

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2018

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:00 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Andrea Lehnertz, Linda Nelson, Todd Peterson, Matt Wrubel, Student Board Member Anna Sachs, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Principal Todd Rowekamp, Assistant Curriculum Director Assistant Nick Truxal, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, Brooke Bernard, Dom Kellen, Maggie McLaughlin, Kathy McLaughlin, Tim Neppi, Donald & Mandy Riley, and Terry Sinn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Revised Agenda

Chair Pagel advised of these additions/deletions: Add resignations of PEGGY SWENSON and SHERI CROWSON as Elementary Instructors at the end of the school year, and remove JEFFREY TESKEY as Long-Term Substitute Custodian.

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

Visitors to Address the Board

Donald & Mandy Riley currently had a kindergartener and tenth grader attending, and their incoming ninth grader was on the Fall 2018 waiting list due to the class reaching the enrollment cap. They sought an exception to the cap on behalf of their daughter, Olivia, so that they would have all three children in the same school district.

Tim Neppi had an incoming sixth grader who had been approved for Fall 2018; however, their incoming ninth grader was on a waiting list for Fall 2018. He also sought an exception to the enrollment cap for his son, Ryan.

Maggie McLaughlin and Terry Sinn came before the Board to thank them, Superintendent Carolan, and Principal Jeanne Svobodny for their support of the GIVE16 campaign. The elementary raised over \$2,000, the amount was matched for a total of over \$4,200, and people were still making donations. Jason Zucker and family visited to accept the donation which caused a lot of excitement at the elementary.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the March 12, 2018 Regular School 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 Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$51,469.08, and the Special District Bills totaling \$110,834.44.

Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$3,566,416.72 and the March electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Principal Svobodny recognized the contributions of Peggy Swenson and Sheri Crowson. "We are going to miss them and the many contributions both have made to our school and community. We are happy for them as they move on to other things. Peggy has been in the district for 30 years, and Sheri for 32 years. They have provided a lot of years of experience and leadership roles on district committees and are wonderful, wonderful teachers."

Mrs. Svobodny also mentioned Maggie McLaughlin's "drive and spunk for having an idea and doing something about it. It was a wonderful highlight for the elementary school when Jason Zucker and his wife came to the school to say thank you."

In regard to Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Nick Truxal said he couldn't ask for a better friend or mentor – "she has been wonderful."

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Elementary Principal – Dr. Svobodny shared the following: 1) Reading consultant Joan Hernandez Lindeman had taught the elementary teachers how to administer the Benchmark Assessment System on March 29. Mrs. Svobodny thanked Assistant Curriculum Director Nick Truxal for his collaboration of the event; 2) Kindergarten registration attendance had been 63 out of 72 children; 3) Several grandparents called to say how much they enjoyed the first and second grade Pajama Party. Mrs. Svobodny added, "Katie Kabes does an amazing job."

High School Principal – Mr. Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) For John Ostrowski, he reported that we have yet to have a spring sports event as every game/meet had been cancelled so far. An emergency meeting of the athletic directors was held to reshuffle the schedule; 2) The high school would be hosting small group contests the following day for schools from all over the area; 3) The Model UN program had really taken off in past couple of years due to the leadership and passion of Tine Donahue. Eighteen students were attending and were excited and proud to speak in front of an 800-person audience; 4) Nick Truxal had spearheaded the TechNest program pilot with two students working with Laura Berndt and Bryan Berg. An expected four to five students were wishing to participate next year; 5) In addition to the Pops and Pies event, there would be a 2.5K or 5K run as a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Student Board Member Anna Sachs reported on the following: 1) The Band and Choir received all superior ratings at a recent contest; 2) Model UN participants had fun at their recent event; 3) The walkout was peaceful and provided a good time to discuss preventing tragic events; 4) Four schools would be in attendance at the solo contest that week; 5) Pops and Pie would be held that Saturday at the Eyota American Legion to raise money for the Music Department; 6) Three members of FFA became ambassadors and would attend the state convention later in the month. Makenna Hart and she had accomplished state proficiencies; 7) She was a final Minnesota State FFA officer and would go through an interview process; 8) Shared that one of her friends was concerned about bullying in her grade level.

REPORT

First Reading of Policy Changes

Mr. Carolan brought forward suggested changes from Member Wrubel and the School Board held the first reading of changes to Policy 533 Wellness and 903 Visitors to the School District, and New Policy 930 Therapy Dogs.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the Auditing Contract with Clifton/Allen/Larson

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the auditing contract with Clifton/Allen/Larson.

Consent – Accept Resignations, Approve New Hires, Accept Donations

A motion was made by Member Lehnertz and seconded by Member Wrubel to accept the resignations, approve new hires, and accept donations. Member Andring recommended that all be approved with the resignations of Jane Johnson, Sheri Crowson and Peggy Swenson being pulled out for separate votes.

The motion was revised by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Accept Resignations: ABBIE ECKDAHL as SACC Worker, and KELLY SCHLIESMAN as Part-time Spanish Instructor at the end of the school year.

Accept Hires: BRIAN DEFRANG as Assistant Baseball Coach, and KEVIN SALSMAN as Custodian.

Accept Donations: \$500 to Cross Country from EAGLES WRESTLING CLUB, \$500 to the Trap team from DOVER FIRE, \$550 from PATT to Elementary PE and \$129.36 to Elementary Academic Triathlon, and \$2,000 from DOVER-EYOTA STORM GIRLS' SOFTBALL to the DE Softball team.

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Wrubel and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of JANE JOHNSON as Curriculum Director at the end of the school year. Member Andring said he appreciated her input over the past 16 years.

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of PEGGY SWENSON as Elementary Instructor at the end of the school year. Member Andring said he didn't want to see her go without mention of her 30 years of longevity at Dover-Eyota.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of SHERI CROWSON as Elementary Instructor at the end of the school year. Member Andring noted that 32 years was a "pretty good accomplishment!"

Two Requests for Open Enrollment Exceptions

In regard to the two requests for exception to the 9th grade enrollment cap, the Board took into consideration splitting up a family, whether being over the cap at the high school level was a problem, and losing future students to post-secondary enrollment options programs.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to make the two exceptions to the enrollment cap and approve the enrollments of Ryan Nepl and Olivia Riley into 9th grade the Fall of 2018.

Chair Pagel indicated appreciation for the families coming before the Board.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) Talked about teaching staff who were seeking courses for concurrent enrollment status; 2) In regard to the Worlds' Best Workforce rubrics, he said the district would continue to develop more smart goals, as well as determine how to involve more students in the process; 3) The recent school closure was unavoidable and put the district at its fourth snow day. The district was still in the range of the required school hours of instruction. The general consensus of the Board was that, at this point, the fourth day would not be made up by staff or students. Mr. Carolan talked about the possibility of implementing an E-Learning Day in future calendars; 4) The recent scheduled power outage in parts of Eyota caused a \$4,000 repair to the elementary fire alarm system; 5) A walk through with the Fire Marshal resulted in a few reminders, and an \$8,000 repair of the high school fire alarm system; 6) A Crisis Committee meeting would be held that week; 7) There were five "amazing" candidates for the Teaching & Learning Specialist position and the job could easily be offered to at least three of them; 8) Mrs. Lehnertz had attended the recent drug awareness program and said the district had a great program with DARE, but she would like to see high school or middle school curriculum include the dangers of synthetic drugs. Mr. Carolan would research possible programs

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Advised that negotiations with the Teamsters was coming up, as well as a Playground Committee meeting. John Ostrowski had shared with him a recent mock OSHA visit. Mr. Andring ended his report by saying, "Maggie's fundraiser was awesome!"

Nelson – She had attended a Policy Committee meeting with the policies being brought to the Board that evening. She was waiting to attend the first Meet & Confer meeting. Mrs. Nelson ended her report by saying, "It is sad to see Mrs. Swenson go....she is a fantastic lady."

Austinson – Member Austinson relayed her congratulations to the retirees. She also had attended the Policy Committee meeting and relayed that she was looking forward to reviewing the World's Best Work Force report.

Peterson – He attended a Dollars for Scholars meeting and was looking forward to graduation. Mr. Peterson relayed that the Negotiations Team was waiting to hear back from the Teamsters, and the principals' negotiations would also begin soon.

Lehnertz – Mrs. Lehnertz congratulated the retirees and added, "I met Sheri (Crowson) in the old elementary school and she has been a staple ever since. I am sad to see them (the retirees) go." She would attend a Curriculum Committee meeting the following month. At the Community Education

Committee meeting, she learned that there were a “ton” of classes being offered for adults and youth. The registration in Mrs. Magnuson’s dance class was over 90. Also, SACC had 70 students registered for the summer and there were a lot of families on the waiting list.

Wrubel – The Crisis Committee would meet that week in preparation of a walk through and review of policy by Randy Johnson. Mr. Wrubel thanked Peggy Swenson, Sheri Crowson, and Jane Johnson on their years of service, and congratulated them on the “new chapter in their lives.”

Pagel – Member Pagel congratulated Peggy Swenson, Sheri Crowson, and Jane Johnson on their “exceptional” service to Dover-Eyota Schools. He had attended the Give 16 day with the Zucker family and relayed that one of the classrooms gave birthday cards to Mrs. Zucker. The students also sang “Happy Birthday” to her. He felt that the Zucker family was a “little overwhelmed” at the reception they received. He added, “It was a great experience for Dover-Eyota!” In regard to the Hiawatha Valley Education District (HVED), Mr. Pagel noted that special education needs continue to grow, and there wasn’t any more room for additional Birth to 3 students in the program. He ended his report by relaying that the Winona School District wished to rejoin the HVED.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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