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## COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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Regular Meeting

May 9, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge 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, Ms. Tracy, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : Mr. Cochrane.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Education Services Cole, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Student Services Harms, Director of Athletics & Activities Elsbecker, Director of Transportation Niemeyer, Director of Riverside Early Learning Center Acree, Principal Birnbaum, Principal Brown, Principal Cross, Principal Hartley, Principal Reding, one mass media representative, and other interested parties.

#### Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to appoint Jamie Varangkounh as the Acting Board Secretary. 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 25 Regular Meeting, April 25 Special Meeting, and the May 2 Special Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Jennifer Stephens for Ashlynn Hanrahan (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Humboldt Community School District for the 2015-2016 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Sarah Thompson for Chelsie Thompson (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Humboldt Community School District for the 2015-2016 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Tonya Dornath for Emma Dornath (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Humboldt Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Daren and Janell Dugan for Weston Dugan (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Humboldt Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Bill and Heidi Miller for Jacilyn Miller (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); denial of open enrollment requests from Sara Murphy for Adam Murphy and John Murphy (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Humboldt Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); approval of open enrollment requests from Whitney Pederson for Brooklyn Pederson ( requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); denial of open enrollment requests from Kayla Neavin for Adam Neavin (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the CAM School District for the 2016-2017 school year); denial of open enrollment requests from Amy Remington for Angel Remington (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the Clayton Ridge Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); denial of open enrollment requests from Pam

Ames for Veronica Ames (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the CAM Community School District for the 2016-2017 school year); and 3.4) approval of contracts from ModSpace, the Carlisle Community School District, the Des Moines Community School District, Midwest Tennis and Track, and Varsity.

#### Communications/Announcements/ Presentations

Comments from the Public: none.

Director of Education Services Cole presented on behalf of the Teachers Leadership Coaches (TLC). The group is launching the "Together We Rise" initiative. This three part program involves raising the bar on student and teacher expectations, closing the achievement gap, and believing students can do well in and out of school. Director of Education Services Cole played a video of current Fort Dodge Community School teachers sharing their experience with the TLC members. This initiative involves all students, staff, and volunteers to "raise the bar". The Board recognized Director of Education Services Cole and the coaches for their work during the school year.

#### Recognition/Awards

Director of Communications Lane shared an overview of the Employee and Students of the Month Awards for exemplary academic performance and character. Board Member Shimkat presented certificates and Fort Frenzy gift cards to the following individuals for the month of May:

Elementary: Maddie Lee  
Middle School: Josh Meier  
High School: Eli Asay  
Employee: Zach Ziffer

District art instructors Lori Daniel, Mike Mericle, and Sydney Honsbruch explained the Art Purchase Award program and introduced this year's recipients. Board Member Tracy presented a check for \$35.00 and a plaque to each of the students on behalf of the District. Their artwork will be displayed in the Central Administration Building.

Elementary – Paige Lloyd, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, "Reflection of My Favorite Place"  
Middle School – Tabitha Teske, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, "Untitled"  
High School –Kit McCarville, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, "Black Youth"

Principals from each District building presented certificates of appreciation to the following Volunteers of the Year for 2014-2015:

*Butler:* Mentors- Jennifer Bell, Ariel Daniel, Jeff Haptops, Rhonda Jones, Marta Krama, JoAnn Latta, Sue Mileham, Cindy Moore, Sherry Schill, Nancy Seifert, Nancy Teske, Sandy Wilke, Don Woodruff;  
*BLAST* – Linda Ayers, Dick Broeur, Sue Fleming, Erin Ford, Mary Ann Haas, Jeremy Holman, Dave Jakeman, Kay Johnson, Perry Jones, Jessica Keebler, Anita Matchie, and Julie Pringel  
*Cooper:* Shelly Hartman and Tanya Wagner  
*Duncombe:* members of PICA (Pride in Community Appearance)  
*Feelhaver:* Vera Cerwick and Sandy Risa  
*Riverside:* William Marsh, Tahniah Ross, and Carol Sieben  
*Middle School:* Maddie Cathcart, Denise McCaleb, Jim McColley, Tom Pritchard, Zach Ziffer  
*High School:* Shelly Hartman

Superintendent Van Zyl presented each member of the Board of Education with a certificate of appreciation from the District and the Iowa Association of School Boards. Principals presented gifts from the students of the District, honoring the Board for their vital contributions and guidance.

Public Hearing

6:57p.m. – Vice President Forsythe announced a public hearing for arguments either for or against the Bid Package 1.2 Precast Architectural Wall Panel Material and Installation; Duncombe Elementary. There were no written or oral comments from the public. Vice President Forsythe closed the hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Action Items/ Discussions

Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon and Keith Kolacia of Kolacia Construction presented bids for Bid Package 1.2 Precast Architectural Wall Panel Material and Installation; Duncombe Elementary. The recommendation was for low bidder Wells Concrete Products from Wells, Minnesota, with a bid of \$397,750.00.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve “Resolution formally approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for Bid Package 1.2 Precast Architectural Wall Panel Material and Installation; Duncombe Elementary .” The roll was called and the vote was:  
AYES: Forsythe, Kent, Shimkat, Springer, Tracy, and Wagner.  
NAYS: none.  
ABSENT: Cochrane. Motion Carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to award the contract to Wells Concrete Products from Wells, Minnesota for Bid Package 1.2 Precast Architectural Wall Panel Material and Installation; Duncombe Elementary .” All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to ratify the Agreement between the Fort Dodge Education Association (FDEA) 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 Springer, seconded by Kent, to ratify an agreement between the Teacher Associates Bargaining Unit (TABU) 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 Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve revisions to Board policies 400.3, 600.5, 707, 707.1, 707.2, 707.3, 708, 710.1, 711.2, 711.3, 711.4, and 711.5. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve renewal of District Food Service Contract with Taher, Inc. of Minnetonka, Minnesota, for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$2,296,175.01. Director of Financial Services Hansel shared information on the use of monies for food service related projects. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the renewal of contract with Juvenile Court Services. Director of Student Services Harms and Superintendent Van Zyl shared highlights and successes with the partnership. 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) Colonial Life, the District’s insurance benefits advisor, met with all staff for annual enrollment May 2-6, 2016; 2) the 2016 graduation ceremony plan preparations are being finalized; 3) tree planting will be happening soon; 4) Rachel’s Challenge was scheduled for May 9, 2016, but due to rain, it will held on May 17, 2016; 5) Duncombe demolition is progressing; 6) the baseball diamond backstop and softball field fence projects are completed; 7) ISG of Mankato, Minnesota, will start security projects in the Senior High and Cooper Elementary this summer; and 8) and ISG has preliminary drafts of the auxiliary gym drafted.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Personnel discussion.

Capital Projects: next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2016 at noon.

Negotiations: Four groups are finished and mediation will take place May 16, 2016.

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Met May 4 to award grants and review money raised from last month's fundraiser.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Tracy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes  
Board Secretary

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