



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

Organizational Meeting

September 14, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:11 PM in the Board Room.

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

Members absent : None.

Others present : Superintendent VanZyl, Assistant Superintendent/ Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, Director of Transportation Niemeyer, Director of Communications Lane, one mass media representative, and six other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Swear in New Board Members

Newly elected Board Members Kent, Springer, Tracy, and Wagner took Oath of Office from Board Secretary Hughes.

Board Secretary Hughes called for nominations for the office of Board President. Further nominations were called. Nominations ceased and votes for cast. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Forsythe to nominate Cochrane for Board President for the 2015-2016 school term. Further nominations were called. Nominations ceased and votes for cast. All voting aye, no nay, motion carried.

President Cochrane called for nominations for the office of Board Vice President. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Forsythe to nominate Brian Forsythe for Board Vice President for the 2015-2016 school term. President Cochrane called for any further nominations. Nominations ceased and votes for cast. All voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 5.1) Approve Board President, Board Secretary, and Board Vice President to sign warrants and documents; 5.2) Approve place schedule for 2015-2016 place settings; 5.3) Organizational Structure for PK-4, 5-8, and 9-12; 5.4) Designate the Fort Dodge Messenger as the newspaper for official publications; 5.5) Student Activity fund raisers for the first semester of 2015-2016 school year; 5.6) Appoint Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. Law Firm and Engel Law Firm as the district legal counsel

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: Amanda Rees shared thoughts and concerns about drop-off times for schools. President Cochrane thanked her and future considerations will be reviewed by the District.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Kent, seconded by Wagner to accept Annual Settlement between the Board of Education and the Treasurer. All voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat to accept Resolution Naming Depositories. Chief Financial Officer Hansel presented banking deposit limits. Roll Call vote: Cochrane: aye, Forsythe: aye, Kent: aye, Shimkat: aye, Springer: aye, Tracy: aye, Wagner: aye. Seven aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer to appoint compliance officers, coordinators, and Investigators as follows:

Level I Investigators for Chapter 102- Marcy Harms and Corey Moody
Level II Investigators for Chapter 102- Webster County Sheriff's Department Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504- Marcy Harms (Lis Ristau alternate) Harassment/Bullying Complaints and Investigators- Marcy Harms and Corey Moody Affirmative Action and EEO Compliance Officer- Robert Hughes

All voting aye, no nays, motion carried

Director of Financial Services Hansel recommended a timeline of strategic plans and consideration of a future bond issue. Requirements of law were reviewed and highlighted.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the recommendation for the purchase of two (2) new 8-passenger vans and chassis (complete) from Fort Dodge Ford, 2723 5th Ave S, Fort Dodge, Iowa for \$53,067.68. All present voting aye, no nays, two absent, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Superintendent VanZyl shared information about the following: (1) Start of the 2015-2016 school year began well; (2) appreciation was extended to Director of Building and Grounds Filloon, Director of Transportation Niemeyer, and their departments for the hard work in preparing for Duncombe Elementary relocation; (3) rotating schedule for Board Meeting locations; (4) monthly informational Coffee Conversations will begin in September; (5) Board Committees will be established by President Cochrane; (6) Audits were reviewed; and (7) before school hours are under consideration.

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: Met September, discussing organizational information.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity: Meeting September 15, 2015.

Exempt Session

The Board moved into exempt session to discuss considerations High School Administrative responsibilities and duties.

Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Tracy to adjourn at 7:45 PM. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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