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# BOARD MINI-RETREAT MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2018

Chair Ron Pagel called the Mini-Retreat of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:08 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Andrea Lehnertz, Linda Nelson, Todd Peterson, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Matt Wrubel. Also in attendance were Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Principal Todd Rowekamp, Assistant Principal/Activities Director John Ostrowski, Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Curriculum Director Assistant Nick Truxal, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, Becky Gerdes, and Dan Vrieze.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Approve the Agenda

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) – Staff Absences

In the past, the Board has approved maternity and paternity leaves. It was determined that the Board doesn't need to approve them as long as they fall under the FMLA (up to a 12-week absence). However, to keep them informed, a new agenda item would be added to regular meetings: CONSENT - FMLA Leave Communication. It would only list the individual's name and length of absence.

### Superintendent

Supt. Carolan talked about the walkout rumors across the US and rules that would go out to our students. He also indicated he received one response to his email to parents about our security measures.

### Board Committees

The School Board reviewed the committee document. Member Andrea Lehnertz offered to be the Board representative on the Curriculum Committee.

### Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Adoption and new position of Teaching and Learning Specialist

Curriculum Director Jane Johnson and Assistant Curriculum Director Nick Truxal talked about the Fountas & Pinnell Literacy program that would be adopted by the school. Mr. Truxal's discussion with staff learned that they would appreciate support through a Learning Specialist.

### Grades 6-12 Math Curriculum

Math Instructor Dan Vrieze talked about the textbooks entitled "Classroom Instruction that Works" and "Principles to Actions." He had the group complete a mathematical lesson and shared a document of Mathematics Testing Practices.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

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Julie Austinson, Clerk  
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