



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

February 25, 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, Ms. Merz, Ms. Peterson, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Mr. Kent.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Human Resources/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Auditor Mike Stanley, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Wood, Teacher Amy Baker, Teacher Kim Vaughn, Principal Pat Reding, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, Owner Construction Representative Albrecht, Communications Director Lane, Matt Elsbecker, a mass media representative, and five other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Merz, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the February 11, 2013, regular and special meetings; 3.2) allow payment of 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 open enrollment requests: from Molly and Duran Barlow for Brooklyn Barlow, requesting open enrollment from Manson Northwest Webster, from Dean and Kelly Chada for Gunner Franklin Chada, requesting open enrollment out to CAM Community School District, from Mark and Donna Freeman for Anna Freeman, requesting open enrollment out to Humboldt, from Alyssa and Nathan Sparks for Jonah Roger Sparks, requesting open enrollment out to CAM Community School District, and from Amy Pederson for Dalton Dean Matter, requesting open enrollment out to Humboldt. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Communications

Comments from the Public: Superintendent Van Zyl introduced Mr. Matthew Elsbecker as the new Activities Director for the Fort Dodge Senior High School. Mr. Elsbecker offered his appreciation for the opportunity to lead in both athletics and activities. The Board of Education congratulated and welcomed Mr. Elsbecker.

Shane Albrecht and a representative of CSI offered an update on the New Middle School Project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Merz, seconded by Wagner, to approve the duplicator paper bid in the amount of \$19,446.00 for E-Copy 92+ Domestic from The Paper Corporation of Des Moines, Iowa. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached to these minutes.

Superintendent Dr. Van Zyl introduced Auditor Mike Stanley from Hunt and Associates, P.C., who offered a presentation of the financial audit for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to accept the financial audit for the 2011-2012 as presented by Mike Stanley of Hunt and Associates, P.C. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Director of Financial Services Hansel presented the General Fund Financial Report for the period December 31, 2012, through January 31, 2013.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Merz, to accept the attached monthly financial report for the period of December 31, 2012, through January 31, 2013. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to extend a letter of support for an allowable growth resolution for the 2013-2014 school year. Superintendent Van Zyl shared perspectives on legislative process and considerations as they related to allowable growth. Board of Education members asked questions and held discussion regarding the allowable growth considerations. Statements by the Iowa Association of School Boards and the Urban Educational Network on allowable growth were discussed. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

President Cochrane called on Superintendent Van Zyl to offer an update on the District's health insurance renewal. Board members asked questions and shared in discussions related to the update.

Dr. Sue Wood introduced Ms. Kim Vaughn and Ms. Amy Baker, teachers at Butler Elementary School, who presented curriculum information on the math expectations and future implementation of Iowa Common Core Curriculum. New Smarter Balance Assessment questions were reviewed. Special emphasis was placed on the hands-on approach that requires more rigor and relevance in implementation. The students need to be able to answer the question "Why?" Board members asked questions and shared in discussions related to the reports.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: (1) Superintendent Van Zyl reviewed the past snow day releases and necessity for calendar make-up days; and (2) Rescheduling of the March 11 School Board Meeting was discussed, as there is a community event that a number of the Board of Education members are required to attend. The March 11, 2013, meeting is to be rescheduled.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: no report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: no report.

Capital Projects: met and discussed authorizing an estimate on seeking Middle School track development.

Negotiations: exempt session to occur following open Board Meeting.

Communications: no report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: to meet week of March 1, 2013.

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

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

Exempt Session

The Board moved into exempt session to discuss negotiations strategy at 7:12 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary