

MINI-RETREAT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 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 and via Microsoft Teams. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Tamara DeMuth, Heather Duellman (via Teams), James Johnson, Jessica McFarlan (via Teams), 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 Nick Truxal (via Teams), Teaching & Learning Specialist Heather Lyke, Business Manager Gary Betcher, 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 DeMuth and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Reports/Discussion Items

Quit Claim Deed for 99 feet by 99 feet School Owned Property

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Seaquist and carried unanimously to approve the signing of the Quit Claim Deed.

Next Steps for Return to School

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeMuth and carried unanimously to approve March 15, 2021 as the return to school date with the elementary going back to five days a week and the middle school/high school going back four days a week, while the superintendent continues to gather information and explore ways to get the middle school/high school back in school five days a week.

Superintendent Carolan shared a PowerPoint with the school board members which outlined data and information regarding return to in-person school plans from other districts. Mr. Rowekamp also shared results of a survey he sent to his staff discussing the importance of a four day in-person week with the fifth day being a remote learning day to connect with the online-only students and other students who may need extra assistance. There was a lot of discussion on the benefits of having five days a week in-person and the benefits of four days of in-person learning with Wednesdays as distance learning days. It was discussed that Superintendent Carolan will survey the community and parents about their feelings on returning to in-person four to five days a week and will update the school board with those results mid-week.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member McFarlan, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:37PM.

Heather Duellman, Clerk
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