



**COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Regular Meeting

June 13, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

Members present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Springer, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : None.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Technology Pearson, Director of Athletics & Activities Elsbecker, one mass media representative, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the agenda as presented. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the May 23, 2016 Regular Meeting; May 23, 2016 6:45, May 23, 2016 7:00, and May 23, 2016 7:30 Special Meetings; May 31, 2016 Special Meeting; and the June 6, 2016 Special Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Ann Fiehe for Torin Baguhn (requests open enrollment from the Webster City Community School District to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2015-2016 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Marie Nielsen for Alexis Hanson and Gavin Mikesell (requests open enrollment from the Eagle Grove Community School District to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2015-2016 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Bobby Barker for Benjamin Barker and Curtis Barker (requests open enrollment from Manson Northwest Webster Community School District to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Amanda Hruska for Irie Hruska and Matthew Hruska (requests open enrollment from the Humboldt Community School District to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Kody and Stacey Dodge for Temperence Dodge (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Manson Northwest Webster School District for the 2016-2017 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts from Great Western Bank; Rausch Construction, Kolacia Construction, and ISG Group, Inc.; Ankeny Community School District; Des Moines Independent Community School District; Prairie Valley Community School District; Saydel Community School District, and Heinemann; 3.5) approval of fundraisers from the Softball and Baseball teams; and 3.6) out of state travel request for Approval of out of state travel requests for A. Tew and J. Kennedy and five students to attend Skills USA National Competition in Louisville, KY on June 19-25, 2016; for J. McBride and seven students to attend the Journalism Education Association National Convention in Indianapolis, IN on November 10-12, 2016; for A. Bane and J. Francik to attend the International Society for Technology Education Conference in Philadelphia, PA on June 28 - July 1, 2016; for M. Lehman, A. Emery, S.

Harvey, E. Powell, C. Danielson, S. Laird, S. Cole, and J. Cole to attend the International Literacy Association/Visible Literacy conference in Boston, MA on July 7-13, 2016; for S. Fitzgerald and J. Powell to attend the Summer Literacy Institute at Baylor University in Waco, TX on July 25-27, 2016; for A. Becker and S. Black to attend the Building Learning Communities Education Conference in Boston, MA on July 17-22, 2016. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

#### Communications/Announcements/Presentations

Comments from the Public: None.

ABC At-Risk/BLAST Coordinator Tami Holman shared revisions of the Butler Blast program changing to Dodger Academy. These revisions allow all services to be available district-wide. Numerous partnerships are being developed and will save the program around \$16,000.00. Statistics were shared, demonstrating strong improvements and future sustainable plans. Board members asked questions regarding the program.

#### Recognition/Awards/Presentations

President Cochrane presented departing staff with their years of service plaques and thanked them for their work and dedication:

Barb Allard, Teacher, 26 years  
Zenaida Burlison, Paraeducator, 11.5 years  
Marilyn Charon, Teacher, 33 years  
Kathleen Daniel, Teacher, 32.5 years  
Janet Eslick, Teacher, 19 years  
Donita Getting, Teacher, 33 years  
Patricia Hively, Teacher, 20 years  
Kristy Hughett, Teacher, 10 years  
Jennifer Kehoe, Teacher, 10 years  
Mary Kitterman, Nurse, 26 years  
Kris Lien, Teacher, 17 years  
Beverly Totten, Teacher, 27 years  
Judy Waddell, Secretary, 28 years  
Sue Wald, Paraeducator, 17 years  
David Wooster, Custodian/Maintenance, 27.5 years  
Kevin Ziesman, Teacher, 22 years

Director of Athletics & Activities Elsbecker introduced Girls' Tennis Coach Martha Stover, Girls' Soccer Coach Mike Lee, and Boys' Soccer Coach Pablo Rodriguez. President Cochrane presented awards to the following athletes:

Girls' Tennis Coach Stover introduced Gretta Leigh, Class 2A Individual State Tennis Qualifier; Jaci Cochrane, Class 2A Double State Champion; and Beth Murman, Class 2A Doubles State Champion and 2016 Co-ed State Champion.

Director of Athletics and Activities Elsbecker recognized Boys' Tennis Coach Jared Feddersen and athlete Jonny Bowser, Class 2A Individual State Tennis – 4<sup>th</sup> place and 2016 Co-ed State Champion.

Girls' Soccer Coach Lee gave insight on the season and recognized the team's achievements along with the achievements of Molly Hartman, CIC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northern Division Defender; and Justice Crooks CIC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northern Division Midfielder.

Boys' Soccer Coach Rodriguez presented the achievements of Austin Dencklau, CIC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northern Division Defender; Cole Allison, CIC 1<sup>st</sup> Team Northern Division Forward; Michael Von Bank, CIC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northern Division Goal Keeper; Brady Read, CIC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northern Division Defender; and Cole Savery, CIC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Northern Division Forward.

Action Items/ Discussions

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the administrators' salaries for the 2016-2017 school year. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Director of Technology Pearson explained that 2800 Chromebooks will be purchased for district-wide use and the wireless network will be upgraded. These projects will be financed through federal funding and grants. Board members asked questions and sought clarifications.

Director of Human Resources Hughes presented a staffing update. During the past year, the District had 190 interviews, 55 openings, 2 new administrative changes, 45 teacher changes, and 11 paraeducators changes. For the start of the 2016-2017 school year, there are currently 6 teaching openings, 6 paraeducator openings, 6 athletic/activities openings, and 2 professional support/student services openings.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: 1) Highlights were offered related to the end of the 2015-2016 school year events; 2) Duncombe Elementary construction projects and safety/security improvements time frames were presented and discussed; 3) summer professional development activities were shared; 4) Workman's Compensation ratings have improved; 5) facility updates regarding security and summer cleaning were shared; 6) land/earth work from the Duncombe construction project was complimented; 7) upkeep on the former Fair Oaks Middle School building rental facilities was shared; and 8) updated the board on the structural progress on the former Phillips Middle School Building.

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: Discussed building and grounds updates.

Negotiations: No report.

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Offered additional funds for school improvement initiatives.

Comprehensive School Improvements/Equity: A meeting held on June 10, 2016 to discuss PBIS and Together We Rise initiative.

Adjournment:

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary

