

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 12, 2020

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:01 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, James Johnson, Linda Nelson, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Heather Duellman arrived at 6:34 PM. Absent: Jessica McFarlen. Also in attendance were 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 Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Visitors to Address the Board

None

Consent – Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the September 14, 2020 Regular 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 Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$116,043.43, and the Special District Bills totaling \$143,047.29.

Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$5,426,399.74, and the September electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Supt. Carolan shared an email addressed to the Food & Nutrition Department, commending them on a wonderful job.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Teaching & Learning Department – Teaching & Learning Specialist, Heather Lyke shared the following: 1) Along the lines of social emotional learning and mental health, Ms. Laura Lenz and Prairie Care have provided support to our teachers and staff. 2) The new outdoor staff lounge will have its grand opening on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. 3) A survey was created and sent to K-2 allowing staff to share feedback on any unseen needs they may have. 4) There is a Social Studies pilot grant that we were invited to apply for. This program will work with our department, as well as outside researchers to test methods for adapting best practices in education.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny was absent due to conferences.

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp was absent due to vacation.

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski was absent due to sporting events.

REPORTS

COVID-19 Updates: Supt Carolan shared the following – He shared the new COVID-19 Dashboard and relayed that the COVID-19 Advisory Committee meets every other week, but will adjust their meeting schedule as needed.

First Reading of the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 Academic Calendars – Supt. Carolan shared the different calendar drafts. The different start dates were discussed and it was decided that Supt. Carolan would move forward with the Flexible Learning Year proposal for the state approval. This will involve community involvement, so he will plan to have the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar ready for the final reading at the December Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the request for permanent transfers from District Funds

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to accept the following permanent transfers from District funds: Restricted/Reserved for Community Education (Fund 04) - \$10,464.06; Restricted/Reserved for School Readiness (Fund 04) - \$22,405.75; Restricted Fund Balance (Pre-School Screening) (Fund 04) - \$3,207.03; Total Permanent Transfers from Other Funds (Fund 01) - \$36,076.84.

Adopt Policy 950 Political Campaigns and Activities

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to adopt Policy 950-Political Campaigns and Activities.

Consent – Accept Resignations and Hires and Donation

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to accept the:

Resignations: None

Hires: LYNN WEINSCHENK as Long-term Substitute in Social Studies, ANDREA BERG as School Age Child Care Program Aide, CHESSA JONES as Instructional Assistant, GREG CARLSON as Custodian, BETHANY DODD as Media Center Assistant,

Donations: MARY KAY & THOMAS BADKER \$100 to the Angel Account; ZOETIS \$90 to Dover-Eyota FFA

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: He discussed staffing, and busing routes and at the moment they are both good. 2) The COVID-19 Advisory Council is going well. 3) Dover-Eyota has two vans for sale. The information for them can be found on the website. 4) The Negotiations Team and the Teamsters have a tentative agreement which he hopes to be able to present to the School Board during the November Board Meeting.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Attended the Negotiations Meeting, and asked Member Duellman about the Platteville visit that was scheduled to happen. Member Duellman shared it was cancelled due to COVID-19 but that they will try to meet virtually, and that the project is still being worked on. Member Andring congratulated Food & Nutrition Director Carrie Frank on her TV appearance regarding the school orchard. He also shared that he had received three calls about the light on flag pole on the football field. He will be getting a light on there as soon as possible.

Nelson – Was unable to attend the Policy Committee Meeting and therefore had no meetings.

Austinson – Attended the Policy Committee Meeting, and shared that Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal is working really hard to get some much needed information from Minnesota Department of Education, before a World's Best Workforce meeting can be scheduled.

Johnson – Attended the Negotiations Meeting, and said that it went really well, and hopefully will be able to update board next month.

McFarlen – Absent

Duellman – Attended the Calendar Committee Meeting.

Page1 – The Level 4 program HVED started in Hokah was able to begin after the wall had been installed, along with the fire door. The staff had been trained and students were back in the building on Wednesday, just to have a COVID case present itself which forced everyone to go virtual. There will be virtual farm tours offered through Minnesota Department of Agriculture during the month of October.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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