

Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2019

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 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Utley present.

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

Members absent: Ms. Tracy.

Others present: Superintendent Ulrich, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Elementary Education Anderson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, one mass media representative, and 29 other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of minutes of the October 28, 2019, Regular and Special Meetings; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Shailan Clark, for Aryahna Doran, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); from Brittney Heilman, for Cayson Heun, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); from Brittney Heilman, for Draytn Heun, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); from Nick & Angela Meriweather, for Elizabeth Meriweather, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); from Phil & Kristi Trimble, for Emarise Trimble, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year); from Phil & Kristi Trimble, for Liam Trimble, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year); from Corey & Samantha Gleason, for Loxley Gleason, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year); from Nick & Angela Meriweather, for Elizabeth Meriweather, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year); denial of open enrollment requests from Maria Weydert, for Sophie Weydert, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the CAM Community Schools (IA Connections Academy) for the 2019-2020 school year); from Kyle & Jamie Miller, for Kendal Miller, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Des Moines Independent Community School District; College Community school District; Webster County Juvenile Court Services; Marshalltown Community School District; Algona Community School District; Saint Edmond Preschool; Little Lambs Preschool; and Dodger Preschool; 3.5) approval of fundraising request from Butler Builders; 3.6) approval of gifts received from Ryan and Hope Brown; and 3.7) approval of out of state travel – none were submitted. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Recognition/Awards

Director of Elementary Education Anderson introduced Randy, Roxanne, and Joe Kuhlman, who presented the District with a grant from the "Hope For Healing Fund" in memory of their daughter Kristin Kuhlman. The grant will be used to purchase First Aid Kits for all District buildings.

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

Elementary: Shyeera Pettigrew
Middle School: Rylan Lara
Senior High: Juan Meija Guillen
Employee: Jennifer Becker

Communications/Announcements

Director of Elementary Education Anderson and Director of Secondary Education Doebel offered an overview of the recent School Improvement Advisory Committee (SCIA) meeting that was held on November 1, 2019. The following topics were discussed: (1) moving the fifth grade out of the middle school and into the elementary setting and developing an Early Childhood Center. The committee received positive feedback from all members; (2) recent change to school safety protocol. The “lockout” response has been change to “secure the perimeter”; and (3) Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) scores were shared. The ISASP is administered to students in grades 3-11 and replaced the previous Iowa Assessments. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Hansen, to approve the 2021 France and Spain trip through Education First Tours. Senior High Instructor Fredrick offered an overview of costing and fundraising opportunities for students travelling to France and Spain in the summer of 2021. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion. All presenting voting aye, motion carried.

President Cochrane read and signed the American Education Week Proclamation and declared November 18-22, 2019, as American Education Week.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the second reading of Board Policies/Procedures: 700 Series, Non-Instructional and Business Services. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the second reading of Board Policies/Procedures: 100 Legal Status of the School District; 201.6 Board Vacancies; 204.2 Regular Meetings; 204.5 Organizational Meeting; 204.7 Notice for Meetings; 204.8 Quorum for Meetings; 400.33A Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics Regulation (Procedure). All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board of Education reviewed the first reading of Board Policies/Procedures: 800 Series, Buildings and Grounds. The second reading will be held on November 25, 2019.

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Communications/Updates

Superintendent’s Update: Dr. Ulrich shared information about the following: (1) Rod and Kevin Wilde will be present at the volleyball banquet on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, to award the Jackie Wilde scholarship. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the award presentation; (2) feedback will be going out regarding the current pilot schedule that starts teachers 15 minutes early each day for exchange of 5 professional development days; (3) the district is reviewing “The Leader in Me” framework by Stephen and Sean Covey. Dr. Ulrich will present a recommendation of this framework in the upcoming months; (4) thank you to everyone who was involved in the Veterans Day assembly that took place on November 8, 2019; (5) congratulations to the Senior High marching band for being selected to perform at the 2019 Parade of Heroes ceremony in Washington D.C.; (6) ISASP individual student results will be mailed out on Friday, November 15, 2019; and (7) the Regular Meeting along with student recognitions will be held at the Middle School on Monday, November 25, 2019. Reception will start at 5:30 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Board updates: The policy committee met and discussed that future honorary diploma requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Adriana Utley
Board Secretary

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