



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

December 14, 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 in the Central Office.

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

Members absent : None.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Athletics and Activities Elsbecker, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Building and Grounds Filloon, Director of Transportation Niemeyer, one mass media representative, and 36 other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Kent, seconded by Wagner, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Forsythe, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the November 23, 2015 Regular Meeting and the December 7, 2015 Special Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Shawn Lawler, for Ashley Lawler and Faith Lawler (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2015-2016 school year); from Lucas Hutchinson and Miranda Schuster, for Layden Hutchinson (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); from Bernita Velazquez, for Maria Martinez (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Eagle Grove Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); from Tolentina Sanchez Virgen, for Elian Tigos and Iliana Tigos (requests open enrollment from the Webster City Community Schools to the Fort Dodge Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); from Donita Evans, for Madison Ellis (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2016-2017 school year) and denied Donita Evans, for Madison Ellis (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Humboldt Community School District, Prairie Valley Community School District, College Community School District, and Des Moines Independent Community School District; and 3.5) approval of the Ultimate MPG class fundraiser. 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 Cheerleading and Color Guard awards.

Cheerleading Coach K.C. Williams recognized All American Cheerleaders Emma Gibson, Alanna Schiltz, Shalynn Hanson, Mia Casarez, Rhiannon Gormally, Jenna Williams, and Addi Moritz. Addi Moritz was also recognized as an All-State Cheerleader. Williams introduced the Iowa 4A Stunt Group of Emma Gibson, Shelby Jacobson, Alanna Schiltz, Emile Vinson, and Maddie Porrez. Drew Spencer, Payton Crouch, and Kaylie Dahlgren were recognized as Honor Squad Cheerleaders.

Color Guard Coach Deb Orozco presented the seniors on the 4th Place Division I Color Guard and who participated in the Iowa State Dance Team Championships: Kiara Wilson, Mackenzie Oberhelman, Amber Harrison, Mikayla Pringle, Kylee Daisy, Isabelle Grandinetti, and Carlie Shing Hon.

Director of Communications Lane introduced the October Students and Employee of the Month. President Cochrane congratulated the winners and presented them with a plaque.

Elementary: Diamond Aultman from Feelhaver
Middle School: Haley Wills
High School: Jaymin Love
Employee: Branwyn Greathouse from Feelhaver

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Financial Director Hansel presented the Bond Petition of 624 signatures for the \$21,790,000 for Ballot question A and the \$6,670,00 for Ballot question B.

Dr. Van Zyl presented the following resolution for consideration:

**RESOLUTION 2015-9
RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,790,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION
SCHOOL BONDS AND \$6,670,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORT DODGE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FORT DODGE, IOWA:

WHEREAS, there has been filed with the President of this Board a Petition of eligible electors of this School District asking that an election be called to submit the questions of contracting indebtedness and issuing bonds of the School District in an amount not to exceed \$21,790,000 to provide funds to construct, build, improve, furnish and equip a new elementary building on the Duncombe School building site and to improve the site; and to install safety and security improvements at all existing school facilities; and asking that an election be called to submit the question of contracting indebtedness and issuing bonds of the School District in an amount not to exceed \$6,670,000 to provide funds to remodel, repair, renovate, improve, furnish and equip portions of the existing high school building and to construct an addition to the existing high school building and improve the site; and

WHEREAS, this Board has examined the Petition and finds that it is signed by eligible electors of the School District numbering at least 25% of those voting at the last election of school officials and that the purposes set forth in the petition cannot be accomplished within the limit of one and one-quarter percent of the assessed value of the taxable property in the School District; and

WHEREAS, the proposal for the issuance of Bonds or any other proposal incorporating any portion of it has not or will not have been submitted to the qualified electors of the School District for a period of at least six months prior to the date of election being called in these Proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE FORT DODGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WEBSTER, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the Fort Dodge Community School District in the County of Webster, State of Iowa, on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. The following Proposition is approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Proposition for the Ballot with the Webster County Commissioner of Elections at least 46 days prior to the election:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURES BE ADOPTED?

Proposition A

YES []

NO []

Shall the Board of Directors of the Fort Dodge Community School District in the County of Webster, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$21,790,000 to provide funds to construct, build, improve, furnish and equip a new elementary building on the Duncombe School building site and to improve the site; and to install safety and security improvements at all existing school facilities?

Proposition B

YES []

NO []

Shall the Board of Directors of the Fort Dodge Community School District in the County of Webster, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,670,000 to provide funds to remodel, repair, renovate, improve, furnish and equip portions of the existing high school building and to construct an addition to the existing high school building and improve the site?

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 2. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules. The District requests the polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M.

Section 3. That the Election Board for the voting precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections, not less than 15 days before the date of the election, a certified copy of which appointment must be officially placed on file in the office of the Secretary.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Elections is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the election, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, as defined by Iowa Code Section 618.3.

Section 5. *The Messenger*, a legal newspaper, is published within the District and is hereby designated to make the publication of the Notice of Election.

Section 6. Webster County, Iowa is the control county of this School District; this election will be conducted by the County Auditor as Commissioner of Elections.

Section 7. That the County Commissioner of Elections shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies as necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election and the Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commissioner of Elections in the preparation of the necessary proceedings.

Section 8. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections to constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 47.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2015.

Stuart Cochrane,

ATTEST

Robert L. Hughes,
Secretary, Board of Education

Fort Dodge Community School District

It was moved by Board Member Wagner and seconded by Board Member Forsythe that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. The motion was duly put to vote of the Board and the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tracy, Wagner, Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, Shimkat, Springer.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion passed and the Resolution approved.

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF WEBSTER

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) SS PETITION CERTIFICATE
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I, Secretary of the Fort Dodge Community School District in the County of Webster, State of Iowa, certify that the petition form attached and marked Exhibit "A," is a true and correct copy of the petition for a special public measure proposition to be submitted at a school election. This petition was filed with the President of the Board of Directors of the School District on December 14, 2015, the Board acted at a meeting held on December 14, 2015, and the petition is signed by six hundred twenty-four (624) eligible electors of the School District, as defined in Iowa Code section 39.3(6). None of the signatures has been withdrawn, and the total number voting at the last preceding election of School Officials held on September 8, 2015, as is shown by the poll lists was three hundred fifty-four (354).

Dated this fourteenth day of December, 2015.

Robert L. Hughes, Secretary of the School Board of the Fort Dodge
Community School District

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve the financial audit for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2015. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to approve Kolacia Construction, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, as the construction manager for the long term facilities plan. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

President Cochrane called on Director of Transportation Niemeyer, to review the school bus bids. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to accept Director of Transportation Niemeyer's recommendation of four buses costing \$335, 352 from Hogland Transportation, Inc. of Marshalltown, Iowa. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: 1) next board meeting will be December 22, 2015 at noon; 2) January meeting dates for bond presentations as opportunities for Board members to present; 3) Bond information was shared at the Fort Dodge Eggs and Issues on December 12, 2015; 4) FDSH Principal Interviews are Friday, December 18, 2015; 5) the State of Iowa is publishing budget predictions for next year on Wednesday, December 16, 2015; and 6) holiday choir and band concerts are taking place the week of December 14, 2015.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Discussed polling sites be pared down to save costs.

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Capital Projects: No report.

Negotiations: Everything is on schedule

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Board Member Kent offered an overall of the \$41,000 grants the foundation gave out.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity: No report.

Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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