



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

May 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, Ms. Merz, Ms. 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, and seventeen other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Merz, to approve the board agenda as presented. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Peterson, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2013 (6:45 p.m.), special meeting and the April 22, 2013, regular meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Terri Adams for Drake Adams (requests open enrollment to Fort Dodge Community Schools for the 2013-2014 school year), from Tonya Dornath for Gracie Dornath (requests open enrollment to Humboldt Community Schools for the 2013-2014 school year), and from Brenda Riley for Megan Riley (requests open enrollment to the Fort Dodge Community Schools for the 2012-2013 school year); and 3.4) approval of fundraiser (to support PBIS program) for Fort Dodge Middle School. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Recognition/Awards

President Cochrane requested that Board Agenda Item 5.0, Recognition/Awards, be moved ahead of Agenda Item 4.0, Communications/Announcements, due to large audience attendance.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to table Agenda Items 5.1, Recognize high school students from USA Skills Competition, and 5.2, Recognize North West Iowa Industries Tech Fair Participants, until May 20, 2013.

Recognitions were offered for 5th and 6th grade State Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl participants.

Communications

Comments from the Public: Sarah Schminke raised concerns related to school lunch service.

Brandon Woolery, CSI Project Manager, presented a progress report on the New Middle School Project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to approve a cooperative sharing agreement for girls' swimming and diving and soccer with St. Edmond Catholic School, Fort Dodge, Iowa, for the 2013-2014 school year. Board members asked and discussed questions prior to the vote. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to approve a cooperative sharing agreement for girls' swimming and diving and soccer with Prairie Valley High School, Gowrie, Iowa, for the 2013-2014 school year. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Merz, to approve a cooperative sharing agreement for boys' swimming and soccer with St. Edmond Catholic School, Fort Dodge, Iowa, for the 2013-2014 school year. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Merz, to approve a cooperative sharing agreement for boys' swimming and soccer with Prairie Valley High School, Gowrie, Iowa, for the 2013-2014 school year. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Kent, to approve renewal of the Juvenile Court School Liaison contract for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Board members asked and discussed questions prior to the vote. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to approve the revised 2013-2014 student fee schedule. Discussion regarding funding for the BLAST Program along with a clarification on middle school activity tickets took place prior to the vote. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: (1) Superintendent Van Zyl offered an overview of and sought input from individual board members regarding graduation activities; (2) end of the year activities and staff recognition ceremonies will be held the afternoon of June 5; (3) Dr. Van Zyl shared information on CBIZ Insurance; (4) the concerns that were raised related to lunch service and availability were discussed (the necessity to respect parent and family issues was described—the high school staff works hard to make sure children are served (a student's account must be \$20.00 in the negative before limitations/restrictions are put in place); (4) Dr. Van Zyl reminded all present that the next Board of Education meeting date has changed from May 28 to May 20, 2013; and (5) an update on hiring process was shared with Board of Education.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Pontius Applications are due by July 1, 2013.

Capital Projects: no report.

Negotiations: settlements have been reached with all negotiating groups.

Communications: met the week of May 6, 2013.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: approved Grant Applications; the Foundation Board is considering the possibility of hiring a consultant to better organize.

Comprehensive School Improvement: test data will be reviewed on May 30, 2013.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: The committee met Monday, May 6, 2013, and discussed early childhood summer activities and the possibility of posting resources on the internet, along with a calendar and activities for summer. Special education offered an update. There was a discussion on the new math curriculum review and adoption process.

Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Rogers, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary