



**COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Regular Meeting

October 23, 2017

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.

- Members Present : Mr. Kent, Mr. Wagner, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Cochrane, and Mr. Springer.
- Members absent : None.
- 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 Education Services Cole, Principal Hartley, Prairie Lakes AEA Regional Administrator Pam Stangeland and Board Member Gary Astor, one mass media representative, Administrative Assistant Utley, and two other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the October 9, 2017 Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Brian & Janel Lincoln, for Addison Lincoln, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from William & Marisa, for Karlee Hamilton, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from William & Marisa, for Lauren Hamilton, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Greg & Robin Rowley, for Brittney Hancock, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Payton-Churdan Community School District, Council Bluffs Community School District, Manson Northwest Webster Community School District, Sioux City Community School District, Credit Bureau of Fort Dodge Trust, and Wood River Energy of Denver, Colorado; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from Riverside ELC; 3.6) approval of out of state travel for J. Hughes, J. Boyd, E. Whitehead, and H. Brown to attend the AP Workshop at the University of Minnesota in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on October 31 – November 1, 2017; and 3.7) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant, equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Awards

None.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Pam Stangeland with Prairie Lakes AEA offered an overview of the services that AEA provides. Students from birth until 21 years old can benefit from AEA organization. Special emphasis was highlighted for services at each of our buildings. Board Members asked questions and shared in discussion.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve Gary Astor as District No. 6 member of Prairie Lakes AEA Board of Directors. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Shimkat, to approve change order number 006 for the High School Gymnasium Expansion Project with an increase in the amount of \$20,200.73. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Tracy, to approve change order number 013 for the New Duncombe Elementary School Bid Package 1.6, Playground Equipment with a deduction of \$1,100.00. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve change order number 014 for the New Duncombe Elementary School Bid Package 1.5, Building with an increase in the amount of \$5,992.00. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl offered an overview of the policy review and revision of the following policies: 502.7 Good Conduct Code Policy; 503.3 Wellness Policy; and 605.3 (Procedures) High School Graduation. The Policy Committee will have two weeks to review the policies before a second reading.

The Policy Committee reviewed the following board policies and/or procedures: 300 Role of School District Administration; 301.1 Superintendent Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment; 301.2 Superintendent Duties; 301.3 Superintendent Evaluation; 301.4 Superintendent Contract, Contract Nonrenewal, and Discharge; 301.5 Superintendent – Professional Development; 301.6 Superintendent Salary and Other Compensation; 301.7 Protection of Security Information; 302.1 Administrator – Qualifications, Recruitment, and Appointment; 302.2 Administrator – Functions.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Wagner, to approve the SBRC application for Modified Supplemental Amount for LEP Excess Cost in the amount of \$323.48. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Wagner, to accept the monthly financial reports for August 31, 2017 through September 30, 2017. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) RSP and community meetings will be scheduled for December 4 and 20, 2017, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the middle school; (2) the final student count for certified enrollment has increased by 89.3 students. Concern is that Pre-K class is down 30 students; (3) parent/teacher conferences are underway; (4) fall activities have concluded; (5) association recertification ends October 24, 2017; (6) construction updates at FDSH and the New Duncombe Elementary were offered; (7) FDSH open house will be held at the completion of the project; and (8) Board members asked questions about the parent/teacher conferences and shared in positive aspects. Questions were also raised on middle school water drainage.

Board Update and Committee Reports:Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: Met on October 23, 2017.

Capital Projects: Met on October 12, 2017.

Negotiations: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Executive Director starts October 25, 2017.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity (meets quarterly): Met on October 2, 2017, to review student success following graduation.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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