

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WESTERN DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
March 9, 2015
Administrative Central Office - Farley
6:00 P.M.

Our Mission

Empower confident, well-prepared citizens to excel in the 21st century

Core Values

All Children Can Learn
Accountability and Responsibility
Continuous Improvement
Challenging and Rigorous Curriculum
Visionary Leadership
Safe Environment

(**)Denotes items included on the Consent Agenda. These items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Board and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a board member or citizen so requests, in which case the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call by Board President, Mark Knuth
 1. Reading of District Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Goals

- II. Approval of Agenda

- III. Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.
 1. Open Forum

- IV. Approval of
 1. Minutes of February
 2. Bills and Claims for February

- V. Reports
 1. Principals' Reports
 2. Superintendent Report
 3. Cascade Junior/Senior High School Building Highlights

- VI. Consent Agenda
 1. Financial Reports of District

2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 - b. Employment
 1. Richard Colpitts, Superintendent, \$150,000.00
 2. Lynn Heitkamp, Freshmen Softball, WDHS, \$2,294.80
 3. Amber Meyer, Asst. Varsity Girls Track, CHS, \$2,868.50
3. Out of State Travel - None
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings - None
6. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
 - a. DRA Grants
7. Resolutions
 - a. Resolution recognizing National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business

1. Approve Elementary Attendance Center Boundary Changes
2. Approve Board Policy First Readings
 - a. Policy 606.1 Class Size Grouping Equalization
 - b. Policy 606.1R1 Elementary Class Size
3. Hearing for 2015-16 Calendar
4. Setting of hearing for sale or disposal of residential property located at 201 Harrison St. SE, Cascade
5. Setting of hearing for sale or disposal of residential property located 310 1st Ave. E., Cascade
6. Publishing of Amendment and Setting of Public Hearing Date for 2014-15 Budget
7. Publishing of Estimates and Setting of Public Hearing Date for 2015-16 Budget
8. Deny open enrollment request - appropriate special education program is not available
9. Approve proposal for engineering services for new tennis courts in Epworth
10. Approve Cooperative Agreements
 - a. Dubuque Senior – Girls Swimming
 - b. Cascade – Boys/Girls Soccer
 - c. Hempstead – Boys Swimming
11. Closed Session: Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussion of collective bargaining issues

IX. Adjournment

Open Forum is scheduled for public communication to the board. At that time, interested people may present comments, suggestions or concerns, even if they are not listed on the agenda. However, an item usually must be included on the agenda before the board can officially act upon it. Anyone wishing to speak to the Board of Education, and is not on the agenda, should contact Jeni Schindler, not later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting. Citizens with questions about the operation of the schools are encouraged to contact the teacher or staff member closest to the situation. The next step is to communicate with the building administrator. Then, if it is necessary, concerns can be brought to the attention of the superintendent. At this point, the school board may address unresolved concerns. Official action can be taken only in open session. However, with appropriate public notice, closed (or executive) sessions may be conducted to allow the board to consider matters listed in Iowa law. Confidential or personnel matters, negotiations strategy, current or imminent lawsuits and some real estate purchases are among the items which may be discussed in closed session.