



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

Regular Meeting

October 9, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Vice President Kent 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, and Mr. Hansen.
Members absent	:	Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Cochrane, and Mr. Springer.
Others present	:	Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Communications Lane, Principal Cross, Principal Reding, Principal Hayes, Director of Transportation Niemeyer, one mass media representative, Administrative Assistant Utley, and 12 other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Tracy, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Hansen, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the September 25, 2017 Annual and Organizational Meetings, and Board Workshop; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Josh & Kim Mason, for Emma Mason, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Felicia Hurtt, for Cael Stevens, (requests open enrollment from the Webster City Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Felicia Hurtt, for Greyson Stevens, (requests open enrollment from the Webster City Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from David & Melissa Andrews, for Karly Andrews, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from David & Melissa Andrews, for Kayleb Andrews, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from David & Melissa Andrews, for Kayleigh Andrews, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Brittany Howell, for Leif Dehart, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Scott Dow, for Gabriel Dow, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Jason Estlund, for Charles Estlund, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Amy Yetmar, for Anthony Hiracheta, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Shane & Tennille Inman, for Colten Inman, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the CAM Community Schools (IA Connections Academy) for the 2017-2018 school year); from Amy Yetmar, for Avery Lowe, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools

for the 2017-2018 school year); from Samantha McCollough, for Kaiden McCollough, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Prairie Valley Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Ronnie & Rachel Prince, for Brylea Prince, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Ronnie & Rachel Prince, for Mason Prince, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Ronnie & Rachel Prince, for Olyvia Prince, (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 Ankeny Community School District, Creston Community School District, Des Moines Independent Community School District, Dubuque Community School District, Epworth Community School District, Hampton-Dumont Community School District, Mason City Community School District, Webster City Community School District, Woodward-Granger Community School District, Paton-Churdan Community School District, CAL Community School District, and Purchasing Agreement with Premier Furniture & Equipment; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests – none were submitted; and 3.6) approval of out of state travel – none were submitted. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

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 Tracy presented certificates and Fort Frenzy gift cards to the following individuals for the month of October:

Elementary: Livia Kalvig
Middle School: Corbin Cooper
High School: Melida Perez-Antonio
Employee: Curtis Bell

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Director of Buildings and Grounds Filloon shared information on maintaining records, testing, inspecting, and the current status of asbestos maintenance and removal. There were no written or oral comments from the public.

Dr. Dave Wilkerson and Richard Sanchez from RSP & Associates of Overland Park, Kansas, carried out rebounding developments and opportunities for redistricting elementary centers. Board members and District principals asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Tracy, to approve Chapter 12 Exemption Request 2017-2018 for secondary physical education requirements. Superintendent Van Zyl commented on the exemption request which allows Senior High students to take one trimester of physical education per year to fulfill the Iowa Department of Education standards. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Vice President Kent called on Director of Financial Services Hansel to present the 2016-2017 Certified Annual Report and Annual Financial Health Report. Board members asked questions and shared in discussion related to the reports.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Hansen, to approve an Early Retirement Incentive. Superintendent Van Zyl highlighted budgetary concerns and financial realities. The early retirement offering is \$2000, plus the amount of the individual's early retirement compensation calculation. For the following employee groups; Custodial/Maintenance, Bus Driver, and Secretary/Clerical, at 100% of offering; administrators at 150% of offering; and teachers at 250% of offering. This amount will be paid into a non-elective 403b account. The District will pay the initial incentive, payable to the employee upon board approval of resignation and acceptance

of the Early Retirement Package prior to November 27, 2017. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Assistant Superintendent Hughes shared information regarding the 72nd Annual Iowa Association of School Boards Convention taking place November 15-17, 2017, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Hansen, to elect Matt Wagner as the 2017 Delegate Representative for the upcoming Iowa Association of School Boards Convention. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) Capital Projects will meet on October 12, 2017 and Policy on October 18, 2017; (2) FDSH open house that was scheduled for October 19, 2017, is cancelled due to construction delays; (3) Duncombe Elementary and other construction projects continue to progress; (4) Homecoming festivities from October 7, 2017 were highlighted; (5) Superintendent Van Zyl and Assistant Superintendent Hughes are hosting Coffee Conversations on October 17, 2017, at Feelhaver; and (6) public meetings related to redistricting of elementary centers will be communicated as more information becomes available.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: Will meet on October 18, 2017.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: Will meet on October 12, 2017.

Negotiations: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Hired an Executive Director.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity (meets quarterly): Met on October 3, 2017.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Tracy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. All four present voting aye, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary