments related to Pontius Funds.

Superintendent Van Zyl called on Owner Construction Representative Albrecht to share progress on the new middle school project.

Assistant Superintendent Hughes shared plans for the District-wide Celebration to be held on Friday, January 18, 2013.

Recognitions/Awards

Mr. Thomas Kinseth was recognized as the 2013 Athletic Director of the Year for the State of Iowa by the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers, to approve the Beginning Teacher Mentoring and Induction Program Plan Revision. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl introduced Curriculum Director Wood, who shared information related to curriculum management through Rubicon Atlas computer system. Board members listened to the presentation and asked relevant questions.

Superintendent Van Zyl shared information related to 'Rachel's Challenge.' The emphasis of this professional development opportunity and community outreach is to increase an atmosphere of compassion, respect, and improved behaviors. Numerous community partners and organizations are participating in the improvement efforts. Board members listened to the presentation and asked relevant questions.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) state of insurance projections from CBIZ were shared; 2) appointment of a new Pontius Funds trustee was announced. Consideration of public school support has been questioned; 3) Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEEL) considerations were discussed. Board members shared their interpretation and suggestions to better share the necessity of the fund support. The Board of Education will hold a Special Board of Education meeting on December 20, 2012, for Resolution ordering election on continuing to levy and impose a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax and Income Surtax to support the regular maintenance, transportation necessities, technology, and building issues.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: dates for future meetings are being established via emails to community members.

Board Update and Committee Reports (continued):

Board Committees (continued):

Long Range Planning/Finance: met December 10, 2012, with Historical Society.

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

Negotiations: no report.

Communications: communications are being processed to be sent out.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: meeting held December 3, 2012. Pontius Funds trustee announcement and concerns related to continuation of support were shared. Definition and replacement of Foundation Board Members was discussed.

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 Wagner, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary