



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Special Meeting

March 18, 2013

The Special 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. Kent, Mrs. Merz, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Wagner.
- Members absent : Mr. Forsythe (President Cochrane left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.).
- Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/ Director of Human Resources/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, Mentor Director Harms, FOMS/PMS Principal Libby, Fort Dodge Senior High Principal Keane, Assistant Fort Dodge Senior High Principal Birnbaum, Technology Director Pearson, a mass media representative, and four other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Kent, to approve the following consent agenda item: 3.1) allow payment of the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant and equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Wagner, to accept the monthly financial reports for the period January 31, 2013, through February 28, 2013. All present voting aye, one absent, motion carried.

Budget Workshop: Superintendent Van Zyl offered an overview of the District's financial status. He then called on Director of Financial Services Hansel to present on the district-wide budget. Director Hansel reviewed enrollment trend data, tax levy history, and general fund obligations. Board members asked questions and shared in discussion related to the budget.

Superintendent Van Zyl reviewed the proposed budget reductions and staff alterations. He asked FOMS/PMS Principal Libby to share an explanation of the new middle school schedule for the 2013-2014 school year. Efficiencies are expected as the two current middle schools merge into one center. Emphasis was placed on efforts to support and protect the middle school teaming concept. Board members asked questions and shared their thoughts.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All present voting aye, two absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary