

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 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, Shawna Seaquist and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Jessica McFarlan. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Assistant Principal John Ostrowski, Teaching & Learning Director Heather Lyke, Activities Director Tim Andring, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

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

Visitors to Address the Board

None

Consent – Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member DeMuth, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the March 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the March 21, 2022, March 23/24, 2022, and the March 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Consent – Approve Regular District Bills and Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$58,664.29, and the Special District Bills totaling \$341,805.67.

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 \$5,391,592.34 and the March electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Carolan recognized District Office Assistant and *Eagle* Editor, Mrs. Laura Kase. He shared that not only is she the editor for the school paper, but she is also the district's social media person, she goes to many events in school and in the community to get photos not only for the paper but for the elementary and middle school yearbooks. She does so much for the district and never complains, and she has raised the school district's profile through all of her communications. He ended by stating that she does a tremendous job.

Chair Pagel thanked the other school board members for their hard work and dedication during the new superintendent hiring process. He stated that it was a learning process for all of them and because of their commitment to selecting the best candidate the process went very smoothly. Member Seaquist thanked Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein for everything she did throughout the process to help make it all run smoothly as well.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) The new Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor is very excited to teach at Dover-Eyota. She worked with Mr. Rowekamp and Rochester Community & Technical College regarding the potential greenhouse, she would recommend a different kind, one that could be used all year round. 2) Mr. Rowekamp will be going to the FFA State Convention with the students this year. There will be 11 students going this year. 3) Mr. Rowekamp briefly went over the behavior data and conclusion report. He shared that the PBIS grant was approved and the process used here at DE was discussed briefly.

Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) There will be 8 staff from Dover-Eyota doing the PBIS training. The 8 from Dover-Eyota will make up the cohort and will be working together throughout the

training. This training will begin in August. 2) There have been 2 middle school meetings since last board meeting. First one was on solutions being greater than the problems. Mr. Ostrowski shared that he spoke to the students about being a compassionate complainer or be compassionate about solving the problem. The second meeting was regarding leader's mentality, and how we impact others without even knowing it. 3) The Minnesota State High School League Board Meeting was last week. Mr. Ostrowski shared that even if there were to be another pandemic, they are financially sound for the next year.

Teaching & Learning Department – Heather Lyke shared the following: The We Are DE (WADE) group created and shared a video with teachers regarding classes and feeling safe and welcoming. She shared that there are approximately 16 active members in WADE. 2) She is very excited about the new GATE and EL position.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) She is also very excited about the GATE & EL position. 2) The elementary is busy planning for the end of the year as well as for next year. 3) The elementary tried something new for kindergarten registration this year and they had about 65 parents at the event. She shared that the majority of the parents were first time parents. 4) Dr. Svobodny recognized Elementary Music Instructor Mrs. Katie Kabes for her incredible work with the 1st and 2nd grade program, stating that it was phenomenal.

Activities Director – Tim Andring shared the following – 1) Spring sports were finally able to start and get games played. The district was able to provide all sports this season by combining 7th & 8th grade softball teams as well as the 7th & 8th grade baseball teams. There are over 40 students who went out for golf this season, and 49 students who are participating in Spring Trap, which are some of the highest numbers Dover-Eyota has had. Some of the things that are concerning are finding umpires and coaches. Member Duellman asked if any of the older athletes go to the elementary or 6th grade classes to promote sports. Member Hammel asked how sports are promoted to students who may not know what it is like to be part of a team. This topic was discussed and Mr. Andring shared that there is nothing specific set up at this time where student athletes go to younger grades to promote sports.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Reed Hammel started by thanking the board members for allowing him to be the student school board representative. He shared that spring sports had started, and that the weather had finally cleared up to allow first games and meets to take place. The spring play, Clue, will be performed on April 29th & 30th in the High School Auditorium. Students are excited and planning for the upcoming Prom, the band and choir are getting ready for their spring concerts, and the Marching Band is preparing for their summer marching.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

New Superintendent Contract Approval

A motion was made by Member Hammel, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 contract with Mr. Jeremy Frie with the following salaries: \$135,500 for 2022-2023, \$135,500 for 2023-2024, and \$135,500 for 2024-2025.

Approve Contract with CliftonLarsonAllen for Auditing Services

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to approve the contract with CliftonLarsonAllen for auditing services.

Approve the Letting of Bids for New School Bus

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the letting of bids for new school bus.

Accept Retirement: VICKI KOEHLER as Elementary Secretary effective June 14, 2022, with 38 years of service to the district.

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to accept the retirement of Vicki Koehler.

Member Johnson thanked Vicki for her service to the district stating that she is a great person, always very welcoming, and she will be missed.

Consent – Accept Resignations and Hires and Donation

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

Resignations: Dance Coach DANIELLE HAMPEL, Elementary Student Council Advisor effective June 4, 2022 BOBBI WATERS, Assistant Baseball Coach BRIAN DEFRANG, JV Boys Basketball Coach ROB MASON, .5 FTE Elementary School Nurse JOYCE PETERSON.

Hires: SARAH KLAEHN as MCA Assistant, KYLIE LACEY as Assistant Track Coach, ASHLEY CROWSON as Agriculture Teacher & FFA Advisor beginning 2022-2023, CHRIS MATEJKA as JH Baseball Coach, JON HAUSWALD as Varsity Football Coach, JORDAN MEYERS as JH Softball Coach.

Donations HIAWATHA SNO-SEEKERS \$500 for Clay Target Team, SENECA \$100 for the 2022 Senior Class, JACQUEL & JAMES PERRY \$25, DANIELLE & BRETT HAMPLE \$25, and ANDREW THORESON \$25 for Special Athletics.

REPORTS

Fitness Center Update- Superintendent Carolan shared that he had met with a small group of stakeholders to discuss the fitness center. The group is working through public access and equipment semantics. The fitness center will need volunteers for supervision purposes if it were to be opened back up to the public. The time frame being discussed is potentially from 6-9 pm for public access for adults. Superintendent Carolan will be working with Community Education to help create the opportunity for access. The district will not be reinstating the key fobs.

Nexus/School Perceptions Update – Bill Foster from School Perceptions presented to the school board on the preliminary results from the steak holder survey.

Dr. Dave Thompson shared that the Strategic Plan Task Force Meeting will be meeting again soon. There were a few revisions being worked through and the Task Force plans to bring the Strategic Plan before the board for a first reading on April 25, 2022.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: The district has some of the Covid-19 home tests available. These tests are reaching their expiration date, of June 1, 2022. He shared that the district will be ordering more of the BinaxNOW tests, as well as more Cue tests. 2) He shared that he is optimistic there will be a good Strategic Plan when complete. 3) The Facilities Task Force will present to the school board on April 25, 2022. 4) The Elementary Principal position posting is active and we are getting new applicants daily. 5) This summer the gym floor will be resurfaced. The gym will be closed from approximately July 11th – 18th. 6) There is some cement work needed by the west doors of the HS. There are uneven sections that are creating tripping hazards. There are also sinking spots by the gas tanks. 7) He is recommending approximately a \$2,000 annual budget for the fitness center upkeep.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

DeMuth – Is waiting to hear back regarding the Teamster negotiations.

Duellman – Has been part of the Fitness Center meetings.

Hammel - Nothing

Johnson – Shared that the negotiations committee received a formal request from the Teamsters for negotiations to begin. The Negotiations Committee is waiting for the Teamsters to organize their team and

get back to them.

McFarlen – Absent

Seaquist –Nothing

Pagel – Nothing

ADJOURNMENT

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

Heather Duellman, Clerk
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