

# MINI-RETREAT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 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, Jessica McFarlan (6:06 pm), Shawna Seaquist, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: none. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, Activities Director/Assistant Principal John Ostrowski, Teaching & Learning Director Heather Lyke, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Approve the Agenda

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

## Reports/Discussion Items

**Discuss Parking Lot Abatement** – Superintendent Carolan shared that the Abatement hearing was scheduled for September 1, 2021. Mr. Jeff Seeley would be presenting to the board explaining the process. Superintendent Carolan also shared that the estimated cost was increased to \$123,200.

**Fall Back to School Opening Plans** – Superintendent Carolan shared the recommendations from the COVID Advisory Committee to require Pre-k – 12 students, staff and all visitors to wear a mask while in district buildings he also shared the discussion points and how the committee came to this recommendation, with the goal of having all students in school full time. Dover-Eyota is starting the school year in the way that we feel is the safest to get all students back in school and keep them here. Masking is still required on the bus. The goal is to keep kids in school, and if it takes masks to reach that goal, then Dover-Eyota feels that is what we should do. Activities Director John Ostrowski mentioned that at sports and other activities where there will be outside schools' students and fans in our buildings, Dover-Eyota will need to notify each school that we compete with and make them aware of our building policy so that they are aware and their fans can be aware that masks are required in our buildings. Dover-Eyota is committed to doing everything we can to mitigate the spread of COVID among our students. There was great discussion between members and administration regarding masks.

A motion was made by Member McFarlan, seconded by Member Seaquist to move forward with the recommendation requiring masks while in district buildings for pre-k – 12 students, staff and visitors beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting in favor: Duellman, Johnson, McFarlan, Seaquist, and Pagel. Those voting against the same: Andring, and DeMuth. The motion carried with majority vote.

**February Mini-Retreat Date Adjustment** – Suggest moving the February Mini Retreat date from February 21, 2021, which is President's Day, to February 28, 2021.

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Seaquist and carried unanimously to move the February Mini Retreat from February 21, 2021 to February 28, 2021.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member McFarlan, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk

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