

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2015

Chair Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:05 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Molly Hofschulte, Andrea Lehnertz, Linda Nelson, Ron Pagel, Todd Peterson, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Student Board Member Emmy Buntrock. Also in attendance were Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Principal Todd Rowekamp, Assistant Principal/Activities Director John Ostrowski, Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, Bruce Klaehn, and Brian Todd.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

Chair Pagel advised of these changes to the agenda:

Addition: 14g-5 Consent Hires – add Ginneine Hanenberger as Cook's Helper

15.5 Closed Session

15.75 Consider Mediation for DEEA Contract Negotiations

Deletion: 13c Review Facility Use Fees

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

Visitors to Address the Board

There were no visitors to address the Board.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the September 14, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the September 22, 2015 Board Retreat Minutes.

Regular District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$512,943.39.

Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the Special District Bills totaling \$409,466.39.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$7,632,257.54 and the September electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jeanne Svobodny commended Elementary Director of Custodial Services Wayne Ellringer for the "admirable" leadership job he did in recognizing Greg Blake's role in getting the elementary building ready for the first day of school. She also thanked Mr. Blake who worked really hard those last few days and took ownership of getting the job done.

Supt. Carolan commended the high school staff for the "excellent job" coordinating the Homecoming events. He added, "It doesn't happen without a lot of people putting in extra time and effort." Mr. Carolan also noted the elementary kids at the parade, which was a "neat community event."

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Principal Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) Student School Board Member Emmy Buntrock was unable to attend the meeting and would review Homecoming activities with the Board in November;

2) In regard to technology, some problems had been resolved such as the wireless connectivity and battery issue with some student computers. Technology Director Bryan Berg continued to work with Computers for Schools to replace all the batteries; 3) The high school Site Council is a teacher-driven group that does a “fantastic job” focusing on issues of school culture and attitude with the motivation of school improvement; 4) Cheryl Adkins is the Spanish advisor who scheduled the Spanish-Greek Dinner that evening. (He later reported they made over \$600.) In addition, the Spanish Club would be hosting a Mixed Blood Theatre production on October 29 with other area students attending; 5) The high school PTO had paid for staff meals that evening from the Spanish Club fundraiser dinner.

Elementary School Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared these items: 1) Elementary conferences once again were well attended. She commended the teachers for their hard work in preparing to meet with parents. PATT had supplied supper for the staff that evening; 2) The elementary second and fifth graders finished the STAR reading and math assessments and Mrs. Svobodny thanked Curriculum Director Jane Johnson for providing webinars to assist the teachers in interpreting the results and using them to plan instruction; 3) The elementary was fortunate to have a bike unit. Five 4th graders didn’t know how to ride bike, so it was a learning experience for them as they biked the Lanesboro trail; 4) Fifth grade DARE classes have begun facilitated by Deputy Tracey Pagel; 5) Mrs. Svobodny and Supt. Carolan had met with preschool staff to compile a list of needed furniture; 6) She had attended a Title I conference which dealt mostly with the financial aspect; 7) That week, the elementary staff would have a CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) refresher for those currently certified.

District Feedback Forms

Supt. Supt. Carolan and Activities Director John Ostrowski each relayed the concerns that had been received.

REPORTS

Construction Updates

Supt. Carolan had completed an elementary walk through with Bruce Klaehn and John Ostrowski. He reported that the sink across from the kindergarten bathroom was too high and the kids couldn’t trigger the water because they couldn’t reach the sensor. It would be replaced with a kid-appropriate sink. In the new addition, the floors were poured, the roof was on, some windows were installed, and duct work and inside walls were being installed. Mr. Carolan reported that the project was really not behind schedule as R.A. Morton had a target to be done early December, and had we always felt it would be done the latter part of December.

Activities Director John Ostrowski provided an update of the athletic field complex project. Blacktopping had been completed behind the new set of bleachers and pavement was done for the long jump/triple jump area. Sod was installed on the baseball field, and the track surface was being laid. It turned out that the first round of soccer could not be played on our field due to the freshness of the new track surface. Because 12-15 days was needed to complete the new track area, the soccer games would be moved to St. Charles on Tuesday and to RCTC on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS

Athletic Field Use Fee

Activities Director John Ostrowski advised that a \$70 per hour fee for use of the football field would be consistent with what Mayo High School and Rochester Community Technical College charges. He recommended the following:

- \$70 rental fee per hour
- proof of insurance
- signed copy of field usage rules (no sunflower seeds, gum, smoking, etc.)
- pay clean up/repair time by building and grounds staff

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the four requirements for rental of our football field.

Enrollment Caps for 2016-2017

Supt. Carolan reminded the Board that last year there was a moratorium on the enrollment caps to send the message to our public that there were spaces available in our grade levels. He relayed that two grades were currently slightly over the “caps” and sought input from the Board regarding caps for 2016-17. Member Andring reminded the group that the enrollment policy allows the Board to override a cap, if such a request were received (example: one sibling is accepted but the second sibling can’t be accepted due to the grade level cap being met). Without further action, the Board determined that the enrollment caps were restored for 2016-17.

Future of the Dover Building

Supt. Carolan advised that Bruce Klaehn suggested the district first needed to determine the Hiawatha Valley Education District's future presence in the Dover building before moving forward. Supt. Carolan would research future maintenance/repair, custodial needs, the impact of not having that building in the city, current uses, future uses, etc. and bring that information to the next Board meeting.

Accept Offers for the 1994 Chevrolet Truck and 1983 Homemade Trailer

Supt. Carolan relayed that three offers were received for the homemade trailer (\$202, \$352, \$567.89) and two offers for the truck (\$200, \$345).

With Member Nelson abstaining, a motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to accept the trailer offer of \$567.89 from Jerry Knowlton.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to reject all the truck offers. The Board directed Transportation Director Dustin Pagel to set a minimum price on the truck based on the estimated retail value and sell it outright.

NEW BUSINESS

Olmsted County Children's Collaborative

Supt. Carolan advised that this children's mental health collaborative had existed 5-6 years ago and was being reconstituted. Being a member would allow our district to access these services at the cost of approximately \$500 per year.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the Olmsted County Children's Collaborate Interagency Agreement.

Contract for Sheriff Services

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Olmsted County.

Consent – Fundraiser Requests

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to approve the FFA annual fruit sales and Band annual frozen food sales.

FFA Request for Travel Outside of the District

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to approve the FFA request for travel to their national convention October 27-31 to Louisville, KY.

Leave of Absence Request

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to grant JULIE GIESE a leave of absence to begin approximately February 1, 2016 through April 13, 2016.

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of RYAN SCHEEVEL as Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach.

Consent - New Hires

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to hire ELIZABETH BLOM as part-time Custodian, KRISTA AFFELDT-BACON as part-time Speech & Language Pathologist, ROBERT MASON SR. as 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach, JILL MAGNUSON as Assistant Dance Coach, and GINNEINE HANENBERGER as Cook's Helper.

Accept Donation

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to accept the donation of \$2,433.65 in labor, mileage and truck charges from PEOPLE'S ENERGY COOPERATIVE for digging holes for the new scoreboard.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report & Communication -- Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) Shared recent Cabinet discussions about school closing procedures, safety drills, substitute calling, open enrollment numbers, and technology updates. There would be future discussion on adequate lighting of the west parking lot and field entrance, and crowd management of students at home games; 2) Mentioned that the auto/bus insurance policy premium had increased by 13.5%, so the deductible had been raised to \$1,000; 4) The Minnesota School Board Association's Leadership Conference was scheduled for January 14-15; 5) Asked that the next Board meeting be moved due to the musical event on Mon. November 9.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Lehnertz and carried unanimously to move the next Board meeting to Tue. November 10, 2015.

Mr. Carolan had been viewing concurrent enrollment discussions on line, and ended his report by mentioning meetings he had attended and upcoming events.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Had attended negotiations sessions.

Nelson – Had attended an assessment meeting. She relayed that Curriculum Director Jane Johnson's article in the Eagle had done a good job explaining assessments.

Peterson – Advised that the Negotiations Team had met and the Board would be going into closed session to recommend going into mediation.

Lehnertz – Had attended negotiations sessions.

Hofschulte – The Southeast Service Cooperative was offering sessions that teach social and emotional skills. She said that the Spanish Club dinner that evening was "awesome." Mrs. Hofschulte recognized Peggy Swenson and the elementary staff for assisting students that looked unsure of where they should be and had taken them to the appropriate place. She ended her report by thanking People's Energy Cooperative for their donation.

Page1 – Advised that the Hiawatha Valley Education District continued to work on negotiations.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:01 PM, a motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to hold a closed session to discuss labor negotiations strategies.

At 9:51 PM, a motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to end the closed session.

CONSIDER MEDIATION FOR DEEA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Hofschulte, and carried unanimously to hire mediation services for Dover-Eyota Education Association contract negotiations.

ADJOURMENT

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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