

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:00 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Tamara DeMuth, Heather Duellman, Sara Halvorson, James Johnson, Riley Hammel, Shawna Seaquist, and Superintendent Jeremy Frie. Also, in attendance were Middle School Principal John Ostrowski, Elementary Principal Ben Midge, Business Manager Jackie Paradis, and Administrative Assistant, Diane Welch. Absent: High School Principal, Sarah Carlson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

A motion was made by Member Hammel, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Visitors to Address the Board

Lori Ehlenfeldt addressed the board with concerns pertaining to bullying and inappropriate comments directed at students within the Dover-Eyota School. She also explained the negative impact it has had on those individuals. She requested that the Diversity Council be reignited, discipline measures be more thoroughly followed through with, and increase staff development focused on how to address and handle such issues. She emailed board members and administrators with additional information that she wanted to share.

Consent – Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Hammel, and seconded by Member Seaquist and carried unanimously to approve the May 15, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes and the May 22, 2023 Special School Board Meeting Minutes.

Consent – Approve District Bills

With Member Halvorson Abstaining

A motion was made by Member Hammel, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the District Bills totaling \$1,851,526.73.

Approve the Business Manager's Report

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$441,384.44 and the May electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Reed Hammel, Student School Board Member and graduate of the Class of 2023 was recognized by Member Pagel, on behalf of the entire school board and was presented with a business portfolio organizer as a token of appreciation for his commitment and input to the board. He thanked him and wished him well with his future plans.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Sarah Carlson – No Report, Absent

Middle School Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) School Social Worker interviews took place earlier in the day. He is excited for Josie Jacobs to be joining the Dover-Eyota staff. 2) Sixth Grade tours and open houses will be coming up soon. Technology Director, Bryan Berg is helping to compose a video for those families that are unable to attend the open house. A mock schedule will take place at the open house for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. 3) Rise Tickets ran for 16 weeks this past school year. A total of 3558 tickets were turned in. Parents helped with supplying prizes and the students enjoyed the positive aspect of the weekly event. He is looking forward to continuing the tickets for the upcoming school year.

Elementary School Principal – Ben Midge shared the following: 1) The building project is well underway and

coming along quite well. Items will be moved back in the building as soon as the space is available. 2) He has been working on the submission of elementary end of year state reports. 3) There is an Outdoor Classroom meeting coming up on June 21. Phase one of the Outdoor Classroom project is still expected to be complete yet this year. 4) There were 38 kids signed up for summer school. He reported that staff have done a fantastic job with students. He thanked the transportation department for their efforts in transporting students to and from the summer school program. 5) He is excited and looking forward to beginning his 2nd year at Dover-Eyota.

Activities Director – Tim Andring shared the following: 1) It was an exciting spring sports season. Baseball did not end like they had hoped but they have a lot to be proud of. The Trap Team had 23 athletes that signed up to shoot at the state meet. Softball ended their season with a bang. They were section 1A runner-up. Most of the girls are returning next year so Dover-Eyota will be looking at another exciting season. Taylor Kurtz ran the 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash at the state meet. She tied for first in the 100-meter and ended up in second place as they had to break it down to the thousandths place. After breaking her own school record in prelims of the 200-meter on Thursday, she came back on Friday and won the 200-meter dash, becoming Dover-Eyota's second individual female state champion. 2) Shot clocks are scheduled to be installed on June 23. Gym floors are scheduled to be resealed and badminton marks added in early August. 3) The Conference Governing Board approved the use of gold cards for all conference schools. Dover-Eyota students will be allowed to use their gold cards at all conference schools. Previously not all conference schools participated. 4) The possibility of offering online tickets for events is being explored. Tickets will continue to be available at the door. There will be no cost to the school district and convenience fees will be paid by the fan if they choose to buy an online ticket.

Student Board Member Communication –

Reed Hammel shared the following: 1) He thanked the administration and school board for putting together a nice graduation ceremony for the Class of 2023. 2) Expressed his congratulations to Taylor Kurtz and the Dover-Eyota Trap Team for their success at their state level competition. 3) Marching band is in full swing and will be marching at several events coming up this summer. 4) He thanked everyone who was instrumental in allowing SACC to continue to function this summer. He works for the program and reports that it is running smoothly despite being displaced by the building project. 5) He expressed his gratitude to the board for the opportunity to serve as the Student Board Member for Dover-Eyota. He shared what an incredible learning experience it has been and has appreciated the guidance.

REPORTS

Dover-Eyota MCA Data DIG: Superintendent Jeremy Frie provided an overview of the 2021-22 MCA data and rankings. The data is an indication of how well Dover-Eyota students are mastering the Minnesota standards. The 2022-23 results will not be available until fall; however, the most recent data indicates the elementary students performing above state average, but the high school falling below the average. There is concern that some students are not recognizing the importance of “best effort” on the MCA's. The renewed focus for the upcoming year is to improve and focus on goal setting, student engagement, testing environment, teaching “bell to bell”, and class incentives.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve the Formation of Dover-Eyota Chess League

A motion was made by member Johnson, and seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the formation of Dover-Eyota Chess League.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the First Reading of the Acceptable Use Policy

No motion was made to approve the First Reading of the Acceptable Use Policy. It was tabled until the next board meeting.

Approve Sports Fees for 2023-2024

A motion was made by Member Hammel, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Sports Fees for 2023-2024. Sports fees will remain at \$60 per sport for Middle School and will increase to \$95 per sport at the High School level.

Approve Minnesota State High School League Renewal (MSHSL)

A motion was made by member Hammel, and seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to approve the Minnesota State High School League Renewal. A short video was viewed that the MSHSL asked school boards to watch.

Approval of Tenure

A motion was made by member Hammel, and seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve Tenure. The following staff were granted tenure: Jon Renken, MS/HS Math, Sidney Schott, Elementary PE, Emily Zinck MS/HS Science, Amanda Kruger 5th Grade, Ben Midge, Elementary Principal, and Sarah Carlson, High School Principal

Approve Individual 2023-2024 Contracts

A motion was made by member Seaquist, and seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to approve Individual Contracts for the following: Cheryl Gardner, Diane Helgersen, Larry Anderson, Harry Zeitler, Nathan Masching, Susan Keller Schaefer and the Bus/Van Driver Contract.

Consent – Accept Resignations and Hires and Donation

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to accept:

1) Resignations:

a. CHELSEA STADSVOLD as Elementary Special Education Teacher, JESSICA GROBE as 9th Grade Dover-Eyota Girls Basketball Coach, AARON JOHNSON as Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach

2) Hires

a. MYCHAEL REDIG as Elementary Special Education Teacher, JOSIE JACOBS as Middle School/High School Social Worker

3) Retirement:

a. DEB BEBOUT as Parent Educator for Footsteps effective June 8, 2023 with 22 years of service to the district.

4) Non-Renewals

a. ROBERT KURTH as Bus Driver, and DIANNE SCHMIDT as Bus Driver

5) Open Enrollment:

a. Open Enrollment of nine students for 2023-24 in the following grade levels: Kindergarten (1), First Grade (1), Second Grade (1), Third Grade (3), Sixth Grade (2), Tenth Grade (1)

Introduce and Approve District Cell Phone Policy

A motion was made by member Seaquist, and seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to approve the District Cell Phone Policy. The policy will be clearly communicated with parents, students and staff prior to the beginning of the school year. The focus is to have a distraction-free environment which nurtures learning.

Approve to Call for Bids for Dairy Products, Fuel Products, and Snow Removal for 2023-2024 School Year

A motion was made by member Johnson, and seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the Call for Bids for Dairy Products, Fuel Products, and Snow Removal for 2023-2024 School Year.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent Frie relayed the following: 1) He thanked Principal Midge for stepping up and helping to drive a van to pick up students for summer school. 2) The Elementary move out at the end of the year went well. A lot of people helped and did a lot of hard work. The flooring is coming along well. After a tour with board members it was agreed that the walls at elementary need fresh paint. 3) Soil boring was not accurate on the parking lot addition at the elementary. Contractors will need to take out more soil than anticipated. A "change order" for the elementary building project was made to alleviate installation of new flooring in storage areas that will not be highly frequented. 4) Solutions will need to be thought about in the future for the back high school parking lot near the football field as parking spaces will be decreased due to the building project addition.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

DeMuth – No Report

Duellman – Addressed Reed Hammel and praised him on how he has bred compassion and empathy in Dover-Eyota's student body during his time on the school board.

Halvorson – Has continued to work on the ball field scoreboards

Hammel – Thanked the school staff for their resilience and their efforts in finishing the school year strong. Acknowledged Lori Ehlenfeldt for addressing the school board earlier in the evening.

Johnson – Thanked Lori Ehlenfeldt for sharing her concerns with the board and acknowledged the courage it took for her to come before the board. He believes her message is a “call to action” to ensure a culture where everyone feels welcome. He also shared that there have been negotiation scheduling conflicts, which have moved negotiations into July. He is hopeful that things will be resolved and signed before the start of the school year. He congratulated Reed Hammel and thanked him for representing the student body. He is excited to see all that he will do with his future.

Seaquist – Expressed her gratitude to Lori Ehlenfeldt for bringing her concerns to the board and indicated that improvement is needed in this area and there needs to be severe consequences. She thanked Reed Hammel for his time on the school board, involvement in school activities, and for being a great role model.

Pagel – Thanked Lori Ehlenfeldt for coming to the board with her concerns. He believes it’s important to refocus energy into reviving the Diversity Council. Pagel gave an update on HVED toward their efforts of purchasing a building. An agreement has been reached to purchase the whole Winona Mall instead of only a portion to allow adequate space for services. He thanked Reed Hammel for his service on the board and assured him that he would be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk
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