

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:05 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Heather Duellman, James Johnson, Linda Nelson, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Jessica McFarlen. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Athletic 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 Austinson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

## Visitors to Address the Board

None

## Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the January 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the January 13, 2020 Organizational Board Meeting Minutes.

## Consent – Approve Regular District Bills and Special District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$129,807.61, and the Special District Bills totaling \$158,542.32.

## Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$4,094,365.13 and the January electronic transfers.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

High School Principal Todd Rowekamp recognized senior Mahala Anderson for being one of four students in state Minnesota to be chosen for the Minnesota Association of Honor Society scholarship. She will be honored at the banquet held on April 19, 2020. Mr. Rowekamp also read aloud what Mrs. Rachel Thoma, Dover-Eyota Minnesota Honor Society Advisor, had written about Mahala and this award.

Supt. Carolan recognized the Board Members, during Minnesota School Board Recognition Week, for their hard work and dedication to our school district.

## **CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Teaching & Learning Department – Nick Truxal shared the following: 1) The partnership with Rochester Public Library (RPL) is good. One of the initiatives is getting all students a RPL card and their help advertising our library and the resources available at Dover-Eyota. 2) A letter was sent home to 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents explaining the different independent reading program that is being implemented. 3) Recognize Vicky Humble for her work coaching two Academic Triathlon teams. 4) Supt. Carolan shared that a teacher sent him a note applauding him for bringing Mr. Nick Truxal and Mr. Peter Dodds to our district and telling them they are doing a great job.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) It is Random Acts of Kindness Week. Traci Bestor has been the lead on this activity. Every student and staff have been asked to fill out a heart telling either what they did or what someone else has done as a random act of kindness. 2) It is also I Love to Read month. Jill Magnusson has been the lead for this activity. One of the activities is that she has

encouraged students to wear shirts with words on them to help encourage reading. 3) The elementary was hit hard with a variety of illnesses. 4) Conferences are on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The teachers are working hard to prepare for them. 5) As an initiative at the elementary school to make indoor recess a little more active, the Paraprofessionals took part in a live webinar training through, Playworks. 6) Currently working on getting preschool registration up and running online.

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) Illness at the HS/MS has picked up but is not as high as what the elementary has been experiencing. 2) He was able to attend the Winter Principals Conference, which was a very good experience. 3) Student behaviors where the majority are happening in the middle school, primarily among the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Most of the behavior issues consist of classroom disruption, disrespect, insubordination, and other similar situations.

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) The work around behavioral issues has brought the teachers together and he has noticed a lot more discussion on what can work vs complaining. There have been many constructive conversations between teachers on what works and what is helping. 2) At the middle school meeting, they discussed the “Richest Man in Town”, and what matters most. 3) Section tournaments for wrestling, hosted 1st round on Thursday, February 13 and finished second on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Mayo Civic Center. The Individual Section Tournaments begin Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. 4) Dover-Eyota will be hosting the Girls Basketball Sections on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**District Feedback Forms -**  
None

### **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Kylie Clark shared the following: 1) Snoball Week was the first week of February. It went well and was well received and participated in by the students. The dance went well, and Mr. Ryan McRae was the DJ this year. 2) Girls Basketball is doing well with Sections at home versus St. Charles on Thursday. Wrestling Section Individuals begin Friday, February 21, 2020. The wrestling team took 2<sup>nd</sup> in Team Sections on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. 3) The Minnesota Honor Society started a peer tutoring program. 4) Dover-Eyota’s acapella group, Minor Details, will be heading to the ICHSA competitions. 5) There has not been much, if any, push back on the new hall passes from students.

### **REPORTS**

#### First Reading of the 2020-2021 School-Age Child Care (SACC) Handbook

Community Education Coordinator, Mrs. Susan Keller-Schaefer, presented the draft 2020-2021 School Age Child Care Handbook and answered any questions the Board Members had. One area that was clarified was the implementation of a Finder’s Fee. This fee will be assessed to parents when SACC staff need to spend valuable time and energy finding a child that was signed up to be in SACC but did not show up to SACC.

#### First Reading of the Draft 2020-2021 Board Assumptions

#### PEN/Baldrige Agreement

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Duellman, and carried unanimously to approve the agreement with PEN/Baldrige.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Second Reading of the Concurrent Enrollment MOU.

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Concurrent Enrollment MOU.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Approve the Senior Boat Cruise

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously approve the Senior Boat Cruise.

#### Consent – Accept Resignations, Hires, and Donations

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to:

Accept Resignations: None;

Accept Hires: ISAAC VESEL as Assistant Track Coach, ERIC AESCHLIMANN as Assistant Track Coach

Donations: to the Angel Account \$50 from AARON DANIELS, to the Dover-Eyota Clay Target Team \$500 from HIAWATHA SNO-SEEKERS

### **HEARING OF REPORTS**

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) He has seen great movement and conversation among the teachers and staff. Development of strong teacher leadership, where everyone is pulling together to work together with the behavioral struggles. 2) The Dover-Eyota Public Schools Facebook page is up and live. 3) He will be hosting the first ever Coffee and Conversation Friday, February 21, 2020 at 9 am. 4) The Building & Grounds Committee meeting is Thursday, February 20, 2020 where they will discuss the needs, wants and other ideas important to the district. 5) There was a bus accident; no one was hurt, and the bus is getting fixed.

### **Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication**

**Andring** – Shared that there is a Building & Grounds Committee meeting at 5:15 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2020, and The Dover Eyota Eagles Foundation Auction will be held on March 14, 2020.

**Nelson** – Shared that she had been part of the Meet & Confer meeting just before the Board Meeting and shared that valuable conversation had taken place. It was discussed that these meetings will continue on regular basis, three times per year.

**Austinson** – Shared that she had been part of the Meet and Confer meeting, which was held just before the Board Meeting. During this meeting they had discussed the different behavior things, responses, and exploratory work that is being done with these issues. The Policy Committee has not met and will need to meet, and the MSBA Conference in January was good.

**Johnson** – No meetings, but shared that the Curriculum Committee will be scheduling a meeting in May.

**Duellman** – Shared that she has met with Community Education Director, Susan Keller-Schaefer, and that the Building & Grounds Committee will be meeting Thursday, February 20, 2020.

**McFarlen** – Absent

**Pagel** – None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk  
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