

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:02 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Julie Austinson, Heather Duellman, James Johnson, Jessica McFarlan, Linda Nelson, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: None, Don Andring arrived at 6:07 PM. 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, Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein, Community members Kyle & Tina Peterson, Nancy Uthke, and Carl Voss.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was given to Board Member Heather Duellman by Chair Ron Pagel.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle and Tina Peterson addressed the Board with questions about the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar. They were wondering when it would be completed and why the school was considering starting before Labor Day. Chair Pagel explained that the Board would be looking at a draft that evening and Supt. Carolan explained that starting before Labor Day was being considered due to Labor Day falling so late in September. It was explained that this is not a permanent change to the school calendar and is only being considered right now for the 2020-2021 calendar.

Mrs. Nancy Uthke addressed the Board with concerns regarding the 2020-2021 academic calendar as well. She communicated her concerns previously to Supt. Carolan regarding 4-H members and students who are involved with the Minnesota State Fair. Starting school before Labor Day would make it so that students involved in groups such as these would need to miss school to participate in the Minnesota State Fair; she does not want her children to have to miss school to participate in the Minnesota State Fair. She mentioned previous years when Labor Day fell late in September and school still started after Labor Day, and stated that she understood that similar calendars did not have very many breaks or days off from school in the second semester but commented that the second semester is when there are snow days.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to approve the October 14, 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 Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$150,945.52, and the Special District Bills totaling \$442,250.99.

Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$5,330,576.92 and the October electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Supt. Carolan took time to recognize the Veterans Day program that took place on Monday, November 11, 2019, recognizing that one of the Dover-Eyota staff members, Kathy Monson's, brother, Steve Sherman, was the speaker. Supt. Carolan stated that Steve did a great job speaking to the group and represented the Navy well. Supt. Carolan also recognized Mr. John Pittenger for the great job he did

organizing the presentation. Supt. Carolan also recognized Mr. Ryan Anderson and Mrs. Nikita Albrecht for the band and chorus performance.

Supt. Carolan recognized the new Student Board Member, Kylie Clark, at her first board meeting.

Dr. Svobodny recognized Ms. Christine Kobs, who is the Elementary Student Council Advisor. The 4th and 5th grade end of quarter party was just hosted at the elementary, and Dr. Svobodny would like to recognize Ms. Kobs for all of her hard work and organization putting fun events like this together, stating that she does a wonderful job.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) The elementary had the presenter from the No Bully event on November 4th. The presenter did a nice job, she was very approachable and makes people comfortable, and people really enjoy listening to her. She spoke on social emotional behaviors and different bully conflict resolutions. The presenter will be back in January and again in March to meet with leadership team and have a parent facilitation meeting. She left the staff with good things to think about, while showing them what a great job Dover-Eyota is doing but also sharing where we can get better and improve. There were 61 adults at the presentation, which included teachers, paraprofessionals, and SACC workers. 2) The Multi-Tier System of Support Committee had a super meeting last week. Teaching and Learning Director, Nick Truxal, really helped by going through the data that was available and creating a list of the at risk students, both academically and social emotional. The committee is now looking to see if those students have the support that they need. They will work to thoroughly and appropriately meet the student's needs. 3) Member Johnson called attention to the Veterans Day program at was held at the elementary too. Stating that he goes each year and says it is a neat experience every year.

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) First quarter was the first time assigning Eagle Skills. 2) The Veterans Day program here at the high school/middle school was held Monday, November 11, 2019. The guest speaker was Commander Steve Sherman, who did a great job. Both the band and the choir performed, the American Legion Color Guard retired the flag, and the students behaved very well. Mr. John Pittenger has organized this program for years. 3) The No Bully trainer also held part of the training at the high school/middle school. She discussed the social emotional training and will be back on January 13th to discuss the conflict resolution training for the staff and parents. The high school/middle school staff also found her to be very good, very engaging, and appreciates what she offers.

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) The winter sports meeting took place on October 28th. 2) The Eagle Bluff was October 30 – November 1. There were two students who went home sick, but overall was a very good experience. He is happy with teachers who go on the trip. This was his 9th one he has been on, and he tends to forget what a chore it can be, so he is very appreciative for all the teachers that do stay and help.

Teaching & Learning Department – Nick Truxal shared the following: 1) he welcomed the new board members. 2) The in-classroom professional development is going well with a 15% growth reported by teachers. 3) The World's Best Workforce meeting will be held on December 2nd. 4) The Achievement Integration meeting plan is ready to go, he will run by the Administrative Team, the Committee, and then present it to the Board.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Kylie Clark shared the following: She introduced herself and stated that she is a full time PSEO (Post-Secondary Enrollment Option) student but is very active in the High School Student Council here at Dover-Eyota. Cheer was brought back this fall and she was the Cheer Captain, and the Cheer squad will be stunting next year. The Homecoming parade was kept at the 5:30 PM time, which worked really well for attendance. This year biodegradable confetti was thrown instead of the colored powder, which was better for the environment and people. Student Council is planning the Christmas food drive, which they pair with elementary students for this event. The Peer Helpers will be doing their "Thankful Thursday" during the month of November. Thursday, November 7th was the first day which they put sticky notes around the building with positive messages on them for students. The fall musical, Once Upon a Mattress, will perform Friday, November 15, Saturday November 16, and Sunday November 17. Tickets are available in the high school office. Winter sports start Monday, November 18th.

REPORTS

Preliminary Presentation of the 2018-2019 Audit

This draft report was given by Business Manager, Gary Betcher.

OLD BUSINESS

First Reading of the Final 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Supt. Carolan discussed the data that was collected in regards to the 2020-2021 academic calendar, and discussed the different Calendar Committee meetings, while sharing the 2020-2021 academic calendar that the committee would like to suggest for approval.

Member Duellman shared an idea for a draft of the 2020-2021 academic calendar that she felt met most to all concerns. This draft would start after Labor Day, would still include the spring break, and still end the first week of June, with the snow day make up options as well. The Board discussed this idea, coming to the conclusion that this draft would cut out instructional days, and ultimately decided that there should be another Calendar Committee meeting to review all options again, and present findings at the November 18th Board Mini-Retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agreement with Hiawatha Valley Education District

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Agreement with Hiawatha Valley Education District.

Approve Cooperative Agreement for Alpine Skiing

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Cooperative Agreement for Alpine Skiing

Consent – Accept Resignations, Hires, and Donations

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

Accept Resignations: None

Accept Hires: HS/MS Guidance Secretary DIANE WELCH; 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coaches JEFF SOBCHAK, JESSE FRERICKS, RYAN ANDERSON, DUSTIN KRAFT, and KRISTA NIGON; SACC Aide TAYLOR SASS; After School Targeted Services Student Helpers COURTNEY BURRICHTER, and OLIVIA KRISIK; After School Targeted Services Paraprofessionals DARCI RICE, KEELI REDIG, and SHYANN ELLIOT; After School Targeted Services Teachers JENNA CLARK, DOUG ZARS, AMANDA KRUGER, and NICOLE WOLF; 9th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach ROB MASON; JV Boys' Basketball Coach BRYCE SCHMIDT.

Donations: ZOETIS \$228.03 for FFA; MANNAKEE GROUP LLC \$1,000 for Girls' Soccer; BRAD & MYRA WICK \$3,500 for Baseball.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) The bus garage is moving along. 2) The school Calendar, Committee meeting will work to try and create another version of the 2020-2021 academic year. 3) Student Alex Williams was invited to play her clarinet and perform with the Rochester symphony on November 10th. 4) The Fitness Center meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 14th.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Mentioned the Southeast Cooperative ballots and reminded other members to vote. There were no meetings he attended. Member Andring shared that other districts have been starting before Labor Day and their 4-H and FFA students who attend the State Fair are considered excused absences and there have not been problems.

Nelson – No meetings and welcomed Kylie and Heather to the Board.

Austinson – Shared that she has the World's Best Workforce meeting coming up.

Johnson – No meetings and welcomed Kylie and Heather, stating that he is looking forward to working with them.

Duellman – Calendar Committee meeting and she is excited to be on the board.

McFarlen – Shared that she appreciated the families that come and address the board to share their thoughts, and welcomed Kylie and Heather to the Board.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member McFarlen, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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