



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

Regular Meeting

September 11, 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. Forsythe, Mr. Wagner, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Springer, and Mr. Kent.
- Members absent : Ms. Shimkat.
- Others present : Superintendent Van Zyl, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Filloon, Director of Communications Lane, Activities/Athletics Director Elsbecker, one mass media representative, and Administrative Assistant Utley.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Moved by Springer, seconded by Tracy, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2017 regular and special meetings; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Melissa Donahe, for James Donahe, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Melissa Donahe, for Jiselle Donahe, (requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community Schools to the Ft. Dodge Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); from Anthony Sanders, for Desari Sanders, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the CAM Community Schools (IA Virtual Academy) for the 2017-2018 school year); from Jesica Schild, for Braelynn Schild, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2017-2018 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Your Own United Resources, Inc. (Head Start) and Inter-Agency Contract for Special Education Instructional Program with Storm Lake Community School District; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from FTC Robotics, Speech, and Dodger Senate; and 3.6) approval of out of state travel for V. Jergens, K. Bodholdt, H. Cochrane, S. Cole, S. Black, and T. Gobrecht to attend the National PBIS Conference in Chicago, IL on September 27-29, 2017. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Awards

None.

Activities and Athletics Director Elsbecker presented the summative report of the 2016-2017 fundraisers. Board members asked questions and shared in discussion.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to approve the pregame and halftime fireworks display at Dodger Homecoming on October 6, 2017. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Principal Hayes presented on the 2017 ACT results for the Fort Dodge Senior High. Student achievement scores evidence an upward trend line compared to state averages. College and career readiness data was reported. Board members asked questions and shared in discussion.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Tracy, to table approval of replacement boiler at Cooper Elementary. 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) FDCSD has completed the first week successfully; (2) student enrollment numbers were reviewed; (3) construction updates for various projects were shared; (4) fall open house planning is taking place to share new facilities with larger community; (5) Duncombe Elementary continues to progress well; (6) commitment and support for community Fireball Run that is scheduled for September 27-28, 2017 is developing; and (7) input from various community groups has begun and will continue throughout the fall.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: Will meet on September 20, 2017.

Negotiations: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: Met on September 6, 2017. Interviews are being held for selection of Executive Director.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity (meets quarterly): No report.

Adjournment

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary