



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

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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Regular Meeting

June 10, 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/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Owner Construction Representative Albrecht, Communications Director Lane, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, Athletic Director Elsbecker, Curriculum Director Wood and six other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Merz, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2013, regular meeting, the May 20, 2013, regular meeting, and the June 3, 2013, special meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests (there were no open enrollment requests to be approved at this meeting); 3.4) approval of fundraisers to be conducted by the Senior High School Drill Team and the Varsity Girls Track Team; and 3.5) approval of the out-of-state travel request from Jessie Palmer, Family Consumer Sciences Instructor at Fort Dodge Senior High, to attend the National Restaurant Association Summer Institute, June 23-28, 2013, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications

Comments from the public: no public comments were offered.

Brandon Woolery, CSI Project Manager, presented a progress report on the New Middle School Project. Board members asked questions related to the status of project completion.

Public Hearings

President Cochrane explained the public hearing meeting process. President Cochrane called on Superintendent Van Zyl to offer an overview of the proposed grant of option to purchase real property (Fair Oaks and Phillips Middle Schools) to Foutch Brothers, L.L.C., pursuant to said option. Director of Financial Services Hansel shared the direct description of the particular offerings.

Ms. Lorraine Martin, community member, raised concerns about adequate parking and the type of housing being proposed for the Phillips Middle School building.

Mr. Shawn Foutch offered a brief introduction of the property purchase proposal and future development plans for the middle schools. The Phillips Middle School building would be remodeled with market value housing rentals. There would not be any low income housing available in the Phillips Middle School building. There were considerations for senior low income housing at the Fair Oaks Middle School building. Connections and collaboration with the City of Fort Dodge and Fort Dodge strategic plans were discussed. City regulations, zoning, and parking considerations were in progress. Shawn Foutch went on to offer examples of other Iowa real estate development projects that have been carried out by Foutch Brothers, L.L.C. Remodeling would occur over the next three years. Historical school remodels are the specialty of Foutch Brothers, L.L.C. The tax credits for the historical nature and low income housing offerings are at the core of the business model.

Mr. Matt Miller, Fort Dodge Senior High Varsity Football Coach, raised concern that the Fort Dodge Community School District (FDCSD) could use the additional gym space for FDCSD athletic practice. Maintaining this facility would allow for a decrease in early bird practices. He suggested that student athletes would benefit, as they would not be burdened with having to get up as early. Further, Mr. Miller shared that he felt the value of the building may increase in the future. The building also offers the opportunity to generate revenue through leasing the facility for sporting activities.

Mr. John McBride, Varsity Fort Dodge Senior High Track Coach, expressed his frustration with the 2013 spring weather and the large number of students participating in track. Mr. McBride shared that the track team was able to carry out practices in the Phillips Middle School gymnasium.

No written comments were submitted related to sale of particular real property.

Mr. Shawn Foutch returned to the podium to share that the gymnasium and auditorium would be available for public school usage.

Board members asked questions and shared in discussion.

Ms. Barb Michaels spoke in support of the historical property refurbishment projects.

#### Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Kent, seconded by Peterson, to approve a resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action on a proposed grant of option to purchase certain school district real property to Foutch Brothers, L.L.C., pursuant to said option. Roll call vote was taken: Merz voted aye; Peterson voted aye; Rogers voted aye; Wagner voted aye; Cochrane voted aye; Forsythe voted aye; and Kent voted aye. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Merz, to approve a resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action on a proposed sale of certain school district real property to Holy Trinity Parish. Board Member Kent shared a statement related to the use and sale of the school property. Mr. Kent is concerned that if the sale option to Foutch Brothers, L.L.C., fell through, Phillips Middle School could be demolished. Mr. Kent expressed his desire to support renovations of the Phillips Middle School for an extended period of time. President Cochrane shared his support for the current options. Board Member Wagner stated his support and understanding of the project and potential liabilities for the school district. Board members asked and discussed questions prior to the vote. Roll call vote was taken: Peterson voted nay; Rogers voted aye; Wagner voted aye; Cochrane voted aye; Forsythe voted aye; Kent voted nay; and Merz voted aye. Five voting aye, two voting nay, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to approve the HRA Adoption Agreement and amendment to Special Pay Plan. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers, to approve an extension to the district copier lease agreement with Marco. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Peterson, to approve the water irrigation bid from Iowa Athletic Field Construction Company in the amount of \$19,869 for the new middle school. Board members asked and discussed questions prior to the vote. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Wagner, to approve the cooperative sharing agreement for boys' swimming and diving with Humboldt High School, Humboldt, 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 Merz, seconded by Peterson, to ratify an agreement between the Maintenance Employees Bargaining Unit (MEBU) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of two years beginning July 1, 2012. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Wagner, to ratify an agreement between the Maintenance Employees Bargaining Unit-Bus Drivers Division (MEBU-Bus) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of two years beginning July 1, 2012. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Merz, to ratify an agreement between the Secretarial/Clerical Education Association and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of two years beginning July 1, 2012. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Peterson, to ratify an agreement between the Teacher Associates Bargaining Unit (TABU) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2012. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers, to ratify an agreement between the Teacher Associates Bargaining Unit (TABU) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2013. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Kent, to ratify an agreement between the Fort Dodge Education Association (FDEA) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2012. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Peterson, to ratify an agreement between the Fort Dodge Education Association (FDEA) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2013. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

President Cochrane introduced the first reading of the review/revision of Board Policy 800.1, Use of District Facilities, and Procedures Exhibits 800.1A, Use of District Facilities Procedure, 800.1B, Use of District Facilities Regulations, 800.1C, Use of District Facilities Non-School Related Activity Additional Billing for Services or Equipment, 800.1D-Attachment B, Class Breakdown for Fee Structure, and 800.1E, Facility Fee Schedule.

Curriculum Director Wood offered an overview of the 2012-2013 District Student Achievement Data and the progress made on goal areas in Reading, Math, Science, Technology, and a safe, drug-free environment. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Peterson, to approve the District Improvement Goals for the 2013-2014 school year. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Kent, to approve the math curriculum adoption of K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Expressions from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt of Geneva, IL, for \$109,942 and 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Big Ideas from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt of Geneva, IL, for \$58,492. Seven voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: (1) Superintendent Van Zyl thanked the Board Members for their participation and support at the end-of-the school year in-service; (2) ten administrators will be attending the Balanced Leadership professional development training in Storm Lake, Iowa; (3) transition to United Health Care and completion of paperwork has been progressing well; (4) evaluations of Superintendent Van Zyl are to be turned in to President Cochrane as soon as possible. Mr. Cochrane will review and consolidate evaluation feedback so that the information can be presented to Superintendent Van Zyl on June 24, 2013, during a 5:15 p.m. closed session; and (5) Superintendent Van Zyl reviewed staffing processes and offered an update on the progress.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: scheduled to meet in June, 2013.

Long Range Planning/Finance: property sales have been the main focus.

Capital Projects: no report.

Negotiations: settlements were ratified tonight; initial severance ruling was returned.

Communications: will be meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2013.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: meeting was cancelled due to membership conflicts.

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

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: The committee met on 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 Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary