

# MINI-RETREAT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 2021

Chair Ron Pagel called the Dover-Eyota Board of Education Mini-Retreat, District #533, to order at 6:03 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Tamara DeMuth, Heather Duellman, James Johnson, Shawwna Seaquist, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Jessica McFarlan. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Approve the Agenda

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

## Reports/Discussion Items

**Discuss Parking Lot Bond** – Jeff Seeley with Ehlers discussed financing the parking lot project. The board will re-evaluate and vote on this bond sale in December. If passed, January 10, 2022 would be when the bonds are sold and the funds would be available to the school February 3, 2022.

**Transportation & Grounds Update** – Director of Maintenance & Grounds, Dustin Pagel went through a spreadsheet regarding the transportation fleet. He is proposing updating the fleet and suggesting the district buys new buses either two at a time or one every year. He also recommends gas buses vs. diesel engines.

**Valedictorian & Salutatorian Discussion** – High School Principal Todd Rowekamp shared two handouts, one that went over a few discussion point on why to move away from the valedictorian and salutatorian and the second was survey data from local districts. Mr. Rowekamp suggested the move with the goal of recognizing students' achievements in a more fair and accurate way. The intent is not to discourage or eliminate recognitions, but to make it a more accurate and cover a broader scope.

**MSBA Vaccination Policy** – Superintendent Mike Carolan shared that the MSBA vaccination policy has not come out. Therefore, there is no further action needed at this time.

Member Duellman asked Superintendent Carolan about quarantine questions from emails she has received from parents. COVID-19 precautions and policies were discussed.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk  
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