

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2017

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:01 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, Assistant to the Curriculum Director Nick Truxal, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, and Brooke Bernard.

## Approve the Amended Agenda

Chair Pagel advised of these additions: 9D. Compliments and 13C. Hire of Scott Cork as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach

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

## Visitors to Address the Board

There were no visitors wishing to speak to the Board.

## Consent - Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to approve the September 11, 2017 Regular Board Minutes and September 25, 2017 Mini-Retreat Minutes.

## Consent – Approve Regular Bills and Special Bills

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$222,568.42, the Special District bills totaling \$94,222.32.

Chair Pagel welcomed new Student School Board Member Anna Sachs.

## Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$5,150,939.25 and the September electronic transfers.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Jeanne Svobodny recognized the Dover-Eyota Special Education staff for receiving a Certificate of Achievement from the Minnesota Department of Education for meeting the compliance items.

Supt. Carolan recognized Mrs. Bry Anderson for her work organizing the Homecoming events.

Dr. Jeanne Svobodny recognized the elementary Physical Education staff who were "the best in the state."

## **CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

High School Principal – Mr. Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) Welcomed Anna Sachs as the student member of the Board; 2) Homecoming was "a really good week." The Student Council and Advisor Bry Anderson did a great job organizing activities (VolleyBro, cookout, parade, etc.). The plan was to light the bonfire the following evening after the home games; 3) He gave an update on the job shadow program run by Stephanie Holliday. She was making placement for students locally at the Eyota Vet, Perry Dental, Shea Design, Don's Electric, elementary third grade, and Higgins Cabinetry, as well some in Rochester; 4) The teachers had shared information with the students about lockdown and fire drills.

Assistant Principal/Activities Director – Mr. John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) Mark Skrukud, Emily Eichman and Travis Meiners had been inducted into the Wall of Fame on September 15; 2) He was starting to prepare for the eighth grade Eagle Bluff trip scheduled for November 1-3 with the largest group ever (98 students).

Elementary Principal – Dr. Svobodny provided information about the Back-to-School Assessment Days, including parent and teacher survey results.

#### District Feedback Forms

Supt. Carolan shared the two compliments that were received about the elementary bike program.

### **STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Anna Sachs reported on the following: 1) "School Spirit" was the Homecoming theme. The Volleybro game was won by the teachers, Homecoming King and Queen were Payton Schott and Abbe Lacey, the Student Council held their first tailgating party, the Powderpuff game was won by the juniors, the pepfest was "great", and the parade was the biggest one in years with over 30 units; 2) Section sports would be starting with the girls' soccer team seeded #2; 3) Seven members were planning to attend the FFA convention; 4) Fall musical presentations of "It's a Wonderful Life" would be held November 10-12; 5) Several seniors had indicated they would like more college and "living alone" readiness.

### **REPORTS**

#### First Reading of the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar

Supt. Carolan provided a quick look at the proposed 2018-2019 Academic Calendar which again contains the two-day elementary conferences. The student contact days were back to 175 on this calendar.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Grant Final Approval of the FFA trip to Indianapolis

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to grant final approval of the FFA trip to Indianapolis, October 24-28, 2017.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Consent - Fundraiser Requests

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the Wrestling team tumbler fundraiser November 9-21, 2017, and the elementary art work memorabilia fundraiser November 15 through December 15, 2017.

#### Student Travel Request

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to tentatively approve the Spanish Club trip to Spain in July 2019. Member Nelson felt that the cost per student (approximately \$4,000) was "outrageous." She wondered about students who couldn't afford the cost, and was told that they were given the opportunity to fundraise. Supt. Carolan would find out the average amount students are able to raise through fundraisers, and how much they would have to provide of their own funds.

#### Consent – Accept Resignations, Approve New Hires, Accept Donations

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

Accept the resignations of TALON MERCER as 9th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach; and SIERRA NGUYEN as Student SACC Worker.

Accept the hire of VICKY HUMBLE as Elementary Math Wizards Coach and Elementary School Patrol Advisor; KILEY PUETZ as Academic Triathlon Coach (5-6 Gr); SHAUNA YOUNG as Elementary Instructional Assistant; HEATHER HEWITT as Elementary Instructional Assistant; and MAELENE TJEPKES as Cook's Helper; and SCOTT CORK as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach.

Accept the following donations: \$50 from OLMSTED COUNTY FARM BUREAU to FFA; \$414.72 from ZOETIS/CHOSEN VALLEY VET to FFA; \$410.41 from potential Eyota LIONS for Milk Break Angel Account and preschool scholarships; and \$20 to the elementary from KENNITH FEINE.

## **HEARING OF REPORTS**

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) A teacher reading licensure meeting was held and information had been previously shared with the Board. Only six teachers were committed to the program; however, it might drop to five. Ten participants are needed for a St. Mary's cohort, and teachers from other districts may be invited to attend; 2) When a child was found to have lice, the district received push back on our lack of communicating it to other parents. Since privacy and not embarrassing the student is a concern, a discussion had been held on how to educate parents on managing when their child has lice; 3) The fat bike trail project was still being considered and Ryan Pike would be invited to the next woods committee meeting; 4) A water leak in one of the high school service rooms led to damage to some fire alarm system electronics. Long-Term Facility Maintenance funds of approximately \$3,500 would be used to replace items; 5) Mr. Carolan was surveying teachers and paraprofessionals regarding Post Secondary Enrollment Options.

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

**Andring** – Mr. Andring welcomed Anna Sachs as the Student Board Member and said, “We value your input.” He advised that the Southeast Service Cooperative was calling for nominations looking for Board members.

**Austinson** – The World's Best Workforce Committee had reviewed data, and found that our Strategic Plan ended last year. Supt. Carolan relayed that the Board would review the new plan at their November Mini-Retreat. The WBWF Committee was looking at the middle school and high school block schedule and wondered when the committee would be getting together and if there will be a Board member on it. Principal Todd Rowekamp would schedule a meeting.

**Peterson** – Mr. Peterson welcomed Anna Sachs.

**Lehnertz** – Member Lehnertz welcomed Anna and said, “We are glad to have you.” She had attended a Community Education meeting that evening that highlighted the fall offerings including tackle and tag football, as well as Dance class (56 participants). She had heard a lot of positive feedback about the tailgating party, and how appreciative parents were that their kids could get flu shots at school.

**Pagel** – Mr. Pagel relayed that the Hiawatha Valley Education District was continuing to move forward with negotiations. He welcomed Anna to the Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk  
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