

Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
September 23, 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, Ms. Tracy, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent: Mr. Kent and Mr. Springer.

Others present: Superintendent Ulrich, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Human Resources Negus, Director of Elementary Education Anderson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Director of Buildings & Grounds Utley, one mass media representative, and twelve 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 Shimkat, seconded by Hansen, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of minutes of the September 9, 2019, Regular Meeting, and September 16, 2019, Special Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Carolyn Wright, for Tabitha Kimball, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); from Rick & Sarah Pate, for Kinnley Pate, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); from Tony Peterson, for Irelynn Peterson, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Humboldt Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); from Ben & Jessica Judson, for Max Judson, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year); from Ben & Jessica Judson, for Aleah Judson, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Southeast Webster Community Schools for the 2020-2021 school year); from Daren Morris, for Levi Morris, (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 request from Courtney Collins, for Valon Collins, (requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community Schools to the Clayton Ridge (IA Virtual Academy) Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year); 3.4) approval of contracts with Diane Sweeney; Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District; Woodward-Granger Community School District; Special Education Contracts with Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Community School District, Eagle Grove Community School District, Humboldt Community School District, Manson Northwest Webster Community School District, Prairie Valley Community School District, Southeast Webster Grand Community School District, South Central Calhoun Community School District, and Webster City Community School District; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from FDSH Speech; FDSH Wrestling; and Boys and Girls Bowling; 3.6) approval of out of state travel: none were submitted; 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 present voting aye, motion carried.

Recognition/Awards

None

Communications/Announcements

None

Public Hearing

6:01 p.m. – President Cochrane called for a public hearing on the elementary configuration, boundaries, and capacity. Superintendent Ulrich gave a brief overview of a proposal that would move the fifth-grade classes to the elementary level. The proposal would allow for a balance of elementary enrollment and future growth, as well as alignment of curriculum for better achievement. There were no written or oral comments from the public. President Cochrane closed the hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

President Cochrane called on the seven members of the PICA organization, and shared the Board's appreciation for their hard work in beautifying our District and community properties. Dr. Ulrich highlighted the importance of our students seeing these acts of kindness performed around our District buildings. The representatives thanked the Board for their recognition.

Superintendent Ulrich called on Directors of Education, Dr. Anderson and Dr. Doebel, who presented the District's Visionary and Actionable Goals for every student for the 2019-2020 year. The three main areas of focus are graduation rate and college/career readiness, academic achievement, and relationships. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve Resolution for Final Acceptance and Closing Final Project Costs for the Public Improvement Contract with Iowa Fire Control for the Fort Dodge High School Fire Alarm System Upgrades Project. On a roll call vote the following voting: AYES: Wagner, Cochrane, Shimkat, Hansen, and Tracy. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kent and Springer. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-18

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND CLOSING FINAL PROJECT COSTS FOR THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT WITH IOWA FIRE CONTROL.

WHEREAS, on May 3rd, 2018, Fort Dodge Community School District entered into a construction contract with Iowa Fire Control of Fort Dodge, Iowa, "Contractor" for the construction of certain public improvements generally described as the Fort Dodge Senior High Fire Alarm Upgrade ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, on August 24th, 2018, Architect filed a certificate with the Fort Dodge Community School District certifying that the contractor had substantially completed the construction of said public improvements in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract and plans and specifications.

WHEREAS, the Architect has now submitted a subsequent report, change order, bonds, close out documents and pay application to Fort Dodge Community School District recommending that the project be accepted by the District as finally complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors Fort Dodge Community School District:

Section 1: That said reports, documents and recommendation of the Architect are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2: That said public improvement is hereby approved and accepted as having been fully and finally completed in accordance with said plans, specifications, and form of contract.

Section 3: That the total contract cost of the improvement yet payable under said contract with Iowa Fire Control is hereby determined to be \$36,161.75.

Section 4: That \$12,057.87 of the total contract cost yet paid shall be retained for a period of thirty (30) days following this board's action to finally accept this public improvement project, pursuant to the requirements of Iowa Code § 573.14. If at the end of the thirty-day period, claims are on file as provided the Fort Dodge Community School District shall continue to retain from the unpaid funds a sum equal to double the total amount of all claims on file. The remaining balance of the unpaid fund, or if no claims are on file, the entire unpaid fund, shall be released and paid to the contractor in accordance with Iowa law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of September, 2019.

Stuart J. Cochrane
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:
Adriana Utley
Secretary, Board of Directors

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the second reading of review/revision of Board Policies/Procedures: 200 Series, Board of Education. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the second reading of review/revision of Board Policies/Procedures: 304.1 Communication Channels. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board of Education reviewed the first reading of Board Policies/Procedures: 400.1 Equal Employment Opportunity (Procedure); 400.9 Child Abuse Reporting; 400.14 Public Complaints About Employees; 401.1 Substitute Teachers; 401.1 Substitute Teacher Pay, Benefits, and Duties (Procedure); 406 Employee Injury on the Job. The second reading will be held on October 14, 2019.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the second reading of review/revision of Board Policies/Procedures: 500 Series, Students. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board of Education reviewed the first reading of Board Policies/Procedures: 600 Series, Education Program. The second reading will be held on October 14, 2019.

The Board of Education reviewed the first reading of Board Policy: 907 Gifts to the District. The second reading will be held on October 14, 2019.

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

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Ulrich shared information about the following: (1) thanked all staff for their involvement during Homecoming week; and (2) the policy committee approved a waiver for Stage Door Production for their upcoming musical 'Shrek The Musical Jr.'

Board updates: No report.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Adriana Utley
Board Secretary

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