



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

September 28, 2015

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

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

Members absent : Mr. Wagner.

Others present : Superintendent VanZyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon, one mass media representative, and 13 other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Springer, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Kent, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the annual and organizational meetings on September 14, 2015; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of the open enrollment requests from Paige Pettit, for Izabelle Esquilla, (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster-Grand Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); and Kinsey Dorman, for Delaney Sitting, (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster-Grand Community Schools for the 2015-2016 school year); and Kamela Ervin, for Owen O'Brien, (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge Virtual Academy for the 2015-2016 school year); 3.4) approved out of state travel for Touchmate training and the 8th grade band Kalahari Trip; 3.5) approval of contracts with Ahlers Associate Architect, National Insurance Services, and Sioux City Community Schools the 2015-2016 school year; 3.6) Approval of Fundraisers; and 3.7) Allow for the payment of bills. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: Mr. Pat Reding extended appreciation to Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon and the Maintenance Department, PICA, Fareway, Hy-Vee for donations, parents, the School Board, and the community for their support with the relocation of Duncombe Elementary to the Fair Oakes Building.

Recognition/Awards

None

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, for the acceptance of the monthly financial reports for July 31, 2015 through August 31, 2015. Director of Financial Services Hansel, presented financials and answered questions from the Board. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Kent, to consider the Physical Inventory Services conducted by Asset Works of Wayne, Pennsylvania. Assets Works will barcode all property for inventory and insurance proposes. Inventory is done every two years and will begin spring of 2016. Cost is \$12, 900 each year. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Springer, for the acceptance a purposed gift of snow removal equipment from Cassidy Brothers of Webster City. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Forsythe, for acceptance of the District-wide PK-12 Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Program. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Fort Dodge Senior High Assistant Principle Harvey, along with Fort Dodge Senior High teachers Ms. Whitehead and Mr. Boyd presented on behalf of the Standards Based Grading Professional Development team. The presentation focused on explaining the Standards Based Grading methods, procedures, and school improvement efforts. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Superintendent Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) ISG based in Mankato, Minnesota will be hosting community forums on Oct. 5, 7, 13, and 15 taking place at the Middle School to discuss facility needs; (2) Traffic safety markers and crosswalks are being repainted at Duncombe Elementary at the Fair Oakes Site; (3) Improvements to the north east Fort Dodge Senior High parking lot will occur this fall; an additional right turning lane will be added to the east exit onto Martin Luther King Drive; (4) has received positive feedback from the Teacher Leadership grant, differentiated learning, and instructional coaches.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: The 2015-2016 committee assignments are being finalized.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Met September 28th, 2015. Agreement to stipend of four days for Duncombe teachers was discussed.

Capital Projects: No report.

Negotiations: No report.

Board Update and Committee Reports (continued) :

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: No report.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity: Reference was made to the CSIAC PK-12 PBIS commitment.

Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe seconded by Springer to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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