

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 2021

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:03 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center and via Microsoft Teams. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Tamara DeMuth, Heather Duellman (Teams), James Johnson (Teams), Jessica McFarlan (Teams), Shawna Seaquist, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: None. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp (Teams), Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal John Ostrowski (Teams), Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal, Teaching & Learning Specialist 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 DeMuth, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Visitors to Address the Board

None

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Seaquist, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to approve the March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Consent – Approve Regular District Bills and Special District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member DeMuth, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$63,850.76, and the Special District Bills totaling \$224,096.41.

Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Seaquist, seconded by Member DeMuth, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$5,198,182.40 and the March electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Carolan recognized the Concert Band for their part in MMEA's virtual showcase. The Concert Band was chosen and asked to record a piece for the MMEA State Conference. There was also an article in the post bulletin highlighting them. They worked hard to get there and performed beautifully. Congratulations to Mr. Anderson and his hard working students.

Superintendent Carolan also acknowledge the community's appreciation for Carrie Frank and her Food & Nutrition Department. He shared two different submitted gratitude's showcasing Carrie Frank and her hard work and advocacy for the community and students.

Mr. Ostrowski recognized three wrestlers that made it to the State Tournament this year, Blake Lehnertz who earned 6th place, Gavin Gust who earned 3rd, and Brodie Kellen who earned 5th place.

Mr. Rowekamp recognized the Knowledge Bowl Team who qualified for State, stating they were a small but resilient team who qualified and competed in the State competition. The students who make up the Knowledge Bowl Team are Meagan Chesney, William Harvey, Lexey Heins, Hailey Rieke, and Coach Alberto Vera.

Dr. Svobodny recognized a few of the people who were instrumental in organizing and implementing Super Hero Day, PATT members, staff members, and parents. Tricia Hughes did a lot, as well as Kimberly Schlueter, Chelsey Johnson, Bobbi Waters, and Megan Monroe. From purchasing items, to organizing different aspects of the day, these are some of the people who helped make it happen.

Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal recognized Ms. Sarah Klaehn for her contributions in making the MCAs happen in this weird year, stating she has been a huge help and is much appreciated.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) Clay Target or Trap Team are able to have a season this year. As a coach, Mr. Rowekamp shared that they were able to hold their organization and orientation meetings for new shooters last night. There are 36 shooters, which is close to highest number of participants, and he is looking forward to the season. 2) Superintendent Carolan shared about the mental health therapist change and Mr. Rowekamp expounded on the change and the new stand in therapist.

Member Johnson asked about the Wednesday schedule and asked for an update on the feedback that has been received. Mr. Rowekamp went over this and the positive feedback that has been received. Sharing that they have seen more students invited with a higher percent of the ones invited showing up. There has been discussion about open it up to more students and having teachers encourage students who want to come in to come in.

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) Winter sports have wrapped up, and the spring sports are up and going. It was a slow start over spring break but it is going well.

Teaching & Learning Department – Nick Truxal shared the following: MCA planning is taking up a lot of time, and Teaching & Learning Specialist Heather Lyke has been working on plans to making summer school better.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) Elementary Lead Custodian Wayne Ellringer was highlighted in a Post Bulletin article, regarding the fogging process on March 12th. 2) Super Hero Day, which was a day held in honor of the elementary students, was the most rewarding day. Many people have been recognized through the pandemic, so the elementary staff held a day to recognize the students for their resilience and hard work through these times and all the changes they have had to endure. Dr. Svobodny described how the day went from super hero music as they entered the building in the morning, to special announcements and special t-shirts the staff were wearing, to super hero ice cream the students were offered at lunch. She stated that really appreciates PATT's involvement and stated that the students have been amazing, wearing masks and cooperating with playground restrictions, and working through having to have gym in classrooms, they have just gone with the flow and been wonderful. Dr. Svobodny stated that it was fun to recognize them. 3) The elementary has started collecting permission slips for summer school. They are coming in slow, as is usual, but she is hoping they will pick up. 4) Dr. Svobodny shared that she is having a hard time finding substitutes when teachers are gone. The elementary has a lot of spring babies that will require long term substitutes. Dr. Svobodny stated she is worried about coverage for those teachers over their leave.

District Feedback Forms - None

REPORTS

First Reading of the 2021-2022 School Year SACC Handbook

Community Education Coordinator Susan Keller-Schafer presented the draft 2021-2022 School Age Child Care School Year Handbook and answered any questions the Board Members had.

Summer School Updates: Social Studies Teacher and Summer School Coordinator Mr. Steven Tauer & Teaching & Learning Specialist Heather Lyke presented their summer school proposal to the board. They proposed a shift in learning models which would make summer school a more meaningful experience for the students and help them understand the concepts and skills better. They proposed shifting to a project based learning approach.

Prom & Graduation Updates: Mr. Rowekamp discussed the different guidance that had been put out from the State of Minnesota regarding Prom and Graduations. He shared that Dover-Eyota will have a Prom, and there will be a grand march with certain modifications. There will be limitations on how many spectators are allowed. There will be a dance, however, there will be parameters that will need to be worked within during

the dance as well, and there will be a post prom event in the building. Post Prom is working within the guidance they have as well. These are the plans, as of now; should conditions change we will be required to adjust accordingly. Graduation at this point will be able to do a lot more than we were able to do last year. It may look similar to what we have been able to do in the past, but there will be modifications that will need to be made as well (primarily the amount of spectators allowed).

COVID-19 Updates: Mike shared about the Covid Council meeting and the number of students in quarantine due to positive cases and exposure. He also discussed the difference in why a 10 day or 14 a day quarantine period. Exposure is a key element in deciding which one is the best one to choose. (How long was the person exposed, how close were they to the exposure, 6 feet or closer, etc.). He also discussed that fully vaccinated people do not need to quarantine as close contacts.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and approval of the Summer SACC Handbook – A motion was made by Member DeMuth, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the Summer SACC Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Auditing Contract with Clifton/Allen/Larson

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the auditing contract with Clifton/Allen/Larson.

Consent – Accept Resignations, Hires, and Donations

A motion was made by Member DeMuth, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to:

Accept Resignations: Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor ANGEL NASSIF, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach LAURIE MICKOW, Math Teacher HANNAH BAUMAN, Social Studies & Model UN Advisor TINE DONAHUE, HS/MS Secretary DIANE WELCH

Accept Hires: 3rd Grade Distance Learning Long-term Substitute KATE RISLOW, Instructional Assistant JESSICA GROBE, Math Instructor JON HAUSWALD, and Social Studies Long-term Substitute LYNN WEINSCHENK

Donations: TIM CHAPPELL \$108.59 to Dover-Eyota Drama, 10 copies of *Art & Healing at Mayo Clinic* from MAYO CLINIC HERITAGE DAYS,

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) Building and Grounds Committee did a walkthrough of the buildings to see different projects that need to be done. The big one is asbestos mitigation in the secondary level upstairs classroom by removing the old tile and replacing it with new asbestos free tiles. Two years ago four classrooms were done, we need to continue the updates and renovations. The ceilings are in rough shape and needing updating which would include lighting. The project scope is the hallway and roughly 11 classrooms. Funding is available and put aside for this project, and it would probably be a two summer project. 2) PSEO numbers were shared and discussed. There is a reduction in number of PSEO students and an increase in concurrent enrollment students. 3) There was a good meeting with the COVID Task Force. 4) Negotiations is in the works for DEEA contracts. 5) Superintendent Carolan shared information about a meeting him and Business Manager Gary Betcher had with the financial company PMA, regarding the districts debt service. Superintendent Carolan proposed moving the mini retreat up to before the end of April to have a representative from PMA come and talk to the board to see if this is something the district would be interested in pursuing.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Shared that he had a Meet & Confer meeting that was a good meeting. There was discussion about Wednesdays and how teachers are coping. The meeting provided good discussion, it went very well and was a positive meeting. Another Meet & Confer meeting has been scheduled. The Building and Grounds Committee met and discussed some projects that need to be done. The Building & Grounds Committee would like the other board members to take a tour of the buildings to see what some of the projects are. Negotiations Committee is working on setting a date to start those discussions.

DeMuth– Shared that she had participated in the continued education through MSBA and is waiting on negotiations meetings to start.

Duellman – Shared that she had no meetings, but continued with her MSBA trainings and is excited to see how the project based learning that was proposed for summer school will go, stating it is full of wonderful opportunities.

Johnson – Shared that he was able to visit and spend the whole day at the high school, with the intent to try and understand the Wednesday learning plan. He stated that is was a really good experience and had good discussion with other teachers and staff. He was able to observe PLT times and teacher student meetings. He feels a better job can be done with the afternoons and getting more students in the buildings. He also attended the Meet and Confer meeting and agreed there was good conversation with teachers. The COVID Task Force met this past week and the discussion primarily focused on prom and exploring the numbers in the county and community. Negotiations is being scheduled.

McFarlen – Shared her sentiments on how the Dover-Eyota staff continue pushing forward and coming up with ways for students to learn. She had no meetings.

Seaquist – Shared that she has also been attending the MSBA trainings. She was part of the Meet and Confer meeting as well and shared that the teachers had shared they would like to present to the board on how things are going and what they are doing in the classrooms.

Page – Shared that the Building and Grounds Committee took a tour and looked at different areas in each building, and things at HVED continues to progress.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk
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