



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

March 13, 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, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Mr. Rogers.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Human Resources/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Owner Construction Representative Albrecht, two teachers, a mass media representative, and three other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2013, regular meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests: from David and Mary Bowser for Jonathan Bowser, requesting open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Bill and Darcie Shirbroun for Faith Shirbroun, requesting open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Jennifer Bender for Perry Maier-Bender and Pheazhaun Maier-Bender, requesting open enrollment to Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Tina Womack for Jared Cloud, requesting open enrollment to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Heather Perry for Skie Cummings, requesting open enrollment to the Manson Northwest Webster Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Amy Johnson for Caryn Dawson, requesting open enrollment to the Manson Northwest Webster Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Amy Johnson for Megan Dawson, requesting open enrollment to CAM Community Schools (IA Connections Academy) for the 2013-2014 school year, from John and Connie Elkin for Cristeena Elkin, requesting open enrollment to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools (IA Virtual Academy) for the 2013-2014 school year, from Robert Hogan for Ashton Hogan, requesting open enrollment to the Manson Northwest Webster Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Rambo Holder for Kaden Holder, requesting open enrollment to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Shelly Whittington and Mitchell Kraft for McKenzie Kraft, requesting open enrollment to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools (IA Virtual Academy) for the 2013-2014 school year, from Amy Patterson for Lyndi Patterson, requesting open enrollment to the CAM Community Schools (IA Connections Academy) for the 2013-2014 school year, from Amber Roe for Zuri Roe, requesting open enrollment to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, from Heather Snopek for Triniti Snopek, requesting open enrollment to the Manson Northwest Webster Schools for the 2013-

2014 school year, and from Teri Stuflick for Ashton Stienblock, requesting open enrollment to the CAM Community Schools (IA Connections Academy) for the 2012-2013 school year; 3.4) approval of fundraisers to be conducted by the Riverside ELC Booster Club, the Senior High School Cheerleaders, the Senior High School Business Partnership, and the Senior High School DECA-FCCLA-SkillsUSA; 3.5) approval of the out-of-state travel request for Senior High School Marketing Education Instructor Amy Jaeschke and two students to attend the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC), April 23-27, 2013, in Anaheim, CA. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Communications

Comments from the public: no comments were offered.

Shane Albrecht offered an update on the New Middle School Project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Kent, seconded by Wagner, to approve the budget estimate for publication and set April 1, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Building Boardroom for a public hearing on the 2013-2014 Certified Budget. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Wagner, to approve renewal of a three-year contract with Schwig Marketing for advertising at the Senior High School gymnasium. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Wagner, to approve the state DCAT Grant for Afterschool Credit Recovery. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to approve district solicitation of bids for construction of the new middle school track. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Merz, to accept the John Shekey Scholarship. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: (1) Superintendent Van Zyl shared an overview of budgetary considerations by reduction areas; and (2) the potential of offering an early retirement package was discussed. Board members asked questions related to this offering. The Board directed Superintendent Van Zyl to extend early retirement as previously offered to the qualifying teaching staff through April 1, 2013. Superintendent Van Zyl also discussed (3) missed school days and additional make-up days; (4) legislative updates related to start and end dates for school year, school day requirements versus school hours, professional development requirements, school reform initiatives, and allowable growth; and (5) review of the negotiations process and future calendar dates.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: no report; a meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2013.

Long Range Planning/Finance: budget discussions were shared in committee.

Capital Projects: met and discussed new Middle School track development need and roof conditions and needed maintenance.

Negotiations: an exempt session will take place following the open board meeting.

Board Committees (continued):

Communications: no report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: currently meeting to review spring requests for support.

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:

At 7:01 p.m.: moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to move into closed session under Section 21.5(1)j of the Code of Iowa to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. On a roll call vote, the following voting aye: Wagner, Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, Merz, Peterson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Rogers. Motion carried. The Board of Education returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All present voting aye, one absence, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary