

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2015 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board Vice-President Chad Vaske assumed the chair in the absence of Board President Mark Knuth and 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 reading of the District Mission and Core Values.

Roll Call:

Present were Vice-President Chad Vaske, John Lembezeder, Jessica Pape, Mark Tilson, and Superintendent Rick Colpitts. Absent was President Mark Knuth.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of November 9, 2015 regular meeting. Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of November. Motion by Pape, second by Lembezeder to approve the bills for November as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Topics discussed were: Monitoring of 81 RTI goals at PES resulted in improvements of 49 above goal, 27 at target, and 5 just below goal; four new students beginning; Principal Dan Butler thanked Instructional Coaches Roamn Hummel and Greg Deutmeyer for their relationship building and innovative practices; UNI Professor Dr. Sue Yilek visited EES and was awestruck by RTI efforts; ACT practice test at CHS resulted in 83% of 8th-11th grade students increasing their scores by 1.5 points with reading, math, and science scores all increasing; CHS started a progressive honor roll where students achieving a .5 GPA growth are recognized and 36 students qualified; Adam Kedley thanked Superintendent Colpitts and the Board for the opportunity to serve as Acting Principal in the absence of Principal VanderLugt; Superintendent Colpitts thanked Mr. Kedley for stepping up to help and indicated it was tremendous to work with him; Director of Student Services Tina Brestrup apprised the Board of partnerships with Dubuque County Early Childhood, Decategorization Board, and Lutheran Services which assist in providing resources for students and families; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Kelly Simon reported the Iowa School Report Card is available through the Iowa Department of Education website with the intent of making it easier for the public to locate and understand educational data; Instructional Coaches will present at the January Board meeting.
2. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Rick Colpitts reported the following: 1) SIAC meeting will be held January 13th with two more meetings to be scheduled; 2) Facility Committee met on October 29th to discuss short and long term needs at PES due to enrollment growth and updating needs at Drexler; 3) WDHS Vocational Building Open House was well attended; 4) Revenue projections from the state are down but the District is in good financial condition due to increased enrollment.
3. Dyersville Elementary Highlights: Principal Linda Martin, Instructor Matt Kennedy, Instructional Coach Jenny Hillebrand and elementary students Leah and Boston, presented in regard to the SMART (Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training) circuit room. The 10 circuits consist of

physical activities tied to core balance that K-2 students participate in first thing in the morning for 16-17 minutes. Research indicates movement increases student focus and learning readiness in the classroom.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Tilson, second by Pape to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations - None
 - b. Employment
 1. Olin Skattum, Jr. High Girls Track Asst., CHS, \$1,171.20
 2. Katelyn Till, Asst. HS Drama Director, CHS, \$878.40
3. Out of State Travel - None
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
 - a. 102 Equal Educational Opportunity
 - b. 102.E1 Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination
 - c. 102.E2 Continuous Notice of Nondiscrimination
 - d. 102.E3 Notice of Section 504 Student and Parental Rights
 - e. 102.E4 Complaint Form
 - f. 102.E5 Witness Disclosure Form
 - g. 102.E6 Disposition of Complaint Form
 - h. 104.E1 Complaint Form
 - i. 104.E2 Witness Disclosure Form
 - j. 104.E3 Disposition of Complaint Form
 - k. 407.3 Licensed Employee Retirement
 - l. 410.2 Summer School Licensed Employees
 - m. 503.1 Student Conduct
 - n. 505.2 Student Promotion-Retention-Acceleration
 - o. 601.1 School Calendar
 - p. 603.2 Summer School Instruction
 - q. 604.1 Private Instruction
 - r. 604.7 Dual Enrollment
 - s. 904.2 Advertising and Promotion
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests - None
6. Resolutions - None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approval of Board Policy 803.2 Lease, Sale or Disposal of School District Buildings and Sites. Motion by Lembezeder, second by Pape to approve the first reading of Board Policy 803.2 Lease, Sale or Disposal of School District Buildings and Sites and to waive the second reading. Motion passed 4-0. Superintendent Rick Colpitts explained the policy revision will allow the District more flexibility when selling a property.

Adjournment: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Pape to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. on December 14, 2015.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Date

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education

Date