

MINI-RETREAT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 2020

Vice Chair James Johnson called the Dover-Eyota Board of Education Mini-Retreat, District #533, to order at 6:03 PM virtually via Microsoft Teams. Other Board members present: Julie Austinson, Heather Duellman, Ron Pagel, Linda Nelson, Don Andring (arrived at 6:07), and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Jessica McFarlan. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Activities Director/Assistant Principal John Ostrowski, Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal, Business Manager Gary Betcher, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Agenda

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

Reports/Discussion Items

COVID-19 Updates – Superintendent Carolan discussed the COVID-19 numbers that are posted on the county website. He also talked about the memo that had been sent to all parents about the Critical Worker Child Care (CWCC) and how it will open up. There will be spots for 26 students, 2 rooms with 13 in each. New computers are being purchased for this group through a \$3,000 grant that was provided by the state to child care providers. The CWCC program will help support students during the day so they can attend their online classes. Dr. Jeanne Svobodny updated the board members on all the hard work that has been going on in the elementary to prepare for distance learning. The teachers have been working really hard, as this is a much different schedule than what was followed in the spring. She said that Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal has done a great job working with the teachers and created a digital scheduler that is helpful. Superintendent Carolan shared that there have been some temporary layoffs due to the virus and the need for all students to go to full distance learning. He shared that no additional layoffs are foreseen. Member Nelson shared that she was sorry to hear about the layoffs although she understands that it was necessary. Chair Pagel shared that the layoffs were necessary due to budget concerns. Tough decisions were needed to help conserve some funds due to costs that are being incurred due to COVID-19. The staff that was temporarily laid off will be brought back as soon as the district is able to get back to some form of normal.

World's Best Workforce & Achievement Integration Summary Report – Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal shared the overview of the World's Best Workforce and Achievement Integration plan.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson and carried unanimously to approve the World's Best Workforce & Achievement Integration plan.

Second Reading of the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar- Superintendent Carolan went over the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar that starts after Labor Day and stated that this is the calendar that will be brought before the School Board for approval.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar (Attachment A)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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