

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2022

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:01 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Tamara DeMuth, Heather Duellman, Riley Hammel, James Johnson, Jessica McFarlan, Shawwna Seaquist and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: None. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, Assistant Principal John Ostrowski, Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Teaching & Learning Director Heather Lyke, Business Manager Gary Betcher (via Teams) and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Approve the Amended Agenda

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

## Visitors to Address the Board

Mr. Nick Young addressed the school board to discuss the assigned reading in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. He shared his feelings, read a passage from the book, and shared his frustration with the book, asking for this book to be removed from the curriculum.

Ms. Kristina Kurtz addressed the school board regarding the same reading and shared her feelings that it should be removed from the curriculum. Ms. Kurtz shared that it she believed it was not meant for 13-14-year-olds, due to sexual content, drinking, abuse, stereotyping, anti-religion, language, and inappropriate relationships (to name a few examples). She shared that there are parents who care and who are willing to work with the school to find a happy medium creating happy thought processes, and well-rounded students. She stated that Dover-Eyota can do better and offer better for our students.

Ms. Marie Ferguson addressed the school board regarding the band room and the potential referendum. She shared a video of the band room, the use of space and busyness of this room, stating that the safety of the students needs to be considered and asked the school board to review the essential needs for the safe of the children when considering the referendum and building projects.

Ms. Paula Braun, a kindergarten teacher at Dover-Eyota, spoke to the school board as the elementary teacher representative, regarding the potential referendum. She shared that the elementary staff are just looking for healthy, safe building with consistent temperatures throughout. She shared that the teachers were frustrated about the initial project plan and the little communication that was given to them regarding the elementary building project plan. She shared that the elementary staff would like someone to follow-up and meet with them at the elementary to discuss their building project needs.

Mr. Ryan Anderson, Dover-Eyota's band director, asked the student board representative to hand out documents regarding the safety and function of the music department. The documents that were handed out reflected the track record of approximately 10-years through the history of the Dover-Eyota music department. He shared the different community things the band has helped with, and the different awards and recognitions the band has been nominated for and/or received. Mr. Anderson shared that the musicians deserve a safe place to rehearse, stating that the current band room has ceilings that are too low, walls that are parallel, and concrete block. He is asking the school board when discussing the potential referendum to consider adding the extension of the band room ceiling and moving the wall out to the building project plan. He shared that these updates to the band room would create more space and better/safer sound level for the students.

Ms. Brooke Capelle addressed the board regarding the proper functional safe space in the music department. She shared that there are approximately 270 students in and out of the music department daily. She stated that those rooms are used from September to approximately July, and that the room's fire code is rated for around 70 students where there are roughly 90 students per class now. She shared that the current ceiling heights do not allow for proper airflow and ventilation. Ms. Capelle ended by stating that band is all-inclusive sport and she would like to see the same emphasis put on it as there is on other sports.

#### Consent – Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member McFarlen, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to approve the April 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and the April 25, 2022 School Board Mini Retreat Meeting Minutes.

#### Consent – Approve Regular District Bills and Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$57,197.83, and the Special District Bills totaling \$202,899.22.

#### Approve the Treasurer’s Report

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer’s Report with liquid assets totaling \$5,714,740.83, and the April electronic transfers.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

Superintendent Carolan shared a recognition honoring Food & Nutrition Director Carrie Frank. The South East Minnesota United Purchasing Co-op sent a letter honoring Mrs. Frank for her dedication and hard work. Sharing that they feel Mrs. Frank is leaving a legacy for Dover-Eyota and the network of Southeastern schools. She has touched the lives of so many students over her tenure and she will be missed.

### **CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) He attended the PBIS meeting via Zoom. It was a meeting to get to know the other cohorts and the timelines. 2) There will be another middle school meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The topics for that meeting will be traits and ways people can be caring people. Examples would be ways parents treat children and parallel that to how we should treat others. They will also be talking about getting unstuck.

Teaching & Learning Department – Heather Lyke shared the following: 1) Last month was MCA testing. MCAs were successfully completed. Mrs. Lyke shared some insight on the tests, the grades and percentage of students who took the test. There was discussion about the MCAs how they are recorded and what the future of MCAs may look like. 2) Mrs. Lyke shared that the Reconsideration Committee will be meeting regarding the official complaint that was filed for one of the required reading books in the middle school curriculum. She shared with the board how the Reconsideration Committee and process works, and what the steps are in this process.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) Today was first day all year where no staff was absent. 2) She sent a huge thank you to support staff, sharing that this week the support staff were honoring the teaching staff. She also shared that Administrative Assistant Day and Nurse Recognition Day were also recognized. 3) She shared that they are all very busy preparing for end of the year activities. 4) The elementary finished the MCA and the students all worked really hard on them. 5) She is busy with the summer school planning. This year the elementary is offering three different programs for their summer school. They will be offering their traditional K-5 Targeted Services Summer School, along with summer school for preschool 4 & 5-year old’s who have academic needs, and Kinder Camp.

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) He wished the moms on the board a Happy Mother’s Day. 2) Prom & Post Prom just occurred, and went great. Parents took over and did a great job. 2) There was a hard lock down drill today. During this drill there were some areas found that need to be addressed, such as technology issues and a few other things. 3) Graduation is coming up and the high school will need to know who from the school board will be present for the ceremony. 4) A new choir teacher was hired. 5) Today there was a large number of seniors missing. It seems like it may have potentially been a senior skip day. Mr. Rowekamp will have to work with this situation and students.

## **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Reed Hammel shared the following: 1) The Spring Play Clue went on and it was very successful. 2) Students were able to be involved with the new hire process involving the new Choir teacher. The new teacher is also very interested in directing the fall musical performance. 3) Boys Golf is doing very well and took 4<sup>th</sup> at the varsity meet. The Varsity Baseball team is also having a winning season. Softball is doing well, too. May 10, 2022 is the True Team track meet, and the Track Conference Championship meet will be on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Last week Taylor Kurtz broke the school record by running the 100-meter dash in 12.84 seconds. 4) There is a Band concert on Thursday, May 12, 2022 and a Choir concert on Monday May 16, 2022. 5) The seniors who attend full time PSEO at RCTC and earned their associated degree will graduate with RCTC on Thursday, May 12, 2022. 6) Students who attended Prom and Post Prom said that it was a good time. The decorations were wonderful and made the students feel like they were not at school. The Prom and Post Prom committees did a wonderful job. Reed thanked all the people for their time and donations to the Post Prom. 7) The student morale seems to be good. With the sun finally showing up that is good for everyone, and there are only a few short weeks left of school.

## **REPORTS**

Nexus Update – This was discussed during the Review & Comment discussion below.

First Reading of the Revised 2021-2022 Revenue & Expenditure Budget (Attachment A) – Business Manager Gary Betcher went through the document, clarifying lines items and answering questions for the Board.

First Reading of the Draft 2022-2023 Preliminary Revenue & Expenditure Budget (Attachment B) – Business Manager Gary Betcher went through the document, clarifying lines items and answering questions for the Board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Approval of Bus Purchases

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of 2 new busses.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Grant Diplomas to the Class of 2022 (Attachment C)

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to grant the diplomas to the Class of 2022 pending completion of requirements.

### Approve Contract with IEA for Environmental Health & Safety Management Services

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to Approve the contract with IEA for Environmental Health & Safety Management services.

### Approve Submission of Review & Comments of the Proposed Project to Minnesota Department of Education

A motion was made by Member DeMuth, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve Submission of Review & Comments of the Proposed Project to Minnesota Department of Education.

Mr. Brent Jones with Nexus shared with the school board the breakdown of the proposed building project and the items included with each question. There was a lot of discussion among the board with questions regarding the proposed work, regarding particular projects, and which question they were placed under. The school board thoroughly discussed the needs of the different buildings and departments, listening to all views and voices to be sure the proposed building project met the needs of the district in the best way possible.

### Approve the adjustment of May 23, 2022 Mini Retreat to a Special Board Meeting

A motion was made by Member McFarlen, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve changing May 23, 2022, School Board Mini Retreat to a Special Board Meeting.

Approve the 2022-2025 Strategic Direction

A motion was made by Member McFarlen, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve 2022-2025 Strategic Direction.

Approve the Senior Class Cruise

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member McFarlen, and carried unanimously to approve the Senior Class Boat Cruise.

Approve BEN MIDGE as new Elementary Principal effective July 1, 2022

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member McFarlen, and carried unanimously to approve Ben Midge as new Elementary Principal effective July 1, 2022.

Consent – Accept Resignations and Hires and Donation

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

Resignations: Assistant Varsity Football Coach BRYCE HEIM, 9th Grade Volleyball Coach MICHELLE ANDERSON, Lead Custodian at the High School/Middle School LINDA OESAU, Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach SCOTT CORK, 5th Grade Teacher ANNE BADE, Food & Nutrition Director CARRIE FRANK, High School Choir Teacher CLARE MALINOWSKI, High School English Teacher REBECCA SIMATAA, Elementary Lead Custodian WAYNE ELLRINGER, Elementary Custodian GREG CARLSON

Hires: NORB NOVOTNY Groundskeeper/Custodian, MADISON NELSON Assistant Track Coach, ASHLY HERNANDEZ, MARY HANSEN, ELLIE SCOFFIELD, CADY BATEZEL, KEELI REDIG, PAM WALSH, and KAEDYN REDIG as Targeted Services Summer School Paraprofessionals, SIDNEY VESEL, GRETCHEN BRINKMAN, NICOLE EINSMAN, ROSANN EISENMAN, NICOLE WOLF, and AMANDA KRUGER as Targeted Services Summer School Teachers, SUE MILLER as Prom Coordinator, AMANDA KRUGER as 5th Grade Teacher beginning fall 2023, HOLLY HOENE as .5 FTE Elementary School Nurse, AUDREY SCHWIEDER as Head Dance Coach, CHAD OHL and RYAN FOGARTY as Assistant Football Coaches

Donations EYOTA AMERICAN LEGION \$300 to Dover-Eyota Trap, SCHAD & ZABEL FUNERAL HOMES \$50, BREMER BANK \$250, VIOLA METAL WORKS GARY BRUESKE \$25, EYOTA VOL FIRE DEPT REFIEF ASSN. \$200, ASHLEY TROGSTAD \$100, K J L OF ROCHESTER, INC. \$200, JEANNE SVOBODNY \$25, PETER & JESSICA DESENS \$25, HIAWATHA SNO-SEEKERS, INC \$250, THE NEIGHBORS, INCORPORATED \$25, and THE SCHEEVEL FAMILY \$25 for Special Athletics, CASEY'S LOYALTY DONATION \$18.40 for Dover-Eyota Elementary, KWIK TRIP LOYALTY DONATIONS \$62.69 for Dover-Eyota Public Schools

**HEARING OF REPORTS**

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) There was a request to see how the district had been using the Esser funds so Superintendent Carolan has been pulling that information together. Some of those funds have been used and will continue to be used to pay for certain positions in the district. 2) Contract negotiations will be starting soon.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

**DeMuth** – Nothing to report

**Duellman** – Shared that the Building and Grounds Committee continues to try and get all voices and stated the they are being as informational as possible. Purchasing committee and the new busses.

**Hammel** – Nothing to report

**Johnson** – Shared that the Building and Grounds Committee has met, but he had nothing to add from previous discussions. The Negotiations Committee received notification that the Principal Collective Unit is

ready to begin negotiations. He shared that the Negotiations Committee will begin with the Teamsters negotiations first.

**McFarlen** – Shared that she is excited to have a student back on the board. She also thanked the community for showing up getting involved.

**Seaquist** – Shared that she is part of the text review Reconsideration Committee and that she has read the book and will be reading it again to take notes. She shared that the committee is encouraged to speak to community members and get their feelings and feedback on the book as well. She was also part of the Purchasing Committee that met to discuss the purchase of the two new busses. She was also on the interview committee for the Elementary Principal interviews. She shared that she felt there should be more training for interview committee participants.

**Pagel** – Shared that he had been part of the Building and Grounds committee, as well. He also shared that the HVED proposal to take the lease on the Tandiski Center in Winona was not successful. HVED had a meeting last week to look at additional properties. The program is being moved out of Caledonia and they will need a new building by July 1, 2022.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member McFarlen, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk  
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**DOVER-EYOTA PUBLIC**  
Independent School District #533

**2021 - 2022**  
**REVENUE & EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

**Revised**  
**May 9, 2022**

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	NET
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$12,237,056</b>	<b>\$12,445,112</b>	<b>(\$208,056)</b>
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<i>Restricted / Assigned</i>	<i>\$578,869</i>	<i>\$490,032</i>	<i>\$88,837</i>
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<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
MADISON	ALLHISER	TANNER	KULLOT
LANDON	BARAJAS	KAYA	LOVEJOY
ASHLYN	BARKER	LYDIA	LOVEJOY
ABAGAIL	BECKMAN	BRAYDEN	MAGNUSON
JORDAN	BEGIC-REYNOLDS	LEVIATHAN	MASON
ETHON	BETTS	OWEN	McDONALD
MADALIN	BIRCHARD	JACOB	McMAHAN
EMILY	BOETTCHER	BRADY	MEYERS
KAYDEN	BORGEN	ALYSSA	MILLER
DAVID	BOVA	SAIGE	MILLER
BRADEN	BRAUER	DILLON	NELSON
DREW	BROWN	MALIA	NELSON
AVERY	BRYANT	RYAN	NEPPL
CHELSEY	BURRICHTER	ZANDER	NIENOW
MEAGAN	CHESNEY	SOPHIA	ONSAGER
HAILEY	CHESTER	BROCK	PECK
LAYNE	DESSNER	CHASE	PETERSON
COLTON	DISTAD	THOMAS	PETERSON
ABIGAIL	DODD	WILLIAM	PIKE
DYLAN	DuCHENE	ELVIS	PINA
GRADY	EATON	ISAAC	PRISTASH
GAVIN	ENRIGHT	EMILY	RAHN
ARIANNA	FERNHOLZ	KYLIE	RAMSEY
COLTON	GARITY	BRYANNA	RICHARDSON
DERRICK	GASCA	OLIVIA	RILEY
AVERY	HACKLER	TAYLOR	SASS
ALISSA	HALVORSON	HANNAH	SCHEPP
JAYDA	HAMMEL	GRACE	SCHULTZ
JOSHUA	HANENBERGER	GRACE	SCOTT
CEILIA	HEANG	TANNER	SEVERSON
GRACIE	HIDLEBAUGH	RYAN	SHEA
KATIE	HOLTHUS	KAYLEE	SMITH
ADDISON	HONSEY	MATTHEW	SPELTZ
CHRISTIAN	HUFFMAN	TREYTON	THESING
JULIA	IDEKER	BRADY	TODD
MEGAN	IDEKER	EMILY	VOLLRATH
MASON	IHRKE	VICTORIA	VOSS
PAIGE	JOHNSON	MITCHELL	WALLACE
WILLIAM	JOHNSON	ODESSA	WARD
GRAEDEN	JUENEMANN	MORGAN	WEHSELER
KARLEN	KIMERY	PAIGE	WENDT
LANDEN	KLASSEN	ABAGALE	WICKELGREN
LAYKEN	KOCHLER	WYLLOW	WILEY
RYAN	KULLOT	DALE	WOSLAGER