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## COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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Regular Meeting

April 25, 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 Library at Riverside Early Learning Center.

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

Members absent : Mr. Wagner.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Education Services Cole, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Student Services Harms, one mass media representative, and 8 interested parties.

#### Approval of the Agenda

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

#### Consent Agenda

Moved by Springer, seconded by Forsythe, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the April 7, 2016 Special Meeting and April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Kristy Locke for Delaney Locke (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster School District to the Fort Dodge Community School District for the 2015-2016 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts from I+S Group Inc., St Paul Lutheran School, and Total Systems Integration, Inc.; 3.5) no fundraising requests needed approval; and 3.6) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

#### Communications/Announcements

Comments from the Public: none.

#### Presentations

Teacher Kristy Hughett presented on project-based learning technique involving nature. Preschool students begin the process by exploring outside, asking questions, investigating, observing, and creating a project at the end. It is based around the students' natural interests and questions. Board members asked questions and shared in discussion.

Paul Lawton and Nicole Panko of ISG of Mankato, Minnesota, presented floor plans and evaluations as the Duncombe Elementary School design is developing. ISG used planning committees to help get input on the design and needs of the school. Ms. Panko presented the interior design with carpet and tile samples. Board members and Superintendent Van Zyl asked questions and shared in discussion.

Public Hearing.

6:20 p.m. - President Cochrane announced a public hearing for arguments either for or against the Amendment to the Current Budget for 2015-2016. There were no written or oral comments from the public. President Cochrane closed the hearing at 6:21 p.m.

Action Items/ Discussions

Director of Financial Services Hansel presented the 2015-2016 budget amendment. Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Tracy, to amend the 2015-2016 budget. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, 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 one year beginning July 1, 2016. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Forsythe, to ratify an agreement between the Maintenance Employees Bargaining Unit - Maintenance and Custodial Division (MEBU) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2016. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Director of Financial Services Hansel presented a \$500 scholarship opportunity from David L. Bowser. The scholarship is initiated to support a student enrolled in an accounting degree. Moved by Kent, seconded by Springer, to accept the scholarship. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Director of Financial Services Hansel introduced the following compliance documents regarding the selling of bonds: Resolution Appointing Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa to serve as the paying agent, bond registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent agreement, and authorizing the execution of the same, Resolution for the issuance of general obligation school bonds, Series 2016, of the Fort Dodge Community School District, State of Iowa, in the amount of \$28,460,000, and levying a tax for the payment thereof, tax exemption certificate pertaining to the bond sale, and the continuing disclosure certificate pertaining to the bond sale.

Moved by Board Member Shimkat to approve "Resolution Appointing Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa to serve as the paying agent, bond registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent agreement, and authorizing the execution of the same." Board Member Tracy seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:  
AYES: Springer, Tracy, Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, and Shimkat  
NAYS: none.  
ABSENT: Wagner. Motion Carried.

Moved by Board Member Forsythe to approve "Resolution for the issuance of general obligation school bonds, Series 2016, of the Fort Dodge Community School District, State of Iowa, in the amount of \$28,460,000, and levying a tax for the payment thereof ", and moved its adoption. Board Member Shimkat seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:  
AYES: Tracy, Cochrane, Forsythe, Kent, Shimkat, and Springer.  
NAYS: none.  
ABSENT: Wagner. Motion Carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Kent, to approve the tax exemption certificate pertaining to the bond sale. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Springer, to approve the continuing disclosure certificate pertaining to the bond sale. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the cooperative sharing agreements with Southeast Valley CSD and Saint Edmond Schools for Boys' Soccer and Swimming; with Humboldt CSD, Southeast Valley CSD, Saint Edmond Schools, Webster City Schools, and Manson Northwest Webster CSD for Girls' Swimming and Diving; with Saint Edmond Schools for Girls' Bowling; and with Southeast Valley CSD, Saint Edmond Schools, and Manson Northwest Webster CSD for Girls' Soccer. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

The Policy committee reviewed the following policies: 706, 708.1, 709, 710, 711.1, 711.2, 711.6, 711.7, 711.8, 711.9, 711.10, and 711.11.

Superintendent Van Zyl briefly listed the Board policies up for review: 400.3, 600.5, 707, 707.1, 707.2, 707.3, 708, 710.1, 711.2, 711.3, 711.4, and 711.5

Moved by Springer, seconded by Kent, to accept the financial reports for the period of February 29, 2016 through March 31, 2016. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

#### Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: 1) the Senior High musical "Crazy For You," opens April 27, 2016; 2) the demolition of the Duncombe Elementary building has begun; 3) the 2016 graduation ceremony plan preparation are being finalized; 4) an overview of the negotiations was offered; and 5) softball fields and baseball diamonds improvements are in process.

#### Board Update and Committee Reports:

##### Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: Last meeting was Thursday, April 14, 2016 with ISG of Mankato, Minnesota, to see the design progression.

Negotiations: No report.

Communications: No report.

##### Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary