

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2016

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, Molly Hofschulte, Andrea Lehnertz, Linda Nelson, Todd Peterson, Student School Board Member Kalli Schaefer, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Todd Rowekamp, Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Activities Director/Asst. Principal John Ostrowski, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, Brooke Bernard, and Dom Kellen.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve the Agenda

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

Visitors to Address the Board

There were no visitors.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to approve the September 12, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to approve the September 26, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to approve the September 26, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes.

Regular District Bills

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$152,053.79.

Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the Special District Bills totaling \$128,190.85.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$4,570,569.83 and the September electronic transfers.

Recognitions

Activity Director John Ostrowski noted that four new members were added to the Wall of Fame at the September 16th football game: Bob & Lois Schmidt (attended over 2,000 home games), Warren Barrett (won 100 GBB and 100 FB games as coach), Jackie Reiland (held 16 school softball records and also played at RCTC and Southwest University), and Rick Clark (406 pushups in PE when a 10th grader).

Principal Rowekamp advised that Homecoming activities had gone well and that a lot of students worked hard to make it a fun time.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School/Middle School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) Welcomed the Student School Board Member Kalli Schaefer who was a senior on the Student Council; 2) The Homecoming Dance once again was a really fun event to watch. The DJ complimented the students on how “inclusive” they were with their classmates, underclassmen, and special needs students; 3) The Bugs Program described in his written report addressed some of the issues that cause middle school students to struggle with their studies. The program started last year during second semester, and was refined by staff for this year; 4) He talked about recent lockdown and fire drills and improvements that would be made; 5) He recently had very good meeting with the Professional Learning Teams.

Elementary Principal – Dr. Svobodny shared the following: 1) The Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) team met several times and on October 11th relayed to staff the process for referring students to Response Teams; 2) During recent Wednesday morning 1-hour late starts, 80 students utilized the free SACC program, more than in previous years; 3) Jill Magnuson and her team administered the new FASTBridge oral reading fluency assessments. The STAR math and reading tests were also given; 4) The staff was planning for fall conferences, the Early Childhood book fair, the after-school computer lab, and Targeted Services; 5) The staff were learning how to best manage a few students that moved in who have high behavior needs causing them to be removed from the classroom several times; 6) A couple more elementary students would be registering after MEA.

District Feedback Forms

Supt. Carolan relayed the concern and compliment received.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Student School Board Member Representative Kalli Schaefer reported the following: 1) She was involved in Student Council, Talk It Up, Peer Helpers, Model UN, Band, and the Honor Society, as well as volunteering at the Mayo Clinic; 2) The Student Council tried something new during Homecoming with Volleybro, a boys' version of powder puff. The event had great attendance. The whole Homecoming week in general went really well, had great energy, and brought the students together; 3) Regarding the clown situation on social media, she relayed that, after Principal Rowekamp sent emails to parents and information was read in each class, the students realized the seriousness of the situation. As a SACC worker, Kalli saw how it affected some elementary students; 4) The new teachers are doing "so well." Some students were concerned last year as some of their favorite teachers left; however, they are now appreciating the "great energy" of the new teachers. In fact, the new staff did a lip sync feature during the Homecoming pepfest and two members want to compete again in Snoball activities this winter; 5) The lockdowns last year went smoothly, partially because of a teacher who made a point of explaining why the drills were necessary and talking about what the students could do if it were a real situation.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and Approval of Policy Changes

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Hofschulte, and carried unanimously to approve changes to the following policies:

506 - Student Discipline

509 – Enrollment of Non-Resident Students

520 – Student Surveys

522 – Student Sex or Gender Identify Nondiscrimination

529 – Notification to Staff Regarding Placement of Students with Violent Behavior

532 – Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Prevention Institute Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds

706 – Acceptance of Gifts & Donations

New 721 – Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Reserve Sources

799 – Delinquent Accounts

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the Findings and Conclusions in the Matter of the Proposed Closing of the Dover School Building

Supt. Carolan explained that the school district's legal counsel made these recommendations to facilitate the closing and sale of the Dover building.

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to approve the Findings and Conclusions in the Matter of the Proposed Closing of the Dover School Building (Attachment A).

Adopt the Resolution to Close the Dover School Building

A motion was made by Member Peterson and seconded by Member Lehnertz to adopt the Resolution to Close the Dover School Building (Attachment B). A roll call vote was taken with the following vote in favor: Andring, Nelson, Austinson, Peterson, Pagel, Lehnertz, and Hofschulte. Those voting against the same: none. The motion carried unanimously.

Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte and seconded by Member Nelson to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property (Attachment C). A roll call vote was taken with the following vote in favor: Andring, Nelson, Austinson, Peterson, Pagel, Lehnertz, and Hofschulte. Those voting against the same: none. The motion carried unanimously.

Cooperatives

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to dissolve the boys' soccer agreement with PEM beginning the 2017-18 school year.

A motion was made by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Hofschulte, and carried unanimously to dissolve the girls' hockey agreement with Dodge County beginning the 2017-18 school year.

A motion was made by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Hofschulte, and carried unanimously to apply for a co-op agreement with Rochester Lourdes for girls' hockey beginning the 2017-18 school year.

Fundraiser Request

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the Band fall frozen foods sales October 17-31, 2016.

Consent – Accept Resignations

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of AMIE HINES as Food Service Clerk and LEIF ERICKSON as 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach.

Consent - Accept Donations

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to accept the \$250 from BREMER BANK for DE pocket calendars, \$500 from SOUTHERN MN INITIATIVE FOUNDATION for the Whitewater Coalition, and \$443.38 from the CHOSEN VALLEY VET CLINIC to FFA.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report & Communication – Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) The preschool playground was taking shape. A manhole needed to be lowered and another play structure needed to be installed. Then the poured-in-place playground surfacing would be installed; 2) The sink hole near the high school track had been filled in. Similar patching had to be done previously due to erosion or settling. We continue to work with WHKS and Fitzgerald regarding these occurrences. We haven't signed off with Fitzgerald and there are retainage funds being withheld; 3) Vandalism by previous students included knocking over a porta potty onto the field and making a singe spot in the turf. Security cameras have assisted law enforcement, and steps would be taken to better secure the area; 4) Over the weekend, someone posted pictures of clowns on the windows that looked into the high school building; 5) The Silent Auction was a success in getting rid of items no longer needed. Mr. Carolan thanked Chris Berg for her work in organizing the event; 6) Talked about possible agenda items for the September 24th Mini-Retreat; 7) The candidate forum had been cancelled; 8) Asked the members to consider attending the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference in January; 9) He would engage teacher and student groups in the Strategic Plan process to gain their input; 10) Supt. Carolan shared information he had gleaned from a Minnesota Association of School Administrators conference; 11) Shared upcoming events.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Several of his grandchildren participated in the 4th gr bike trip to Lanesboro, which had been fun but tiring. Mr. Andring advised that one of his workers had seen activity on the football field the night of the vandalism and called police.

Nelson – Welcomed Kalli Schaefer as the Student School Board Member.

Austinson – Welcomed Kalli Schaefer.

Peterson – Advised that negotiation mediations with the Teamsters had gone well and that, hopefully, the contract would be approved by the Board in November.

Lehnertz – Welcomed Kalli Schaefer.

Hofschulte – Welcomed Kalli Schaefer. Advised that the Southeast Service Cooperative was calling for election candidates. Mrs. Hofschulte congratulated the Hall of Fame inductees. She ended her report by thanking the community member who saw the vandalism occurring and called police.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 533
DOVER-EYOTA**

**In the Matter of the Proposed Closing
of the Dover School Building**

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

A hearing on the proposed closing of the Dover School Building by Independent School District No. 533, Dover-Eyota Public Schools (hereafter "School District") was held on Monday, September 26, 2016, at 7:00 PM in Eyota, Minnesota.

The hearing was conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.51, subdivision 5. The hearing was recorded. All individuals wishing to speak and offer evidence in favor of or in opposition to the closing were given the opportunity to testify during the hearing.

FINDINGS

1. The Dover School building, located at 217 W. Center Street, Dover, Minnesota, served students in the preschool program.
2. The School District's students are currently educated in the following buildings:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Dover Elementary School	PreK-5	611
Dover-Eyota Middle School/High School	6-12	608

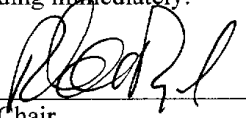
3. Annual rent from the Hiawatha Valley Education District in the amount of \$20,500, which was used to offset operational costs, ended on June 30, 2016.
4. The continued operation of the Dover School Building is not an efficient use of School District resources. By closing the Dover School building, the School District will save a total of approximately \$30,000 during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
5. The School District has a long-range plan for its facilities. This plan is to have a total of two building sites. The Dover-Eyota Elementary School would serve all elementary students in the School District in the most efficient manner. The Dover-Eyota Middle School/High School would continue to serve all high school students in the School District in the most efficient manner.

6. The timeline for this plan is that the Dover School building would be closed immediately. All elementary students would then attend the Dover-Eyota Elementary School Building during the 2016-2017 school year and thereafter.
7. The School District is proposing to close the Dover Elementary School, rather than the Dover-Eyota Elementary School, because the Dover-Eyota Elementary School site can accommodate all of the School District's preschool through fifth grade students.
8. School District Administration members have looked into the educational impact of closing the Dover School building and anticipate that the educational benefits will include the following: a more equal allocation of supplies and educational resources among students in the School District; there will be more staff available for the sharing of ideas and information; the elementary staff will have a common mission and will be working toward the same goals; every child within the School District would have the same educational opportunities; and class sizes could be more easily equalized.
9. The School District published notice of the school closing hearing in the official newspaper for two weeks before the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The closure of the Dover School Building is necessary and practicable.
2. The School District has complied with the procedural requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.51, subdivision 5, for the purpose of closing the Dover School Building.
3. Due to the fact that continued operation of Dover School Building is an inefficient use of School District resources, the School Board of Independent School District No. 533 will close the Dover School Building immediately.

Date: October 10, 2016



Board Chair

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE
DOVER SCHOOL BUILDING**

Whereas, a public hearing was held on Mon., September 26, 2016, on the proposed closing of the Dover School Building;

Whereas, during this hearing, people wishing to give testimony for and against the proposed closing were heard by the School Board;

Whereas, published notice of this hearing was given in compliance with Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.51, subdivision 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 533 as follows:

1. The attached Findings and Conclusions regarding the closing of the Dover School building are hereby adopted.
2. The closing of Dover School building is necessary and practicable.
3. The Dover School Building is closed effective immediately.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the School District owns a parcel of property ("Property"), the legal description of which is as follows:

SECT-21 TWP-106 RANGE-011 CITY LANDS 106-11-21 LOT-001 BEG 216FT W SWCOR LOT 1 SCH ADD TH N150FT TH W150FT TH N133FT W250FT TH S TO A PT 16FT N OF RR TH E TO W LINE SHEEK ST TH N TO N LINE CENTER ST TH E216FT TO BEG SEC 22-106-11

WHEREAS, the Property, is occupied by a school building which was closed by Resolution of the School Board on October 10, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Property is no longer needed for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the School Board finds that it is in the best interests of the School District to sell all or a portion of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. School District Administration is authorized and directed to undertake all necessary steps to offer all or a portion of the Property for sale.
2. School District Administration is authorized to negotiate the terms of the sale of all or a portion of the Property in the best interests of the School District and the take such other actions as may be necessary or required to implement and effectuate the provisions of this resolution as herein before set forth.