

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2019

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:00 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, James Johnson, Jessica McFarlan, Linda Nelson, Matt Wrubel, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: None. 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, Rachel Aldinger, Micheala Holthus, Lexey Heins, Ron Heins, Tyrel Clark, and Chris Wooner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Visitors to Address the Board

Spanish Instructor, Ms. Rachel Aldinger, and two students, Micheala Holthus and Lexey Heins, shared a PowerPoint presentation to the Board about their Spain Trip which took place in July 2019. They started by telling the Board the different cities they were able to visit while on their trip. They shared that in Granda they took a flamenco dance lesson and saw a flamenco show as well. They made fans in Sevilla and learned the history of the hand fan, it was used by the females as a form of signaling. They took carriage rides through Sevilla, and stated that the Alhambra was a favorite memory along with the carriage rides. Ms. Aldinger recognized the two students for their score on the APL test that showed they were proficient in the Spanish language and due to their score, they will each received 2 college credits in Spanish.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the July 8, 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 Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$122,977.25, and the Special District Bills totaling \$66,595.30.

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 \$4,966,601.69 and the July electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny recognized the custodians for all their hard work this summer to get the buildings cleaned and ready for the new school year.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) The High School/Middle School is fully staffed for the start of the year. The long-term substitute position is still open, but the search continues to fill this position soon. 2) We are seeing more Out of Field Permission Applications, the new FACS teacher is one of those. As well as the Industrial Technology Instructor for last 3 years, this will be the 4th that instructor has been granted the Out of Field Permission Application. 3) Enrollment update, there are 22 new students this year. The number of students who are leaving Dover-Eyota stands at 12. PSEO numbers are down, with fewer full-time and a few more students choosing to go part-time. 4) Several teachers attended the day of orientation at SW State University for their concurrent enrollment classes. 5) Open House for the High School and Middle School will be held during the All Teacher Workshop Week. 6) Sports practices started today.

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) He had stepped out of the meeting briefly to attend the kick off of the Cross Country season at West Side Park. 2) 7/8 grade football is yet to start, but all other fall sports have started. 3) The 6th grade letters to parents have been sent out. 4) There was a district football meeting August 13, 2019, to work on the football schedule for 2020.

Teaching & Learning Department – Nick Truxal shared the following: 1) Gave thanks to Victoria Gillie, who is a national leader in discipline specific leadership, who retired 2 years ago, but has eagerly communicated with Mr. Truxal and shared valuable information and connections. Mr. Truxal will draft a thank you note to have the Board sign at the September meeting. 2) Acknowledge Ryan Anderson and Nikita Albrecht who upped the college credits being offered at Dover-Eyota. 3) The curriculum committee has found a 6th grade Team for Earth Science curriculum, that they like. They are currently looking into purchasing options, either purchasing just the teacher manual or the teacher and student manuals.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) She and some elementary Paraprofessional traveled to a Playworks training to learn some new playground techniques for this upcoming school year. This company helps with provide ideas and tools for managing indoor and outdoor recess and helps provide consistency among staff. 2) All staff went through Responsive Classroom training many years ago and were thoroughly trained in this, but with the turnover, things have been lost. The elementary staff are reinvigorating this approach and Teaching and Learning Specialist Peter Dodds became a trainer and will be able to help in the Elementary. Some back to school workshop time has been dedicated to this training. 3) Title I funding has been reduced which is a concern along with the Title II funding which continues to decrease.

REPORTS

Outdoor Concession & Bathroom Project Dover-Eyota Eagles Foundation Presented to the Board. Mr. Tyrel Clark and Ms. Mindy Boynton addressed the Board and shared Dover-Eyota Eagles Foundation's (DEEF) plans for a new High School Bathroom/Concession Stand. DEEF is looking for a capital project and they feel this is something the community could get behind. The Foundation would put up some money to get the project started, as well as hold fundraisers to help with the cost. The structure would get winterized, similar to the bathrooms at Westside Park, there would be no heat in the building. The main structure would be roughly 40x24ft with the picnic area being an additional 12x16ft. The Board stated that it was a nice design and the project was well thought out.

The Foundation asked for a motion from the Board so that if they had the support of the School Board, they could move forward with fundraising.

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to support Dover-Eyota Eagles Foundation pursuing the Outdoor Concession & Bathroom project.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Handbooks

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Handbook updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the Community Resource Officer Contract

A motion was made by Member Nelson, and seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Community Resource Officer Contract.

Approve Board Mini-Retreat Date Change

A motion was made by Member McFarlen, and seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Board Mini-Retreat date change from August 19, 2019 to September 23, 2019.

Consent – Accept Resignations, Hire and Donations

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

Accept Resignations: SARAH KLAEHN 7th & 8th grade Academic Triathlon Coach;

Accept Hires: 7th & 8th Grade Football Coach CHRISTOPHER STUART; .5 FTE Assistant Dance Coaches JILL MANGUSON, DANIELLE HAMPEL; 9th/JV Football Coach LAQUINTIN YANCEY; 8th Grade Volleyball Coach SHAUNA GROSKI; Family & Consumer Science Instructor MARIANNE SHIRA
Accept Donations: \$510 for Dover-Eyota Trap Team from PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.

Consent – Accept School Board Member Resignation

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

Accept Resignation: MATT WRUBEL Vice Chair Dover-Eyota School Board
(Chair Pagel present Member Wrubel with a resolution and bookends)

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) Supt. Carolan and Teaching and Learning Director Nick Truxal attended a Ptech meeting which, is helping to build bridges and make connections. 2) The new bottle fillers have been installed and the grant money has been received. 3) The old bus garage has been demolished and work has begun on the new one, the footings should be poured soon. 4) The Bremer Bank Tailgate Party has been moved the Commons this year.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Member Andring had no meetings to report on but stated that he had made many trips to bus garage stating that it looks like it is going well. He also wished good luck to Member Wrubel.

Nelson – Member Nelson had no meeting to report on. She wished Member Wrubel good luck.

Austinson – Member Austinson requested that teacher evaluation process be discussed at the September Mini-Retreat. She also congratulated Member Wrubel and wished him a safe move.

Johnson – Member Johnson mentioned curriculum, and the four different “buckets” the committee is putting their ideas in. Teaching and Learning Director Nick Truxal will share the bucket list with the Board via e-mail. Member Johnson wished Member Wrubel good luck, and thanked him for his service as a School Board Member and also as an officer for the county. Member Johnson stated that Member Wrubel will be missed.

McFarlen – Member McFarlen had no meetings to report on and stated that she wished to express the same statements that Member Johnson had said regarding Member Wrubel and his service.

Wrubel – Member Wrubel thanked the citizens of Dover-Eyota for allowing him to serve as a School Board Member. Member Wrubel explained that his wife accepted a position with the Mayo Clinic in Arizona and that they will be moving to Phoenix. He said they were excited for a new chapter yet sad to be leaving Dover-Eyota and the great people in the communities. He stated that he was blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such an insightful group of people and that he has learned many lessons that will be carried forth. He was proud to have served on a School Board that is so dedicated to the community and the children in it.

Pagel – Chair Pagel stated that HVED had continued with negotiations, and wished congratulations to Member Wrubel stating that in his short tenure he had contributed a lot to the School Board.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:37 PM a closed session was called to order.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to end the closed session at 8:09 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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