

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 13, 2021

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:00 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 Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Teaching & Learning Director Heather Lyke, Business Manager Gary Betcher, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Agenda

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

Visitors to Address the Board

Mr. Roy Fox addressed the board regarding masking. He shared that he is the father of 3 Dover-Eyota students. Mr. Fox questioned the School Boards' power to mandate medical devices on people. He is arguing against the government, school board, etc. having any right to mandate medical devices, i.e. masks. He asked that the School Board end the mask requirement and give parents the right to not make their children wear masks.

Ms. Tracy Krucker addressed the board on mask safety. She brought before the board her own testing data on the safety of masking and the oxygen levels dropping below the OSHA safe oxygen level. Stating that masking children is making their oxygen levels too low, which makes wearing a mask unsafe. She shared that there are other safety measures such as UV light units in the air systems. She stated that until there is a mask which shows the children are getting enough oxygen, wearing a mask needs to be a choice.

Consent – Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the August 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the August 23, 2021 Mini-Retreat Board Minutes, and the September 1, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Consent – Approve Regular District Bills and Special District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$40,687.50, and the Special District Bills totaling \$41,196.47.

Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$6,839,928.13, and the August electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Carolan recognized the students and parents for a very successful first week of school. Stating that the students did great with the masks, and that school is a good positive place. He appreciates all the effort by people to put aside the differences in the interest of the students.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski had sporting events and was unable to attend the meeting.

Teaching & Learning Department – Heather Lyke shared the following: 1) The back to school sessions are flexible sessions and will continue once a week in the afternoons. Teachers gave a lot of great feedback on these sessions, stating that they loved the flexible nature which they could choose which session worked for them and learning from their peers. She thanked those individuals for being willing to put themselves out there.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) Each fall she shared that she is reminded that she has the best job in the world. Seeing the excitement of the students and the excitement of the teachers is so great. 2) The back to school conference went really smoothly. Ms. Cheryl Gardner, the Transportation Coordinator, was there to help with any transportation questions, and that was really helpful. Teachers really value that time with students and parents. 3) She shared that she is concerned about enrollment this year, with the smallest number of students in years. This is partly due to the large 5th grade class having moved to 6th grade and a small incoming kindergarten class. She shared that there are 17 new students, either having moved into the district, or open enrolled. 4) The breakout sessions that were optional for staff development, were really wonderful, and a lot of them were led by teachers, who did a great job. There was a nice variety staff could choose from. She gave kudos to the teachers who lead those groups and to Ms. Heather Lyke, Teaching & Learning Director, who helped organized and get the teachers on board.

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp was not at the meeting.

REPORTS

2020-2021 MCA Results – Teaching & Learning Director Heather Lyke provide MCA Results, as well as the hypothesis as to the changes and the actions being taken to improve results.

District Needs and the Potential for a Referendum – Representatives from the Nexus Group presented to the School Board on the possible referendum work. They shared a presentation outlining goals & objectives, the Nexus Solutions, and what the steps to the potential referendum would be.

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously agreeing to work with Nexus and to give Superintendent Carolan the authority to move forward.

COVID 19 Updates – Mr. Graham Briggs, Director of Olmsted Public Health, joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams. He shared a presentation with the board, and what Olmsted County is seeing in schools and the communities. He shared that the tiered approach including vaccination coupled to mask use, distancing, and quarantine/isolation, remains the best strategy to push the transmission down. After he shared his slides he did open it up to questions from the board. There was good discussion between the School Board and other members of the community.

Chair Pagel then shared how the School Board came to their masking decision, stating that their charge as the School Board is to educate kids, and the best way to educate kids, is to keep them in the building. So, using the guidance from CDC and MDH, stating that if all students are wearing masks, everyone, other than the infected person, is able to come to school the next day. He shared that he certainly understands the concern with the oxygen level, and the political side of things, stating that the political side of the issues is not what the School Board playing at, they are about educating the students. The COVID Advisory Committee, which is made up of parents, teachers, staff, board members, and healthcare workers meets to help to weigh the information that is out there. Dover-Eyota is erring on the side of caution, with the hope of being able to be out of the masks sometime this year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the Master Agreement between Dover-Eyota Public Schools #533 and Dover-Eyota Education Association 2021-2023- Member Johnson went through a presentation to present what changes were made and what was being voted on.

A motion was made by member Johnson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to approve the Master Agreement between Dover-Eyota Public Schools #533 and Dover-Eyota Education Association 2021-2023

Adopt the Proposed 2021 Payable 2022 Levy

Superintendent Carolan advised that, at the current time, the levy indicated a -2.01% change. The levy could change after the county auditor adjustments are made. Superintendent Carolan recommended the Board approve the maximum proposed levy at this time. Superintendent Carolan relayed that the Board could decrease it in December when approving the final levy, but could not increase it at that time.

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to adopt the maximum proposed 2021 Payable 2022 Levy (Attachment A).

Approve FFA Leadership Retreat Student Trip

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the FFA Leadership Retreat Trip.

Consent – Accept Resignations and Hires and Donation

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

Resignations: ROBERTA KURTH as HS/MS Paraprofessional, RYAN SCHEEVEL as Head Softball Coach, JORDAN JENSEN EL Paraprofessional,

Hires: SYDNEY KEACH as JH Girls Soccer Coach, JOSH DEFRANG as 7th Grade Football Coach, SARAH CARLSON as Teaching & Learning Specialist, HEATHER LYKE as Teaching and Learning Director, PENNY GARITY as Homebound Instructor, CHERYL GARDNER as Transportation Coordinator & Grounds Assistant, DUSTIN PAGEL as Maintenance & Grounds Director, TOM WELCH as Van Route Driver

Donations: \$2,100 from VALLEY OF ROCHESTER SCOTTISH RIE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION, \$66.66 from ZOETIS on behalf of CHOSEN VALLEY VET CLINIC for FFA, \$500 from ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST for the D-E Schools Angel Fund.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) Dover-Eyota hosted a vaccine clinic along with Olmsted County and it went well with 24 people who came and got the first dose. 2) Dover-Eyota will also be hosting the Flu vaccine clinic coming up. 3) There were four positive COVID-19 cases, however, none of those students or staff crossed the threshold into the school, so there was no need for contact tracing or quarantine. 4) Dan Fitch with IEA is working with Superintendent Carolan on a grant for air quality. The money would be used to purchase room air filtration systems. 5) Superintendent Carolan shared that he is working on a creating a Diversity Council. 6) He also shared that the Calendar Committee, along with Meet & Confer, will be scheduling meetings in the near future.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Few meetings, negotiations went well, and Building and Grounds met with Nexus and one another company.

DeMuth – Happy with negotiations and how that worked out.

Duellman – Crisis Committee has met with a family that was interested in looking at Dover-Eyota's Crisis Plan and how they were handled in the buildings. The Crisis Team is working on some training and updating the Crisis Plan.

Johnson – Was part of the Negotiations Committee.

McFarlen – Absent

Seaquist – No meetings.

Pagel – Met with the Negotiations Committee as well as the Building and Grounds Committee. HVED continues to look at buildings or possible purchase one for future needs. HVED continues to keep trying to move forward. Chair Pagel shared that he appreciates all the staff and the school year getting off to good start. He also shared that he appreciated the input from the community and that he is interested in following up with some of the concerns and testing that were brought up.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk

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I. COMPUTATION OF 2021 PAYABLE 2022 LEVY LIMITATION BY FUND (BEFORE COUNTY AUDITOR ADJUSTMENTS):

FUND	INITIAL LEVY LIMITATION	LIMITATION ADJUSTMENTS	ABATEMENT ADJUSTMENTS	OFFSET ADJUSTMENTS	TAC/MAX EFF ADJUSTMENT	MAXIMUM LEVY LIMITATION
GEN-RMV VOTER-EXEMP	687,674.72	28,201.27-	N/A			659,473.45
GEN-RMV OTHER-EXEMP			N/A			
GEN-NTC VOTER-EXEMP	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A
GEN-NTC OTHER-GENED	280,402.01	2,099.83-	N/A			279,094.86
GEN-NTC OTHER-EXEMP						
TOTAL GENERAL	968,076.73	30,301.10-		792.68		938,568.31
COM SERV-EXEMP	23,018.74	114.18				23,194.34
DEBT-VOTER-NONEXEMP	1,133,152.93	56,514.92-				1,077,858.90
DEBT-OTHER-NONEXEMP	540,540.00	26,823.77-				513,716.23
TOTAL DEBT SERV	1,673,692.93	83,338.69-				1,591,575.13
OPER-VOTER-NONEXEMP						
OPER-OTHER-NONEXEMP						
TOTAL OPER/PENSION						
TOTAL	2,664,788.40	113,525.61-	2,074.99			2,553,337.78

II. COMPARISON OF 2020 PAYABLE 2021 LEVY LIMITATION WITH 2021 PAYABLE 2022 LEVY LIMITATION (BEFORE COUNTY AUDITOR ADJUSTMENTS):

FUND	2020 PAY 2021 LIMITATION	2021 PAY 2022 LIMITATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENT CHANGE
GENERAL	998,913.50	938,568.31	60,345.19-	6.04-
COMMUNITY SERVICE	51,684.59	23,194.34	28,490.25-	55.12-
GENERAL DEBT SERVICE	1,555,144.81	1,591,575.13	36,430.32	2.34
OPER DEBT SERVICE				
TOTAL	2,605,742.90	2,553,337.78	52,405.12-	2.01-

III. COMPARISON OF 2020 PAYABLE 2021 CERTIFIED LEVY PLUS COUNTY AUDITOR ADJUSTMENTS WITH 2021 PAYABLE 2022 CERTIFIED LEVY PLUS COUNTY AUDITOR ADJUSTMENTS:

FUND	2020 PAY 2021 CERTIFIED LEVY + ADJUSTMENTS	2021 PAY 2022 CERTIFIED LEVY + ADJUSTMENTS	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENT CHANGE
GENERAL	998,913.50	938,568.31	60,345.19-	6.04-
COMMUNITY SERVICE	51,684.59	23,194.34	28,490.25-	55.12-
GENERAL DEBT SERVICE	1,555,144.81	1,591,575.13	36,430.32	2.34
OPER DEBT SERVICE				
TOTAL AFTER ADJUSTMENTS	2,605,742.90	2,553,337.78	52,405.12-	2.01-

Maximum Levy
 2021 Payable 2022
 \$ 2,553,337.78
 - 2.01% change