



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

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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Regular Meeting

May 20, 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, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Wood, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, Owner Construction Representative Albrecht, Communications Director Lane, Fort Dodge Senior High School Principal Keane, Fort Dodge Senior High School Assistant Principal Birnbaum, Athletic Director Kinseth, a mass media representative, and thirty-three other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Rogers, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of minutes of the April 11, 2013 (6:00 p.m.), the April 11, 2013 (6:30 p.m.), the May 6, 2013, the May 7, 2013 (6:00 p.m.), and the May 7, 2013 (6:30 p.m.), 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 Rusty Gregerson and Amy Houy, for Dalton Gregerson, Dayton Houy, Delaney Gregerson and William Irwin (requesting open enrollment to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2013-2014 school year); 3.5) approval of the Donkey Basketball Tournament fundraiser to be conducted by the Fort Dodge Senior High Understanding Social Systems class in the fall of 2013; and 3.6) approval of out-of-state travel to the Rachel's Challenge Educational Summit in Dallas, Texas, from June 26-29, 2013, for Jennifer Lane, Dr. Douglas Van Zyl, Kim Bodholdt, Marni Moody, and Rod Riessen. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications

Comments from the public: none.

Brandon Woolery, CSI Project Manager, offered an update on the New Middle School Project.

Recognition/Awards

Recognitions were offered by President Cochrane and Industrial Technology Instructors Ed Birkey and Andrew Tew for high school students from USA Skills Competition.

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Dr. Sue Wood introduced Art Teacher Jillian Knutson, who offered an overview and recognition of Art Purchase Awards at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

Volunteers from all educational facilities were recognized with certificates of appreciation.

President Cochrane offered the District's appreciation to retiring staff members and recognized their years of service with honorary plaques.

The members of the Board of Education were recognized for their hard work and year-long commitment to serve the students and the Fort Dodge community.

Public Hearings

Brandon Hansel shared an overview of the 2012-2013 Certified Budget amendment. No comments were received from the public. The public hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Kent, to amend the 2012-2013 Certified Budget. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to approve the purchase of computer workstations for the 2013-2014 school year. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Peterson, to approve the purchase of middle school audio/video equipment (projectors and LCD displays). Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Approval of bids for a water irrigation system for the new middle school was tabled until the June 10, 2013, Board of Education meeting.

(Board member Matt Wagner stepped out of the meeting at 6:49 p.m.)

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to accept the monthly financial reports for the period March 31, 2013, through April 30, 2013. Six voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

(Board member Matt Wagner re-entered meeting at 6:53 p.m.)

Dr. Van Zyl presented the Catherine Vincent Deardorf Foundation's desire to propose an exterior art gift for the west end of the new middle school.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers to approve Administrative and Professional Support contracts for the 2013-2014 school year. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Kent, to set a public hearing on a proposed grant of option to purchase certain school district real property to Foutch Brothers, LLC, and proposed sale of the property to Foutch Brothers, LLC, pursuant to said option. On a roll call vote: Forsythe votes aye, Kent votes aye, Merz votes aye, Peterson votes aye, Rogers votes aye, Wagner votes aye, and Cochrane votes aye. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Forsythe, to set a public hearing on a proposed sale of certain school district real property to Holy Trinity Parish. Kent shared a statement and thoughts regarding the purchase. On a roll call vote: Kent votes nay, Merz votes aye, Peterson votes nay, Rogers votes aye, Wagner votes aye, Cochrane votes aye, and Forsythe votes aye. Five voting aye, two nays, motion carried.

#### Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: (1) Superintendent Van Zyl spoke about the Kindergarten tree planting held at the Fort Dodge Senior High on Tuesday, May 21, 2013; (2) Reminders were offered regarding graduation ceremonies that will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2013; (3) the insurance group shared information with all staff members during the week of May 13-17, 2013; and (4) end-of-year activities were shared.

#### Board Update and Committee Reports:

##### Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: met and discussed facilities use and rental.

Long Range Planning/Finance: no report.

Capital Projects: the Wednesday, May 22, meeting needs to be postponed.

Negotiations: no report.

Communications: no report.

##### Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: meeting to be held on the first Monday of the month.

Comprehensive School Improvement: meeting to be held at the end of May.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: meeting to be held at the end of May.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary