

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2019

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:20 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Jessica McFarlen, Linda Nelson, James Johnson, Matt Wrubel, Superintendent Mike Carolan, and Student Board Member Lexi Schaefer. Absent: none. 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, Business Manager Gary Betcher, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Approve the Agenda

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

## Visitors to Address the Board

None

## Consent – Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Wrubel, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the December 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Wrubel, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$86,318.52, and the Special District Bills totaling \$208,126.14.

## Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$5,497,530.12 and the December electronic transfers.

## RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Mike Carolan recognized, Jane Johnson, who passed away unexpectedly. Chair Ron Pagel mentioned the passing of former band director Ronald Haugen, and Mr. John Ostrowski recognized the four Varsity wrestlers who went 6/0 at the Clash tournament.

## CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – Mr. John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) He brought the Baseball Co-op agreement for Chair Ron Pagel to sign. 2) The Softball and Baseball Field Renovations packet, which was handed out to the Board. Mr. Ostrowski sent this document to Winona Nursery last week for further clarification and to ask if more details were needed. The projected timeline; Mr. Ostrowski would like to have the bid notice posted on or before January 28<sup>th</sup>, with bid opening scheduled for ½ an hour before February 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Chair Ron Pagel noted that allowing a day or two for the purchasing committee to do research after the opening all bids would be advantageous. Member Matt Wrubel mentioned the bus garage project, and stated that he was leery to let bids on the softball/baseball field project, as the Board has not let bids for bus garage project yet.

Teaching & Learning Director –Mr. Nick Truxal shared the following: 1) He recognized the Math League and the Academic Triathlon teams for their successes, and teachers who received their reading license: Mr. Doug Zars, Ms. Amanda Kruger, and Ms. Rebecca Rudquist. 2) That Dover-Eyota staff has been wonderful, and supportive of each other during the difficult time of Jane Johnson's passing. They are sharing stories about Jane, and Mr. Truxal stated that Jane Johnson, "has made a lasting impact that will be here forever". 3) Mr. Truxal updated the Board on the Concurrent Enrollment stating that they are working on partnerships with colleges, and that the teachers are on board. 4) Mr. Peter Dodds, who is the In Classroom Professional,

has seen 13% growth in 6 focus areas, with 7 % growth in the last month. 5) Math Curriculum Team met and decided they needed more information about math standards before making any decision. The standards will be released in 2021.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) During the team meetings, that they have been working on for the last 15 years, they have been trying to get the process for referring students for extra help/interventions more efficient. Dr. Svobodny states that it is now working as it was intended. Classroom teachers are implementing and the interventionist and Special Ed check in on teachers. 2) Thanked the community for their generosity, stating that a total of 2,711 nonperishable items were collected at the elementary for the 10 Days of Giving. 3) PATT will be hosting a family BINGO night, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm, as well as a movie night in March. 4) A Shutterfly book is being made in remembrance of Jane Johnson, which will be given to her family. She stated that anyone with stories or thoughts to share should send them to Heather Wobschall.

High School Principal –Mr. Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) welcomed the new Board members and thanked them for their willingness to serve. 2) The Reading Guru Program had a very positive, heartening, meeting where he was able to witness the teachers support. Recognizing Nick and Peter, stating that he is very proud of the staff and direction they are going. 3) There is talk about not having the Sharing Tree at the high school/middle school and keeping it at the Elementary only. The High School/Middle School would collect donations in a different manner. 3) Romeo and Juliet would not be the spring play. There was not enough interest from the students in that play. Auditions will still be held, however, a new play has not been selected. 4) There will be five new students joining 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, which will put the 8<sup>th</sup> grade back up to 100 students. 5) Mr. Rowekamp shared about a meeting they had last Friday with Lauri Jenson, Dean for PSEO at Rochester Community and Technical College. He felt that there were enough students enrolled in PSEO this year that an analyses on how they are doing could accurately be done. Mr. Rowekamp and Counselor Mr. Ryan McRae, after looking at this data, discovered some concerns. RCTC has lower standards for enrollment, and the statistics show that students who would have made the higher standards were more successful than the students who would not have met the higher standards. Another concern is that the students who are not doing well (failing or low GPA), are allowed to enroll another semester on probation. Mr. Rowekamp believes that there is work to be done at the legislative level. Superintendent Mike Carolan contacted Fred Nolan at MRE, who stated that there are only a few districts with the same numbers as us, but they are equally concerned about similar situations. Mr. Nolan would be interested in working with us when going to legislators. Member Julie Austinson stated these are great points to bring up with legislation, and recommended working together to get changes made.

#### District Feedback Forms –

Superintendent Mike Carolan shared the compliment given to Food and Nutrition Director Carrie Frank.

### **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Student Board Member Lexi Schaefer shared these items: 1) Snoball week and dance have been moved a week back, due to roughly 20-21 seniors who will be going on the Washington DC trip which is over the originally scheduled time. 2) Environmental Club Used Toy Drive just finished and had great turnout, especially from the Elementary. 3) Talk It Up movie night went pretty good, however; they will work on advertising more in hopes of a better turn out next time. 4) Auditions for spring play started this week. 5) It is finals week for Dover-Eyota High School. 6) RCTC spring semester started today.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Stage lighting

A motion was made by Member Andring and seconded by Member McFarlen, and carried unanimously to move forward with purchasing the 18 new lights as proposed for the \$26,675 through Norcosco.

#### Baseball/Softball Field

A Motion was made by Member McFarlen and seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to let bids for both projects, Baseball/Softball Fields and Bus Garage Project Management, stating that all information is to be gathered and brought before the Board no later than the February 25<sup>th</sup> retreat.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Drain Tile Line Maintenance Agreement with the City of Eyota

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to grant approval of the Drain Tile Line Maintenance Agreement with the City of Eyota.

### W.A.K Construction Services Management Proposal

Was postponed due to new developments.

### Consent – Accept Resignations and Hires and Donation

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

Accept Resignations: Dustin Beckman as Girls Soccer Coach; Brian Harris as Head Football Coach; Dan Vrieze as Asst. Football Coach and Strength Coach; Shelby Ramthun as Paraprofessional;

Accept Hires: Danielle Hampel as MS/HS Lead Secretary; Alyssa Hofschulte as Long-Term Substitute 3rd Grade; Jenna Skrukud as SACC Coordinator;

Donations: To the Sharing Tree: \$100 from ROBERT & MARY LOVEJOY, \$25 from DOROTHY JONES; \$50 from GOPHER GALS HOMEMAKERS, 100 boxes from CUB FOODS, and \$71.99 in donations from the community, \$33.55 from COUNTRY CAFE, \$23.85 from BREMER BANK, and \$18.59 collected from the EYOTA MARKET: to the Angel Account \$150 from the EYOTA AMERICAN LEGION and \$50 from GOPHER GALS HOMEMAKERS: for the Media Center: gently used office chairs from KENT KINGSLEY, to the Yearbook \$200 from 1981 Alumni ROGER BUCK;

## **HEARING OF REPORTS**

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) Venmar vent cleaning bill came in high but that was expected. The staff that had complaints/physical symptoms before the cleaning have not had any further symptoms. 2) Year in Review was published in the *Eagle* and e-mailed out through JMC. 3) Still exploring the possibility for Pre-School SACC; no commitments have been made, as feasibility studies will be done.

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

**Andring** – Welcomed new members Jessica McFarlen and James Johnson.

**Nelson** – Welcomed both new members, Jessica McFarlen and James Johnson, and recognized that staff was getting help they need with loss of best woman she has known. Jane Johnson was an important part of her life and she gives her condolences to the staff.

**Austinson** – No meetings to report on and congratulated the Math League and Academic Triathlon teams.

**Johnson** – Stated that it was an honor to be part of the Board, stated that he has a lot to learn, and thanked everyone in advance for the questions he will be asking. He said that he is looking forward to serving on the Board.

**McFarlen** – Stated that she has a little guy on the Academic Triathlon team, and she feels super thrilled to be part of the big picture looking down and also be a part of it on the home front, too. She stated that she appreciates the learning opportunity, and feels honored to be on the Board.

**Wrubel** – No meetings to report on, and welcomed new members, and stated he looks forward to working with both.

**Pagel** – No meetings to report on. Welcomed both new members, and stated that, in the past, new members set up time to meet with Gary to ask questions in a one on one setting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Wrubel, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk  
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