

**Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa**  
**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 28, 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, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Springer.

Members absent: Ms. Shimkat and Ms. Tracy.

Others present: Superintendent Ulrich, Director of Human Resources Negus, Director of Elementary Education Anderson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Principal Davidson, Director of Buildings & Grounds Utley, one mass media representative, and one other interested party.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Kent, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of minutes of the October 14, 2019, Regular Meeting, and October 14, 2019, Special Meetings; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests – none were submitted; 3.4) approval of contracts with Green Hills AEA; Mason City Community School District; Independence Community School District; Manson Northwest Webster Community School District; Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District; and Aramark; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from Dodger Senate; 3.6) approval of gifts received from National Gypsum; 3.7) approval of out of state travel for A. Adams to attend the National Softball Clinic in Las Vegas, NV, November 4, 2019; and 3.8) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant, equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Recognition/Awards

None

Communications/Announcements

None

Public Hearing

6:02 p.m. – President Cochrane called for a public hearing on the Annual Asbestos Information Meeting. There were no written or oral comments from the public. President Cochrane closed the hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to accept a bid for the purchase of a Compact Wheel Loader from Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company of Fort Dodge, Iowa, in the amount of \$77,000.00. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve the Fall 2019 SBRC Application for Modified Supplemental Amount for Increasing Enrollment (\$55,865.70), Open Enrollment Out (\$220,267.20), and LEP beyond 5 years (\$25,794.78). All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board of Education reviewed the first reading of Board Policies/Procedures: 700 Series, Non-Instructional and Business Services. The second reading will be held on November 11, 2019.

The Board of Education reviewed the first 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). The second reading will be held on November 11, 2019.

Superintendent Ulrich presented the Certified Enrollment Report and the District's enrollment is up by eight students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, to approve Chapter 12 Exemption Request 2019-2020 for Secondary Physical Education requirements. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to approve Gary Astor as District No. 6 member and Todd Lundgren and District No. 7 member of Prairie Lakes AEA Board of Directors. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Hansen, to accept the monthly financial reports for August 31, 2019 through September 30, 2019. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Superintendent Ulrich presented the following recommendation to the board in moving the fifth grade out of the middle school: (1) recommission the Central Administration Building into an Early Childhood Center for grades PK, TK, and Kindergarten; (2) Maintain neighborhood elementary schools serving grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>; (3) restructure Butler and Cooper Elementary into 3-section buildings to better balance elementary boundaries within the District and allow room for growth; (4) review the placement of special education programming in the elementary buildings; (5) establish the Riverside building as the CARES/PRIDE center; and (6) move the Central Administration Office to the former Hy-Vee building. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to accept Superintendent Ulrich's recommendation to create an Early Childhood Center (PK, TK, and Kindergarten) and maintain neighborhood elementary schools for grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. All present voting aye, motion carried.

#### Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Ulrich shared information about the following: (1) congratulations to the following students for being selected to the 2019 All State Choir: Reagan Black, Cole Hamlow, Joey Kelley, Alaina Porter, Victoria Pavik, Madison Vinchattle, and Sawyer Springer; (2) state cross country meet is held on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Special thanks to the City of Fort Dodge, Mr. Astor, and all volunteers for supporting this event; (3) girls regional swimming begins on Saturday, November 2, 2019; (4) girls volleyball team will take on Ankeny Centennial in the regional playoffs on Tuesday, October 29, 2019; (5) football playoffs begin on Friday, November 1, 2019, against Cedar Rapids Kennedy; (6) FDSH fall cast members have their Fall Play "A Little Piece of Heaven" on Friday, November 1, 2019, and Saturday, November 2, 2019; and (7) congratulations to coach Matt Miller on becoming an all-time winning football coach in Fort Dodge's history.

Board updates: The policy committee met and discussed the process of future honorary diploma requests and approved a waiver with the Iowa State Extension Office for professional development opportunity for district staff.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Adriana Utley  
Board Secretary

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