



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

Regular Meeting

July 13, 2015

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

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

Members absent : Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Rogers

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board
Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services
Hansel, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon,
Director of Education Services Cole, one mass media
representative, and three other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on June 22, 2015 and the special meeting on June 24, 2015.; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of the open enrollment requests from Daniel and Kamela Ervin for Trace Ervin (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge Community Schools/Iowa Connections Academy for the 2015-2016 school year); and John and Amy Gordon for Caden Gordon (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster Grand Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); denial of the open enrollment requests from Brandi Sweeny for Kennedy Flemming and Brock Flemming (requesting open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster Grand Schools for the 2015-2016 school year) and for Brody Flemming (requesting open enrollment from Fort Dodge Community Schools to Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Manson Northwest West Webster Schools and Coon Rapids-Bayard Community Schools, Certificate of Deposit for Emmett and Thelma Knudson Fund and Bailey Roofing Contractors Inc. of Urbandale, Iowa; 3.5) approval of listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant and equipment, capital projects, activity and nutrition funds. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: none

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Director of Education Services Cole presented on Welcome Conferences. The school connection conferences are for grades PK-5th and will take place on August 27th from 12-8pm. The goal of Welcome Conferences is to build positive relationships with families right from start. The meetings will foster a positive first interaction between teachers, parents and the student. A sign- up sheet for Welcome Conferences will be included in your elementary registration packet.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner; to approve renewal of Youth Shelter Cares contract for PRIDE and CARES for the 2015-2016 school year. These programs provide alternative educational programs along with mental health therapy and counseling services. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat; to approve renewal of STARS contract for the 2015-2016 school year. The STARS program provides monitoring of IEP's and provides residential services. All five present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Superintendent Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) Dodger Stadium hosts a "Turn The Lights On" event on July 13th, 2015 to honor to volunteers, donors and board members.(2) Board election process is currently open; (3) Fort Dodge Senior High roof replacement is progressing as well as the gym floors. Bleacher replacement is scheduled for August; (4) July 20th Fort Dodge will host RAGBRAI and Girls State Softball. Information was shared regarding district facility usage for RAGBRAI participants including use of space for camping, shower and meals and lodging for a special needs group; (5) An update was offered on open staff positions: Fort Dodge Senior High School Principal and Director of Transportation. The district held interviews for Lead Principal on July 7th, 2015; the district will utilize existing staff to cover administrative responsibilities while continuing to seek a best fit candidate.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: No report.

Negotiations: No report.

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Next meeting is September 2nd, 2015.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity: Next meeting in September 2015.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner seconded by Shimkat to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM. All present voting aye, no nays, none absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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