

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:30 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Tamara DeMuth, Heather Duellman, Riley Hammel, James Johnson, Jessica McFarlen, Shawna Seaquist, and Superintendent Jeremy Frie. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Middle School Principal John Ostrowski, High School Principal Sarah Carlson, Elementary Principal Ben Midge, Activities Director Tim Andring, Business Manager Gary Betcher, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

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

Visitors to Address the Board

None

Consent – Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member McFarlen, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to approve the November 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the November 16, 2022 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes, and the November 28, 2022 Board Mini Retreat Minutes.

Consent – Approve Regular District Bills and Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$79,047.39, and the Special District Bills totaling \$500,281.16.

Approve the Treasurer'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 \$6,043,941.93, and the November electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS –

High School Principal Sarah Carlson recognized the High School Counselors, Mrs. Katie Johnson and Mr. Ryan McRae. Sharing that they really stepped up and helped out last week during some tricky situations.

Chair Pagel recognized Member Jessica McFarlen for her years of service on the Dover-Eyota School Board with a certificate and gift card. Member Duellman recognized her with a card and small gift.

Middle School Principal John Ostrowski recognized Mr. Damon Hammel, Mr. Ryan Anderson and Ms. Aimee Hampton along with the students for all their hard work pertaining to the fall musical Beauty and the Beast. He also mentioned that the Drama Club will be directing the upcoming middle school play.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Elementary School Principal – Ben Midge shared the following: 1) Phase II of the Elementary Safety Planning was done with the teaching staff. 2) There was some staff that attended the MN School Violence Prevention Symposium and came back with good material to incorporate. 3) Dover-Eyota has been working with Winona State Stem Village. Their lease will be ending soon and Dover-Eyota believes there may be some spots available for the Stem Lab. There is still a lot to work out but he wanted to make the Board aware of this.

Activities Director – Tim Andring shared the following: 1) Dance has had their first meet. Wrestling is off to wonderful start along with Girls Basketball. Boys Basketball is struggling a little bit but the coaches are working hard with the players on culture and team work. Sportsmanship will be worked on with all of our athletes as well as our spectators. 3) Referees are incredibly short-staffed right now and games are being affected due to the shortage.

High School Principal – Sarah Carlson shared the following: 1) Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Hampton were not only very busy with the fall musical, but they each had their first band and choir performances of the year. She shared that it was neat to see so many families come out for the concerts. 2) During student lunches, Mr. Vrieze had some of his students put on the Probability Fair. This is an opportunity for students to create games using skills learned in class and during lunches other student can pay a quarter per game to play and try to win prizes. All of the proceeds from the games were donated to the Sharing Tree. 3) Homework help is now including high school level students as well. 4) She acknowledged the November students of the month, Chloe Kirtz, Autumn Frericks, Isabelle Ohm, Soren Turgeon, Avery Kirschbaum, Josalyn Ward, and Isaac Wendt. 5) She shared that they are continuing to work on concurrent enrollment. They are working to expand it beyond the 13 courses that are currently offered.

Business Manager– Gary Betcher shared his report earlier in the agenda.

Middle School Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) He has been working with music and the fine arts students to declutter the auditorium. 2) Survival pails were handed out last week to each classroom as a small part of the school safety initiative. 3) The concerts were great, and he gave credit to all the students and their performance and how comfortable they appear on the stage performing. 4) Mrs. Hasleiet and her class asked Mr. Ostrowski if he would be willing to be taped to the wall if they reached 3000 points for the Sharing Tree. Unbeknownst to him, they were already half way there. Mr. Ostrowski shared that he agreed that if they were to reach 5000 points, not only would he be taped to the wall but he would also take a pie in the face. He believes they reached their goal but did not know for sure at that time.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Reed Hammel shared the following – 1) The last that he had heard from Mr. Pittenger, the Sharing Tree had roughly 60 boxes of food and over \$2,000 raised. He stated that the competitiveness among the classes was a lot of fun. 2) The Fall Musical, Beauty and the Beast was a success with 3 sold out shows. 3) The middle school play is starting up, and this will be the second middle school play that Dover-Eyota has put on. The performance nights will be February 10th and 11th 2023. 4) Winter sports have started and have been fun to watch. Dance team is back again this year. There is a lot of excitement to see how the wrestling season goes this year, and senior Gavin Gust was chosen as one of the finalists for male athlete of the year for the Rochester Sports Banquet. 5) There were band and choir concert this last week and both were great. 6) The Minnesota Honor Society volunteered for Christmas Anonymous and was able to help families shop for Christmas, and on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 they will be shopping for Sharing Tree items. 6) The PSEO students have their finals this week, and the high school and middle school staff will be treated to breakfast by Peer Helpers this week as well. He ended by noting that the holiday spirit is here, and it is fun.

REPORTS

Nexus Update on Final Elementary Project – This item was moved to the December 19, 2022 scheduled meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Final 2022 Payable 2023 Levy-

A motion was made by member Seaquist, seconded by Member Demuth, and carried unanimously to Approve the Final 2022 payable 2023 Levy (Attachment A).

Approve Superintendent Goals-

A motion was made by member Seaquist, seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to approve the Superintendent goals.

1. Improve the budgeting process and overall management of district funds.
2. Ensure through building principals that teacher evaluations and walkthroughs are completed on each teacher and focused on instruction and student engagement.
3. Provide excellent, transparent communication with staff, parents, and the school board.

Annual Adoption of the Resolution Establishing a Combined Polling Place

A motion was made by member Johnson, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to adopt the Resolution Establishing a Combined Polling Place (Attachment B).

Tentative Approval of the Student Trip to Washington DC.

A motion was made by member McFarlen, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to tentatively approve the student trip to Washington DC.

Youth in Government Fundraising Request

This topic was not discussed as no further information was able to be provided.

Consent – Accept Resignations and Hires and Donation

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

Resignations: ROSE CONWAY as Cook's Helper

Hires: REBECCA PETERSON as Long-Term Substitute Elementary Physical Education, DEB BEBOUT as ECFE Parent Educator, SHAUNA YOUNG as Targeted Services Paraprofessional, AMANDA KRUGER as Targeted Services Teacher, TERRY SINN as Targeted Services Teacher, DIANE SVOMA as Special Education Paraprofessional, DENNIS SCOFIELD as Cook's Helper

Donations: BERNIECE SACHS \$100 towards Football Account, ROBERT & MARY LOVEJOY \$100 towards the Dover-Eyota Sharing Tree

Leave Requests: None

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Frie relayed the following: 1) Shared that he felt that band concert was awesome and was really well done. He was unable to make it to the Choir concert this time. 2) He has been working to finalize Nexus contract, stating kudos to the Finance Committee for all their efforts in that process. 3) Nexus hopes to get the elementary project out for bid in late December or early January. 4) He has been working on getting to know the different groups that are affiliated with the district. 5) He took a group of administration and staff to the MN School Violence Prevention Symposium. The closing speaker was Michelle Gay, the mother of 1st grader who was killed at Sandy Cook shooting. He shared that she was a very powerful speaker and had an impactful speech. 6) He was able to sit in on the Introduction to Education class with Mrs. Brooke Hasleiet. He shared that in this class the students are able to go the elementary and work as teacher's assistant. By doing this, they are able to learn about elementary education in a hands-on environment. 7) He recognized Member McFarlen for her four years of service, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein noting that she has been doing 2.5 jobs since the Accounts Payable Clerk resigned in September and the District Office Assistant/Eagle Editor is out on leave. He shared that Mrs. Dabelstein continued to perform at a high level and doing a great job. 8) He closed by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

DeMuth – Shared that Teamsters Negotiations was able to be wrapped up just in time to start the next years contract negotiations.

Duellman – Shared that she had been participating in the Design Team and Building and Grounds Committee meetings, and she is excited about finished product.

Hammel – Shared that he was part of the Meet and Confer Committee that met with some of the teachers. He shared that it was nice to sit and listen and talk to them. Stating that there was some valuable information discussed and shared. He also wanted to recognize the high praise given to High School Facilities Specialist Harry Zeitler for all the hard work he does for the school. Noting that the teachers notice and appreciate all he does.

Johnson – Shared that he was also part of the Meet and Confer meeting. He agreed that it was a great opportunity to connect directly with the teachers, noting that these meetings will happen more regularly. He has also been part of the Design Team meetings as well as the Finance Committee working on the final contract with Nexus. He is excited to move into the high school design phase and talking through the new spaces and how they will be designed and utilized to benefit our students and programs. He shared that the Teamsters contract had been approved and reiterated that it was good process.

McFarlen – Shared that she is excited about the direction of the district, and that she is very proud of the incoming board. She is looking forward to putting her service in other areas of the district. She shared that she loves the work that the administration is doing and is proud of the hard work Superintendent Frie has been doing. She closed by congratulating the incoming board members.

Seaquist – Shared that she was also part of the Meet and Confer meeting, and that there should be three meetings per year. The committee will be working on getting those dates set up. She shared that there were a lot of compliments given by the teachers stating that they are feeling more supported by administration and felt there has been better communication so far this year. She felt that it was a really good meeting and they were able to hear valuable information from the staff.

Pagel – Shared that he has been working with the Building and Grounds on the Nexus contract and design phases. He shared that Nexus will present those designs with the board at the December 19, 2022 meeting. He also shared his kudos to Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein for her hard work and shared that it is appreciated from the School Board standpoint as well. He closed by thanking Member McFarlen for her time over the last four years and let her know he appreciated her always sharing her viewpoint and perspective.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member McFarlen, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk
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