

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 7, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Board President Gary McAndrew 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 reading of the District Mission and Core Values.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve the Agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

- a. September 16, 2013 Regular Meeting and September 16, 2013 Organizational Meeting. Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of September: Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

- a. Principal Reports:
Topics discussed were: Homecoming success at CHS, October 11th Monsanto Grant award presentation, CHS FFA purchases from Dubuque Co. Farm Bureau grant award, CHS building construction progress, formation of SAFE (Students Advocating for Everyone) group at DMIS, 8th grade career fair at NICC, online scheduling of Parent-Teacher conferences, DES summer reading, 100,000 minutes read at EES and FES during September, WDHS Homecoming week activities, tablet usage in WDHS American Studies class, "Celebrate My Drive" fundraiser, PES Back-to-School Bash, Grade-a-like meetings, PBIS book and bookmark giveaway at BES and CES, monthly book study, paraprofessional professional development, "Closing the Gap" conference, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services grant application.
- b. Superintendent Report:
 - Budget sequestering will unfortunately force a cut in Federal Title I funding.
 - This year's school calendar allows more flexibility in Parent-Teacher conference scheduling.
 - District committee is currently studying block and trimester schedules.
- c. Secretary/Treasurer's Annual Report/Certified Annual Report: Business Manager David Wegmann presented information from the District's 2012-13 Certified Financial Report to the Department of Education. Included were fund revenue and expense summaries, payroll information, trends, solvency ratio, utility and fuel costs and sales tax revenue and expense projections.

- d. Transportation Annual Report: Transportation Director Bob Hingtgen presented a report to the Board reviewing data from the District's annual report to the Department of Education for the 2012-2013 school year. Included were annual fuel costs, bus route miles traveled, number of routes, and other pertinent bussing information. It was noted that WD bus mechanic Kevin Settle received State recognition for winning the "Best of the Best" competition.
- e. ACT Report: WDHS Principal Dave Hoeger and CJSHS Principal Greg VanderLugt provided reports on ACT test results at the high schools.
- f. District Scorecard: Kelly Simon, Director of Curriculum and Assessment presented an overview of the District's progress toward meeting each of the District's goals in the area of student achievement on state and NWEA assessments. Superintendent Jeff Corkery presented progress toward District goals in regard to college readiness, student attendance and behavior, efficient and equitable use of resources, parent involvement and community partnerships.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel
 - 1. Resignations
 - 2. Employment
- c. Out of State Travel
 - 1. Cascade High School Biennial Band Music Trip – Memphis, TN and New Orleans, LA
- d. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
- f. Resolutions
 - 1. Resolution recognizing National School Bus Safety Week
 - 2. National Custodian Appreciation Day in October

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Change Order #2 Cascade Junior/Senior High School. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve Change Order #2 Cascade Junior/Senior High School. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Closed Session: Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) – Superintendent Evaluation: Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for the purpose of evaluating an employee. Roll call vote: McAndrew –yes; Knuth – yes; Coppola – yes; Tilson – yes; Vaske – yes. Motion passed 5-0. The Board entered into closed session in the Conference Room – District Administration Office at 8:00 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on October 7, 2013.

David A. Wegmann
Board Secretary

Gary McAndrew
President, Board of Education