

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

July 13, 2015 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board President Mark Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence, and reflected on the passing of Tom Gassman, former nine-year board member.

Roll Call:

Present were President Mark Knuth, Vice-President Chad Vaske, Jeanne Coppola, John Lembezeder, and Superintendent Rick Colpitts. Absent was Board Member Mark Tilson.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lembezeder, second by Vaske to approve the agenda as published with the following addition as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

VIII. New Business

8. Approve Change Order #4 WDHS Vocational Project

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: Cory Westhoff, a member of the Beckman & Hennessy school boards, presented the Board a suggestion for transporting parochial students that live outside of District boundaries. Transportation Director Bob Hingtgen indicated he would do his best to coordinate with Ed-Co CSD to make it happen. Dyersville resident, Joe Ertl, welcomed Superintendent Colpitts, offered his services if he could be of assistance, and wished Superintendent Colpitts the best. Superintendent Colpitts thanked Mr. Ertl for his comments and welcome.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of June 8, 2015 work session and regular meeting. Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of June. Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

Reports:

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Rick Colpitts apprised the Board of the following: 1) Adam Kedley will serve as acting Principal and Matt Breitbach as acting AD/Dean at Cascade Jr/Sr High School while Principal Greg VanderLugt is out with a knee injury. Mr. Colpitts indicated he is thankful Mr. Kedley and Mr. Breitbach are willing to help out and they will do a great job. 2) YMCA/YWCA Community Center prices for before and after school care have increased significantly for next school year. Mr. Colpitts is seeking reasonable alternatives for families. 3) Superintendent Colpitts indicated the first few weeks in his position have been smooth; he has visited with principals and toured facilities. 4) WDHS and CHS have been recognized by the Iowa Association of Student Councils. 5) Remaining Applications for Educational Transfer will not be acted upon until after registration August 3rd and 4th. 6) Reminder School Board Elections are September 8th. Nomination papers are due to the Board Secretary at 5:00 p.m. on July 30th. 7) The budget veto dealt by the Governor is not what we would like. We can handle a budget shortfall one year but not multiple years.

Board member Jeanne Coppola thanked administrators and central office staff for their work in helping to make the Superintendent transition seamless.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Tony Butterworth, 1/3 time HS Instrumental Musical Asst., CHS
 2. Kathy Kauder, 7th Grade Volleyball, CJSHS
 3. Madeline McDonald – Girls Soccer Asst., WDHS
 4. Amber Meyer, Sophomore Volleyball, CHS
 5. Tim Nieman, Boys Soccer Asst., WDHS
 - b. Employment
 1. Megan Birt, Mentor/Model Teacher, DMIS, \$3,000.00
 2. Jennifer Cartee, 8th Grade Lit./Lang. Teacher, DMIS, \$36,601.60
 3. Matt Breitbach, Acting AD/Dean, CJSHS, \$700/mo.
 4. Melissa Ehrisman, Poms Advisor, WDHS, \$2,928.00
 5. Kyle Kauder, Cross Country Asst., CJSHS, \$1,317.60
 6. Adam Kedley, Acting Principal, CJSHS, \$900/mo.
 7. Jeff Morreim, Girls Golf, CHS, \$2,928.00
 8. Wes Palm, Mentor/Model Teacher, DMIS, \$3,000.00
 9. Justin Penner, Weight Room Supervisor (Summer), WDHS, \$860.55
 10. Olin Skattum, Instructional Coach, CHS, \$8,000.00
 11. Alisha Smith, Newspaper Advisor, CHS, \$1,756.80
 12. Kristie Thein, Associate Teacher, WDHS, \$16.83/hr.
3. Out of State Travel
 - a. CHS FFA to National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings - None
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
 - a. Copy Machine - Drexler
6. Resolutions – None

Old Business:

1. 2016 IASB Legislative Action Priorities: Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve the following list of priorities. Motion passed 4-0.
 - a. Transportation Funding: Supports a funding mechanism for school districts' transportation costs that does not reduce funding for the educational program.
 - b. Supplemental State Aid: Supports setting supplemental state aid (replaces the term allowable growth):
 - a. 400 days (or 14 months) prior to the certification of the school district's budget;
 - b. at the rate of 6 percent to encourage continuous school improvement and reflect the actual cost increases experienced by school districts and AEAs.Our priority is to increase the state cost per pupil and the spending authority associated with it to build a strong base for future education resources.
 - c. State Penny for School Infrastructure: Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions of buying down the highest additional levy rates to the state average, and supports the extension of the statewide penny by the repeal of the Dec. 31, 2029 sunset.

- d. PPEL Funds: Supports the use of physical plant and equipment levy (PPEL) funds for the maintenance and repair of transportation equipment that can be purchased or financed with PPEL funds.

New Business:

1. Approve Bakery Bids: Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to award the bid for bakery products to Bimbo Bakeries USA (aka Earthgrains) for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Approve Dairy Bids: Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to award the bid for dairy products to Anderson Erickson for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed 4-0.
3. Appoint Board Secretary: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Vaske to appoint Jeni Schindler as Board Secretary for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Appoint Board Treasurer: Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to appoint Mark Frasher as Board Treasurer for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Motion passed 4-0.
5. Approve Special Education Delivery Plan: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Vaske to approve the Special Education Service Delivery Plan as presented. Motion passed 4-0. Superintendent Colpitts indicated the Special Education Service Delivery Plan is updated and approved by the board every five years. The plan is approved by the AEA and open for public comment and no public comments were received.
6. Board action to authorize the execution of the Deed by the President and Secretary to clear up a title defect to property of which the District claims no interest: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Vaske to authorize the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to Norbert Ahlers for property on which a County schoolhouse once stood. Motion passed 4-0.
7. Public Hearing and Award of Bids – WDHS Tennis Courts Project: Public hearing and approval of the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost of WDHS Tennis Courts Project. The only responsive on-time bidder was Eastern Iowa Excavating with a bid of \$446,491.40. Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to open the public hearing. Motion passed 4-0. Scott Borgerding with Horsfield Construction asked the Board to consider tabling the awarding of the contract for further discussion because Horsfield Construction presented a bid just past deadline that was opened and read. After consulting with Attorney Ted Huinker, the District was apprised that Iowa Code 26.10 indicates that the Board cannot consider any bid submitted after the published deadline. Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to close the public hearing. Motion passed 4-0. Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, estimated total cost, and to award the contract to Eastern Iowa Excavating in the amount of \$446,491.40. Motion passed 3-0 with Vaske abstaining.
8. Approve Change Order #4 WDHS Vocational Project: Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve change order #4 for the WDHS Vocational Project, an increase of \$2,126.07, for a storm sewer piping revision and extended length of PVC water service piping. Maintenance Director Bob Hingtgen indicated with the change order we are still under original contract sum. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. on July 13, 2015.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education