



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

Organizational Meeting

September 25, 2017

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary Hughes at 6:10 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office.

- Members Present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Wagner, Ms. Tracy, Ms. Shimkat (entered at 6:15 p.m.), Mr. Kent, Mr. Springer, and Mr. Hansen.
- 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 Hayes, Principal Anderson, Principal Hartley, Principal Reding, Principal Flaherty, Principal Acree, Assistant Principal Astor, one mass media representative, Administrative Assistant Utley, and two other interested parties.

Swear in New Board Members

Newly elected board members Cochrane and Hansen took Oath of Office from Board Secretary Hughes.

Board Secretary Hughes called for nominations for the office of Board President. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Tracy to nominate Stuart J. Cochrane for Board President for the 2017-2018 school term. Further nominations were called. Nominations ceased and votes for cast. All six present voting aye, no nays, one absent, motion carried.

Board Secretary Hughes administered the Oath of Office to Board President Cochrane.

Newly elected board member Shimkat arrived at the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and took Oath of Office from Board Secretary Hughes.

President Cochrane called for nominations for the office of Board Vice President. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer to nominate Bill Kent for Board Vice President for the 2017-2018 school term. President Cochrane called for any further nominations. Nominations ceased and votes for cast. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Board Secretary Hughes administered the Oath of Office to Board Vice President Kent.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the following consent agenda items: 5.1) authorize Board President and Board Secretary, and Board Vice President to sign warrants and documents and Board Vice President to sign in the Board President's absence; 5.2) approve place schedule for board meetings of the year; 5.3) approve PK-4, 5-8, and 9-12 organizational structure; 5.4) designate the Fort Dodge Messenger as the newspaper for official publications; 5.5) appoint Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. Law Firm as District Legal Counsel;

5.6) approval of out of state travel for the FDSH Vocal Music Department to attend a choice competition in Onalaska, Wisconsin, January 12-13, 2018. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

Comments from the public: None.

Recognition/Awards

None.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Kent, to accept Annual Settlement between the Board of Education and Treasurer. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springer, to accept Resolution Naming Depositories. On a roll call vote, the following voting aye: Springer, Tracy, Wagner, Cochrane, Hansen, Kent, and Shimkat. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to appoint the following compliance officers, coordinators, and investigators: (1) Level I Investigators for Chapter 102 – Marcy Harms and Corey Moody; (2) Level II Investigators for Chapter 102 – Webster County Sheriff's Department; (3) Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504 – Marcy Harms (Lis Ristau as alternate); (4) Harassment/Bullying Complaints and Allegations – Marcy Harms and Corey Moody; and (5) Affirmative Action and EEO Compliance – Robert Hughes. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to approve Change for Order Number 002 for the Senior High Auxiliary Gym to Wrestling Room Conversion. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Wagner, to approve Change for Order Number 003 for the Senior High Auxiliary Gym to Wrestling Room Conversion. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Superintendent Van Zyl introduced considerations of 2017-2018 early retirement incentive offering. Board Secretary Hughes shared previous year's retirement offerings. Board Members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Van Zyl shared information about the following: (1) meeting with Prestage Foods of Iowa, LLC to be held on Friday, September 29, 2017; (2) RSP and Associates will be attending October 9, 2017 Board Meeting to discuss redistricting school boundaries based on Board and District priorities; (3) open house for FDSH will be October 19, 2017; and (4) Board members were invited to the Iowa Culture and Language Conference scheduled for November 6-8, 2017, and/or Denison Community School District for ELL visits.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: No report.

Long Range Planning/Finance: No report.

Capital Projects: No report.

Negotiations: No report.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: No report.

Comprehensive School Improvement/Equity (meets quarterly): Will meet on October 2, 2017 at noon.

Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Shimkat, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. All seven present voting aye, no nays, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary

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