

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:30 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Heather Duellman, James Johnson, Jessica McFarlan, Linda Nelson, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: None. Also in attendance were 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 Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Visitors to Address the Board

None

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the December 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Consent – Approve Regular District Bills and Special District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$114,988.76, and the Special District Bills totaling \$411,432.25.

Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$5,296,876.02 and the December electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal recognized Mrs. Paula Braun for her STEM Outstanding Educator nomination. Stating that she is a wonderful STEM and all around educator, and he is proud of all the work she has done.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) Dover-Eyota Dance Invitational is being held on Saturday, January 25. There will be 52 routines, from 15 schools, with the teams starting to arrive at 7:00 AM. 2) Member Johnson asked about the Alpine Skiing Coop and if any students had signed up. Mr. Ostrowski stated that there were two students who had signed up for sure, and that their first meet was coming up.

Teaching & Learning Department – Nick Truxal shared the following: 1) He wanted to publicly thank the Rochester Public Library, as Mrs. Tami Rhea and Mrs. Jill Magnuson are taking the Orton and Gillingham learning through them. 2) The In Class Development has shown a 35% growth, which is self-reported from the teachers, and the student achievement data is showing an 18% improvement.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) She stated that she was looking forward to Jen Brevoort coming to talk to the Elementary staff on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Jen is the No Bully consultant, and she will be speaking on social emotional learning, and differentiating between student conflicts and bullying. 2) This Friday, the elementary paraprofessionals will be participating in a webinar conference with Playworks, on ideas and improvements for indoor recesses. 3) PATT sponsored a fun family Bingo Night on Friday, January 10, 2020, it was a very popular and well attended event. 4) In service training

on Monday, January 20, 2020 will be kicked off by Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal, who will be talking about what data does and does not tell us. Teams will break off to analyze the data that has been collected and part of the day will be spent working on the new Fountess and Pinnell reading curriculum.

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp was absent due to Parent Contact Night and having a presenter for high school/middle school parents that evening.

District Feedback Forms – Were shared with the Dover-Eyota School Board but were not discussed.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Kylie Clark shared the following: 1) The activities for Snoball Week, will begin February 3, 2020. The Snoball court have been notified, the pep fest will be Friday, February 7, 2020 with the dance being held on February 8, 2020. The students who are participating the Washington DC trip will be back in time to participate in the Snoball dance. 2) There are a lot of home sporting events this week, with both boys' and girls' basketball and wrestling. The Dover-Eyota Dance Invite will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020. 3) It is finals week for high school students and second semester will begin next week. 4) PSEO students started their second semester Monday, January 13, 2020. 5) The 9th grade will have their Respect Retreat on January 24, 2020. 6) The Costa Rica Trip will be having a fundraiser on Monday, January 20, 2020 working with Chipotle in Rochester.

REPORTS

Supt. Carolan updated the School Board members on the Dover-Eyota Eagles Foundation's proposed project of a new building that would house a concession stand, picnic area, and restrooms. Supt. Carolan also mentioned the baseball/softball group and the discussion that have been had with them. These are two projects that both groups are anxious to get the Board's input/approval to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Approval of the Student Trip to Washington, D.C.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Student Trip to Washington, D.C.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading and Tentative Approval of the Concurrent Enrollment MOU.

The Board will have their second reading of the Concurrent Enrollment MOU at the February 18, 2020 Board Meeting.

Consent – Accept Resignations, Hires, and Donations

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

Accept Resignations: STEVEN TAUER as Head Golf Coach;

Accept Hires: REBECCA RUDQUIST as Head Golf Coach; DAWN WOONER as HS Cook's Helper;

VIRGINIA CORMACK as Food & Nutrition Operations Manager; KYLIE CLARK as Student Footsteps Paraprofessional;

Donations: \$100 from ROBERT & MARY LOVEJOY, \$25 from DOROTHY JONES, \$50 from GOPHER GALS HOMEMAKERS, \$300 from STANLEY & JANET ANTONSON, \$500 from an ANONYMOUS DONOR, \$100 from DEB VOSLER, \$2,088.47 in donations from STUDENT COUNCIL & STUDENT donations, and \$25 from BREMER BANK for the Sharing Tree; \$384 from FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, \$50 from the DEPT. OF ANESTHESIOLOGY & PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE/GUDLIN and \$50 from GOPHER GALS HOMEMAKERS for the Angel Account; \$2,000 from DOVER-EYOTA EAGLES FOUNDATION for the Dover-Eyota Fishing Team; \$500 from EYOTA AMERICAN LEGION for Close-Up.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) STEM Signing Day is a new concept, with a goal to have this date set by April for kids who are going into STEM fields. 2) The bus garage is pretty much done, just a few minor fixes left, but it is fully functional at this point. 3) The new secure toggle fobs are being used. By having these it avoids having to set the doors to unlock, which during inclement weather can cause issues with cancelations and having the alarms accidentally being set off. 4) Strategic planning will be coming up soon. The team will be looking at areas of focus and will be bringing the thoughts to the Board

for feedback. Suggestions for this planning session are to narrow the focus and make it tighter. 5) Supt. Carolan will be having a meeting with the K-12 Special Education Department.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – shared that he attend the walk through for the bus garage. He shared that there are only a few odds and ends left to complete and that the inspections were done. He had no other meetings to report on.

Nelson – Had no meetings to report on.

Austinson – Had no meetings to report on, but shared that she is looking forward to MSBA conference this week. She shared that Governor Walz will be addressing the group at the MSBA conference in the closing session.

Johnson – Had no meetings to report on.

Duellman – Had no meetings to report on.

McFarlen – Had no meetings to report on.

Pagel – Shared that Senator Carla Nelson was at Dover-Eyota last week for a meeting. They talked about items related to HVED and the projects they are trying to do. Chair Pagel shared that there was a lot of good discussion at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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