



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

May 23, 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 Library of Feelhaver Elementary.

Members present : Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Springer, and Mr. Wagner. Mr. Cochrane arrived 6:05.

Members absent : Ms. Tracy.

Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Athletics & Activities Elsbecker, Principal Cross, one mass media representative, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) denial of open enrollment requests from Justin and Heather Bass for Keaton Bass (requests open enrollment from the Fort Dodge Community School District to the IA Virtual Academy for the 2016-2017 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts from Cedar Valley CSD and Great Western Bank; 3.5) out of state travel request for the Half Marathon Class to Chicago, Illinois on May 20, 2016; 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: Todd Constable inquired about the purposed start date of the pod renovation at Senior High. Superintendent Van Zyl responded with the summer of 2017.

Recognition/Awards/ Presentations

Director of Athletics & Activities Elsbecker introduced the Art Teacher Danielle Coronado, Girls' Track Coach Todd Constable, and Boys' Track Coach John McBride. President Cochrane presented awards to the following art students and athletes:

Art Teacher Ms. Coronado recognized Kit McCarville and Riley Chansler as Blue Merit award winners; Gabby Estlund with Honorable Mention in Design; and Sydney Hughes, 2nd place in Pastel.

Coach Constable introduced the following Girls Track State Qualifiers: Shariah Smith, 100 meter dash; CarMaiya Mosley, Shariah Smith, Shareece Smith, and Raeya Love, 4X 100 meter relay; and Tessa Widen and KeiMara Roby, alternates.

Coach McBride recognized the following Boys Track State Qualifiers: Sam Kolacia, 400 meter dash; Johnny Bice, Chase Carter, Keegan Myers, and Sam Kolacia, 4 X 400 meter relay; and Christopher Nichols II, alternate.

Public Hearing

6:21 p.m. – President Cochrane announced a public hearing for arguments either for or against the approval of hours of instruction for the 2016- 2017 school calendar. There were no written or oral comments from the public. President Cochrane closed the hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Action Items/ Discussions

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the hours of instruction for the 2016- 2017 school calendar. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Action Item 6.2 Approval of Computer Purchases was tabled until next meeting.

Superintendent Van Zyl introduced the Solution Tree Purchase agreement, an opportunity for summer professional development for staff in the amount of \$31,920.00. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, to approve the agreement with Solution Tree of Bloomington, IN. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Shimkat, to approve Professional Support salaries for the 2016-2017 school year. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Forsythe, to ratify an agreement between the Secretarial/ Clerical Education Association (SCEA) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education for a period of one year, beginning July 1, 2016. All present voting aye, no nays, none absent, motion carried.

Director of Financial Services Hansel presented a status report on the monthly financial reports. He also shared information about new accounts created regarding the bond projects and payments. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to accept the monthly financial reports for March 31, 2016 through April 30, 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) Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., the Senior sports award assembly; 2) Friday, May 27, 2016 is the seniors last and Sunday, June 6, 2016 the graduation ceremony will take place; 3) On Wednesday, May 18, 2016, Adam Carroll presented "Money Savvy: The Changing Economic Realities of College," highlighting how to save and pay for college; 4) the Duncombe demolition is almost completed with site work starting; 5) ISG of Mankato, Minnesota, met last week to discuss plans, details, and location options of the auxiliary gym; and 6) summer security projects at Senior High will begin in June and the pod renovations will begin next summer.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: Discussed construction updates.

Negotiations: Finished SCEA negotiations.

Communications: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: No report.

Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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