



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

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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Regular Meeting

February 11, 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 Board Room.

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

Members absent : None.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, 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, Communications Director Lane, Fort Dodge Senior High Principal Keane, Student Services/ Transportation Director Harms, two teaching staff members, a mass media representative, and three other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to accept students as tuitioned-in students, with parents responsible for tuition (open enrollment denied due to missing the deadline). Six members voted aye, no nays, and one member abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the January 28, 2013, regular meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests: from Shelly Harrison for Hallie Ebner, (requesting open enrollment from Webster City), from Monty and Lori Read for Brady Read (requesting open enrollment from Manson Northwest Webster), from James Stanberg for Samuel Stanberg (requesting open enrollment from Eagle Grove), from Allison and Jerid Zuspahn for Hayden Zuspahn (requesting open enrollment from Webster City), from Tim and Tina Clarken for Cooper Jay Clarken (requesting open enrollment out to Humboldt), and from Wayne Pigman for Hailey Pigman (requesting open enrollment out to Southeast Webster Grand); and 3.4) approval of the attached listing of fundraisers for the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Communications

Comments from the Public: (there were no comments from the public).

Shane Albrecht and Steve Bennett of CSI offered an update on the New Middle School Project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Kent, seconded by Merz, to approve formation of the Fort Dodge Senior High Leadership Club. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl offered his appreciation and the District's gratitude for the community's approval of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy. President Cochrane further emphasized the appreciation and acknowledged numerous individuals who assisted in the process. Further, staff was complimented on their commitment and willingness to come together with support.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Peterson, to approve the second reading of review/revisions of the following board policies:

- 100 Legal Status of the School District
- 101 Philosophy of the District
- 107 District Need Assessment
- 108 The People and Their School District
- 109 Reporting
- 400.2 Discrimination in Employment/Personnel Practices
- 600.4 Student Achievement Goals

All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Merz, to approve the purchase of three 77-passenger International buses from Hogle Bus Company, Inc., of Marshalltown, Iowa. All present voting aye, motion carried. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to adopt the following budget guarantee resolution for the 2013-2014 school year. A roll call vote was taken; all present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

## RESOLUTION 2013-1

## RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the Fort Dodge Community School District may qualify for the regular program budget adjustment provision of the Iowa Code for certified budget purposes for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and because of this circumstance is required to adopt a budget adjustment resolution to qualify for said adjustment:

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Fort Dodge Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

Passed by the Board of Directors of the Fort Dodge Community School District this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

Signature  
Stuart J. Cochrane  
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:           Signature  
                      Robert L. Hughes  
                      Secretary, Board of Directors

It was moved by Board Member Merz, 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: Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, Merz, Peterson, Rogers, Wagner.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Robert L. Hughes, Secretary of the Board of the Fort Dodge Community School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the School Board of the Fort Dodge Community School District at its meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013, and the vote thereon as recorded in the records of the school district.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

Signature  
Robert L. Hughes  
School Board Secretary  
Fort Dodge Community School District

President Cochrane called on Director of Financial Services Hansel to present the 2012-2013 Fort Dodge Community Schools Natural Gas Supply Contracting Program. Board members asked questions and shared in discussions related to the reports. Appreciation was extended to Director Hansel for the presentation of the cost savings effort.

#### Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: (1) Superintendent Van Zyl shared the continued initiative of "Rachel's Challenge." The community commitment banner that currently hangs at the back of the Boardroom will be sent out to community partners to be displayed in local businesses; (2) Appreciation to Friendship Haven for hosting the January 28, 2013, School Board Meeting and PPEL Informational Forum was shared; (3) School safety and emergency processes were described; (4) An update was offered related to legislative activity and politics; (5) Negotiations initial proposals were offered at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013; (6) Insurance increases were discussed—the tentative renewal increase is at 3.55%; (7) Affordable Health Care Act was discussed; (7) Communications and web site development was complimented along with acknowledging the partnership with the Fort Dodge Messenger.

#### Board Update and Committee Reports:

##### Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: discussion was held related to Fair Oaks and Phillips Middle School building considerations. Attorney Rick Engel is assisting with legal processes.

Long Range Planning/Finance: met on February 11, 2013.

Capital Projects: to be scheduled; no report.

Negotiations: Initial proposals were offered at 3:00 p.m., February 11, 2013. The next meeting is to take held on Monday, February 18, 2013.

Communications: the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Pontius funds were discussed as they related to the appointment of a new trustee.

Comprehensive School Improvement: the next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2013.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: the next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2013.

Exempt Session:

At 6:40 p.m. the Board entered into exempt session under Code of Iowa Chapter 20.17 (3) to discuss negotiations strategy with organized bargaining units. The board returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

President Cochrane called for further business, and there being none, he called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary