



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

Regular Meeting

December 22, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 12:00 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 Communications Lane, one mass media representative, and 1 other interested party.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2015 ICCB Board Workshop and the December 14, 2015 Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Grace Phillips for Austin Cowart, Braxton Phillips, and Tanner James (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Manson Community School District for the 2015-2016 school year); and from Curtis and Brandi Alexander, for Casey Alexander (requests open enrollment from Prairie Valley Community School District to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Manson Northwest Webster Community School District and Sioux City Community School District; 3.5) approval of the Band Fruit Sales fundraiser and FCCLA fundraiser; and 3.6) approval of the November 2015 Prepaids and December 22, 2015 Bill Run. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Awards

None.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the cost of \$24,000 for whole group reading materials. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the monthly financial reports for October 31, 2015 through November 30, 2015. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: 1) Senior High principal interviews were December 18, 2015. Dr. Ken Hayes has accepted the position; 2) holiday celebrations were taking place across the District; 3) Governor Brandstand and Dr. Van Zyl are meeting on December 23, 2015, and topics of discussion were considered and sought after; and 4) reminded Board Members to share in community and civic group meetings to share information on the upcoming bond issue.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report. Will meet in January 2016.

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

Capital Projects: No report.

Negotiations: Everything is on schedule

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: No report.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity: No report. Next meeting in March 2016.

Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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