



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

January 28, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:00 p.m. in the Celebration Center at Friendship Haven.

Members present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Mrs. Merz.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Acting Secretary Barb Bachman, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Owner Construction Representative Albrecht.

Absent : Assistant Superintendent/Director of Human Resources/ Board Secretary Hughes.

Call to Order

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Wagner, to appoint Barb Bachman as Acting Secretary. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

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 Rogers, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the January 14, 2013, regular meeting and the January 14, 2013, special meeting; 3.2) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant and equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds; 3.3) approval of personnel; 3.4) approval of the open enrollment request from Wanette Bird for Joley Bird to attend the Fort Dodge Community Schools for the 2012-2013 school year; and 3.5) approval of the out-of-state travel request for the Fort Dodge Senior High A Cappella Choir to participate in a performance tour, April 5, 2013, through April 7, 2013, from Maryville, Missouri, to Roland, Iowa. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Communications

Superintendent Van Zyl called on Owner Construction Representative Albrecht and Steve Bennett and Brandon Woolery from Construction Services, Inc., to share progress on the new middle school project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Director of Financial Services Hansel presented the General Fund Financial Report for the period November 30, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Superintendent Van Zyl offered an explanation of the following board policies: 100, Legal Status of the School District; 101, Philosophy of the District; 107, District Needs Assessment; 108, The People and Their School District; 109, Reporting; 400.2, Discrimination in Employment/Personnel Practices; and 600.4, Student Achievement Goals. This was the first reading of these policies.

Superintendent Van Zyl shared information related to the upcoming Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) election. Various avenues to raise public awareness and present information are being utilized.

Superintendent Van Zyl summarized the student and community presentations of Rachel's Challenge. The focus now is to work with administrators on ways to continue the program.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) CBIZ Benefits Consultants will be forwarding insurance renewal information to the school district shortly; 2) two contract groups will be up for negotiations; 3) a follow up will be done with the trust of Pontius Fund to see if those funds will still be available to the District; and 4) the persons in general attendance at the meeting were invited to address and ask questions of the Board.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: met on January 16, 2013.

Long Range Planning/Finance: met on January 14, 2013.

Capital Projects: met on January 23, 2013.

Negotiations: openings with FDEA and TABU are to take place on February 11, 2012.

Communications: met related to the upcoming PPEL election.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: a meeting was held on January 7, 2013, with discussion held regarding officers; a PPEL 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 6:40 p.m. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Barb Bachman
Acting Board Secretary