

BOARD MINI-RETREAT MINUTES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Chair Ron Pagel called the Mini-Retreat 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, Jessica McFarlan, Linda Nelson, Matt Wrubel, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Student Board Member Lexi Schaefer. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Activities Director/Assistant Principal John Ostrowski, Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

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

Reports/Discussion Items

Lead in Water Results

Superintendent Carolan shared handouts of the original report he received, and shared that the State had changed the acceptable level of lead in water from 20 parts per billion (ppb) to 2 ppb. Superintendent Carolan shared that he invited Mr. Dan Fitch, consultant with IEA, to attend the District Safety Committee meeting, where Mr. Fitch advised that the district is able to define the threshold that they believe to be an acceptable amount. The FDA has an acceptable level of 5 ppb in bottled water. Superintendent Carolan will plan a meeting where the community can come and have questions answered. He will invite Mr. Fitch to this meeting, to help answer questions and address any concerns the community may have. Superintendent Carolan will try to get a city representative to be present for this meeting as well. Some strategies to help reduce the amount of lead in our water consisted of: replacing drinking fountains with the filtered bottle filling stations, add filters to the classroom drinking stations, check with the city to see where the lead ppb may be in the water coming in to the buildings, and to ask B&C Plumbing for suggestions on how they might reduce the ppbs of lead in water. Superintendent Carolan will check with Mr. Fitch about the testing process, and when to test the water after making modifications.

Approve Accepting 5 ppb as the Acceptable Level within the District

A motion was made by Member McFarlan, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to accept 5 ppb as an acceptable level within our district, with long term progress towards no higher than 2 ppb.

Open Enrollment Numbers

At the March 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, Mr. Tim O'Neill addressed the Board regarding his daughter's open enrollment. Due to the current 4th grade capacity limit, his daughter entering the 4th grade was placed on a waiting list. After looking at the numbers and the current 3rd grade class needs, it was decided that the Board would not approve the acceptance of an additional 4th grade student at this time. The Board will re-evaluate the class numbers at their August 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Policy 802 Updates

Disposition of Obsolete Equipment, Policy 802 was reviewed and the suggested changes made by MSBA. The current policy states that anything over \$10,000 needs to have a sealed bid process for selling. The recommended suggestions from MSBA were to increase the amount to \$175,000. The Board felt that \$10,000 is a realistic and reasonable amount, and the District will leave policy 802 with the amount of \$10,000.

Fitness Center Updates

Superintendent Carolan shared that the current Fitness Center keys are not able to be tracked and there is no documentation on who has a key. He also shared that there have been both high school and middle school students using the Fitness Center equipment with no supervision, which causes a real safety issue. Superintendent Carolan shared that the new key fob reader is installed and ready for use. He proposed there be a \$10 fee for a key fob which will enable use of both the front door and the fitness center door. The new policy will allow adults to use the facilities when it works for them. Students can use the facility as long as there is an adult there to supervise. A key fob can be turned off if the facility is not

used appropriately. There will be a signed agreement by every user, which will tell us who has a job and it outlines the expectations of the users. The Board agreed on moving forward with this proposal and will discuss an annual membership fee at a future Regular Board Meeting, with the idea that a membership fee and policy will be in place by July.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Wrubel, seconded by Member McFarlen, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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