

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2018

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:02 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Andrea Lehnertz, Linda Nelson, Matt Wrubel, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Todd Peterson. Also in attendance were Elementary Principal Jeanne Svobodny, High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, Activities Director/Assistant Principal John Ostrowski, Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, and Tom Flaig.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

Chair Pagel advised of these additions:

Resignations: Joshua LaPlante as 9th & JV Football Coach, and Alissa Eck as Cook's Helper

Hires: Tim Chappell as Theatre Director, Rebecca Burt as Cook's Helper, Brian Lehnertz as JV/B//9 Football Coach, John Reisdorf as 7th Boys' Basketball Coach, Ron Heins as Route Van Driver, and Ashley Hernandez and Katie Kahn as Instructional Assistants.

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

Visitors to Address the Board

No visitors wished to address the Board.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the July 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Consent – Approve Regular District Bills and Special District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$143,062.66, and the Special District Bills totaling \$94,446.18.

Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$4,728,367.70, and the July electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Recognized the elementary summer library program, the elementary summer school, and the community play.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Mr. Rowekamp shared the following: 1) All open high school positions had been filled, and "really good" applicants were received for the theatre position; 2) Changes to the handbooks would be discussed later in the meeting; 3) As normal, open enrollment applications were coming in at this time of year. There were eight pending, with five in grades that were currently over the policy cap. The Board discussed the district's open enrollment policy, and decided not to take any action until later in the meeting.

Activities Director/Assistant Principal – Mr. John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) Concussion screening had been given to 120 athletes; 2) The gym floor markings now included a 4' arc under the basketball to follow the Minnesota State High School League rules.

Teaching & Learning Director – Mr. Nick Truxal shared the following: 1) Thanked Barb Kingsley, Laura Berndt, Jordan Jensen, Jane Johnson, Ann Frericks, Melanie Thompson, and Chris Berg for preparing materials for the new reading program; 2) The Worlds’ Best Workforce Committee would meet in September to look at recommended goals and adjustments; 3) At the August 20 School Board Mini-Retreat, Teaching & Learning Specialist Peter Dodds would talk about the new staff website that would be used to track their growth; 4) Mr. Truxal reminded the members that the Board filing ended the following day and added, “I like working with you.”

Elementary School Principal – Mrs. Svobodny shared the following: 1) Due to a large number of registrations for Learning Readiness classes this fall, an additional class was added, and Nicole Einsman was hired as the teacher; 2) Every two years, she applies for a Parents Aware Rating from MDE. The elementary was awarded the highest level, which allows the district to apply for scholarships for our preschool students; 3) She was currently organizing the Back-to-School Conference/Assessment days; 4) Two paraprofessional positions were filled by strong candidates; 5) She was currently writing Title I and Title II applications; 4) On August 9th, she and Nick Truxal attended the A+ Education Conference; 5) Dr. Svobodny was looking forward to the New Teachers’ Workshop the following week; 6) She was excited about the no bully program to be offered during staff workshop week, which would make the school environment the “very best it could be for everyone.”

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and Approval of Handbooks

In his written report, Principal Todd Rowekamp had explained additional changes to the high school handbooks, and shared some of them with the Board.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the student, parent/student, staff, paraprofessional, athletic/activities, coach, and One-to-One Laptop handbooks.

Second Reading and Approval of Policy Changes

Earlier in the meeting, the Board had discussed increasing the enrollment cap for grades six through twelve.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the changes to Policy 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students with the enrollment cap for grades six through twelve at 100 each.

A motion was made by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the changes to Policy 602 Organization of the School Calendar & Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent – Accept Resignations and Hires

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

Accept Resignations: JAYLEEN MEYERS as 9th Grade Volleyball Coach, CINDY BANDEL as Cook’s Helper, KEVIN KULLOT as 9th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach, JOSHUA LAPLANTE as 9th & JV Football Coach, ALISSA ECK as Cook’s Helper.

Accept Hires: MELISSA TUMBLESON as Assistant Dance Coach, MELANIE MUNROE as JV Volleyball Coach, NICOLE EINSMAN as LRP Instructor, TIM CHAPPELL as Theatre Director, REBECCA BURT as Cook’s Helper, BRIAN LEHNERTZ as JV/B/9 Football Coach; JOHN REISDORF as 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach, RON HEINS as Route Van Driver, and ASHLY HERNANDEZ and KATIE KAHN as Instructional Assistants.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) The C-TECH agreement was moving forward with seven students expected to participate. Mr. Carolan said, “It is a good start to offer more opportunities to our students;” 2) He advised that the following summer projects were completed: playground equipment, wood chips installed, asbestos abatement and tile floors installed at the high school; 3) They were moving forward on obtaining a shed for the preschool playground equipment; 4) Compaction testing on the ballfields indicated that overall they met the standards with only one area not in compliance; 5) No bully training would be offered to all staff during the August workshops; 6) The Long-term Facility Maintenance report had been submitted; 7) Transportation Director Dustin Pagel was working with KBS of Plainview on the bus garage replacement; 8) A lot of staff training was coming up, including special education training

through the Hiawatha Valley Education District (HVED); 9) The August 20 School Board Mini-Retreat topics could include information on the No Bully Initiative, In-Classroom Professional Development (Instructional Coaching), and the new elementary literacy Curriculum (Fountas & Pinnell); 10) Mr. Carolan thanked the Board for allowing him to participate in the certification program, which allows him to work with superintendents throughout the country.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Advised that Bennett & Sons had done the excavation work on the Plainview ballfield.

Nelson – On August 20, she would attend a Policy Committee meeting and Board Mini-Retreat. To the administration she said, “I wish you a wonderful start to the school year.”

Austinson – She would be attending the upcoming Policy Committee meeting and World’s Best Workforce meeting.

Lehnertz – There had been a good discussion at the Calendar Committee meeting, held that evening.

Pagel – The HVED continues to evolve the organization by looking for locations and programs to meet the needs of students.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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