

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2014 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board President Mark Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence and the reading of the District Mission and Core Values.

Roll Call:

Present were President Mark Knuth, Vice-President Chad Vaske, Jeanne Coppola, John Lembezeder, Mark Tilson and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

1. Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of October 13, 2014 Regular Meeting and October 27, 2014 Work Session. Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of October. Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Topics discussed were: Parent-Teacher Conference attendance/satisfaction rates; "Thank You" to PTOs for their work with Book Fair; upcoming Academic Family Night; BES and CES on Facebook; CHS football and cross country District and State finishes; Math Team success; Veterans Day Assemblies; choir concerts; "November Days of Giving"; upcoming WDHS play; Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council qualifiers; "Are we getting better or just getting by" presentation; WD assisting other Districts with TLC grants; new pre-ACT testing; Assistive Technology Conference attendance.
2. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Corkery reported: 1) WD receiving attention throughout the state for reputation as leaders particularly in regard to TLC; 2) There will be a presentation at December Board meeting regarding boundary changes and relative policy language changes; 3) Presentation at December Board meeting regarding trimester schedule with parent informational meetings planned for January; 4) Legislators are looking at transportation costs to School Districts and hope is to receive assistance; 5) Allowable growth projections for next couple of years looks good.
3. District Scorecard: Director of Curriculum and Assessment Kelly Simon and Superintendent Jeff Corkery presented the Board an overview of the District Scorecard. The District Scorecard provides an annual internal measure of progress toward meeting goals in the areas of: student achievement on state assessment; college readiness; student satisfaction, attendance, behavior and participation; staff satisfaction; efficient, effective and equitable use of resources; community satisfaction and partnership; and parent involvement.

4. Epworth Building Highlights: Principal Dan Butler, Instructional Coach Tiffany Shekleton, and Instructor Marlene Weber presented the Board an overview of Instructional Coaching progress under Jim Knight's Partnership Approach methodology. Instructional Coaches partner with the principal and collaborate with teachers to set student goals, implement new strategies, provide opportunities to observe in other classrooms, and support professional learning. Videotaping has provided teachers the ability to review student/teacher interaction and pacing of lessons. Research on best teaching strategies, differentiating instruction, and a review of questions missed on tests and why, is providing insight for enhancement.
5. Certified Enrollment: Business Manager Mark Frasher presented an overview of the District's 2014-2015 Certified Enrollment Report to the Iowa Department of Education. Resident student enrollment is up 47 students. Following is the enrollment breakdown and comparison to last year's numbers.

Description	2014	2013	Change
Resident Public Students Attending District	2923.40	2876.10	47.30
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School District	63.30	67.00	-3.70
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes	4.44	6.42	-1.98
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes	0.12	0.04	0.08
Actual Enrollment	2991.26	2949.56	41.70
Non-Resident Public Students Attending District	189.00	171.00	18.00
PK 4 Students Attending Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	152.50	140.00	12.50
Total School Age Students Provided Instructional Programs/Services by District	3116.96	3053.56	63.40
Limited English Proficient Weighting	9.68	7.48	2.20

Consent Agenda: Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Dan Doyle, Freshman Volleyball, WDHS
 - b. Employment - None
3. Out of State Travel – WDHS Poms/Dance to Nationals Championship in Orlando, FL
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings - None
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests - None
6. Resolutions - None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approval of District request to School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for
 - a. Limited English Proficient (LEP) instruction beyond 5 years: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to approve District request to SBRC for LEP costs in the amount of \$16,951 for twelve students in the program beyond five years. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. Increased Enrollment: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Coppola to approve District request to SBRC for increased enrollment costs in the amount of \$267,756. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. Excess LEP Costs from 2013-2014 School Year: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve District request to SBRC for Excess LEP Costs in the amount of \$130,456.21 incurred during the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Approve Board Policies First Readings: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the first reading of the following policies as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
 - a. Policies 400-402.6
 - b. Policy 502.10 Use of Motor Vehicles
 - c. Policy 501.3 Compulsory Attendance
 - d. Policy 601.1 School Calendar
 - e. Policy 601.2 School Day
 - f. Policy 803.1 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
 - g. Policy 905.1E2 Facility Rental Fee Schedule

3. Resolution Authorizing Review of Disclosure Activities and Participation in the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperative Initiative:

Vice-President Chad Vaske introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption. Director Coppola seconded the motion to adopt. The roll call vote was,

AYES: Knuth, Vaske, Coppola, Tilson, Lembezeder
NAYS: None

Whereupon, the President declared the following Resolution duly adopted:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVIEW OF DISCLOSURE ACTIVITIES AND
PARTICIPATION IN THE MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUING DISCLOSURE
COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Western Dubuque County Community School District (the "Issuer") is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has previously issued one or more series of bonds or notes ("Obligations") in the past five (5) years pursuant to one or more preliminary and final official statements; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the Obligations, the Issuer agreed, pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to provide on an annual basis certain information to the former nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories, or to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access system, including, but not limited to, audited financial statements, certain financial information and operating data, and notices of rating changes and other enumerated events; and

WHEREAS, the official statements for the Obligations included certain information with respect to the Issuer's past compliance with its prior continuing disclosure undertakings entered into pursuant to Section (b)(5) of the Rule (the "Prior Undertakings"); and

WHEREAS, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has recently implemented its Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperative Initiative (the "MCDC Initiative"), that encourages issuers and underwriters to self-report possible material misstatements or omissions made in offering documents relating to municipal securities in the past five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, under the MCDC Initiative, the Division will recommend the SEC accept settlements with eligible municipal bond issuers (but not public officials individually) which will include initiation of cease-and-desist proceedings by the SEC resulting in entry of a cease-and-desist order against the issuer, to which the issuer neither admits nor denies the findings, includes no financial penalties for the issuer, and requires certain undertakings by the issuer, as follows:

1. Within 180 days, establishment of appropriate policies and procedures regarding continuing disclosure and implementing training;
2. Compliance with Prior Undertakings, including updating any past delinquent filings within 180 days;
3. Cooperation with any subsequent SEC investigation regarding violations disclosed in the self-report;
4. Disclosure of the settlement terms in any final official statement for subsequent offerings in the five years following initiation of the SEC proceedings;
5. Within one year, providing the SEC with a compliance certificate regarding the undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer may desire to participate in the MCDC Initiative with respect to certain Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to consult with counsel to the Issuer, including bond counsel, and Issuer's financial advisor, to determine compliance with its Prior Undertakings and the specific statements related thereto in official statements delivered in connection with the Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer, after such review and consultation with counsel, to determine whether the Issuer should participate in the MCDC Initiative and to take all necessary actions in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer deadline established by the SEC for reporting under the MCDC Initiative is currently December 1, 2014, 4:00 p.m. CST;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA:

SECTION 1. If the Superintendent and Treasurer, in their sole discretion, determine such filing is advisable for any of the Obligations, the Board hereby authorizes participation in the MCDC Initiative for the District, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to complete, execute and file with the SEC the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Initiative Questionnaire (the "Questionnaire") on behalf of and in the name of the Issuer. The Questionnaire shall be in the required form, with information to be completed by the Treasurer upon the advice of counsel to the Issuer. The signature of the Treasurer upon the Questionnaire, or as may be otherwise required for or necessary, convenient or appropriate to effect the purposes of this resolution, is deemed to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority vested in such officer hereunder.

SECTION 2. The Superintendent and Treasurer are further authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the Issuer containing such standard settlement terms as may be required by the SEC, and to take any and all other action as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2014.

4. Approval of Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (IDATP) participation: Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve District participation in the Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Motion passed 5-0. The program sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Boards assists employers in complying with the U.S. Department of Transportation's random drug and alcohol testing requirements for school bus drivers.
5. Approval of School Board Representative on Jones Co. Conference Board: Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve Mark Knuth as District representative on the Jones County Conference Board. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Approval of Neumann Monson to develop final design and plans for Vocational Building at WDHS: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve Neumann Monson Architects to develop final designs and plans for a 9,700 square foot Vocational Building at WDHS. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on November 10, 2014.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education