

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 10, 2015

Chair Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Molly Hofschulte, Andrea Lehnertz, Todd Peterson, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Linda Nelson. 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, and Brian Todd.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

Chair Pagel advised of one addition to the agenda: 11e - Donations: \$10,000 from the Dover-Eyota Eagles Foundation for the Eagle logo on the new athletic field.

A motion was made by Member Andring, 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 Minutes

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to approve the July 13, 2015 Board Meeting 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 \$708,768.20.

Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the Special District Bills totaling \$159,611.78.

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve payment of \$124,355.24 to WHKS.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$8,375,610.40 and the July electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Supt. Carolan said that the children participating in the Eyota Days Prairie Fire Theatre production only had a couple of days to prepare and the presentation was very impressive.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Principal Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) They would be holding Health Office Assistant interviews that week, and the Literacy Specialist position still needed to be filled; 2) He was working on orders, developing workshop schedules, and analyzing data from the Senior Exit Survey and MCA results. He advised that this was the second year the senior exit survey had been available and suggested now offering it every other year. The Board consensus was that a larger baseline should be obtained by continuing the survey this year; however, if the response rate is low, future continuation should be reconsidered; 3) Football practice officially began that day and the remaining fall sports would start the following week; 4) Mr. Rowekamp expressed that he was excited that the discussion on starting a trap shoot team was moving forward.

Elementary Principal – Curriculum Director Jane Johnson shared items for Mrs. Svobodny: 1) The last day of Summer school was Thursday and it had gone well at the high school location; 2) Dr. Svobodny appreciated the new SACC Coordinator and how the program was going; 3) Her biggest concern was hiring individuals for the part-time and full-time Speech & Language positions.

Mrs. Johnson also shared the overall MCA reading, math and science math proficiency rates with the Board. She had attended the Minnesota Department of Education Assessment. She learned that the state would no longer pay for the Explore, PLAN, and Compass exams. The district would have to determine if it would cover the cost or discontinue their use. Due to problems they had last year, Pearson would cover the cost of the ACT test for this year. The school district will replace the NWEA with STAR 360 this year.

District Feedback Forms

No forms had been received.

REPORTS

Construction Updates

Supt. Mike Carolan advised that some construction items were on target in the elementary addition (remodeled classrooms were dry walled and painted) and that the exterior of the new addition had some colored brick installed. Nothing surprising came from the core drilling of the elementary gym as proper fill was found. The sealing of the elementary floor went well.

The track and field project was over three weeks behind schedule, the new bleachers were being completed that day, and the scoreboard installation might be delayed. The gym floor installers had not arrived due to an emergency surgery of the lead installer; however, another installation crew was being contacted. There were 37 rolls of turf on site, the old fence was removed, the newly installed curb needed to be corrected, and the football field must be leveled before the turf could be installed.

Cost of Proposed Boys' Soccer Program

Activities Director John Ostrowski shared the proposed cost of adding a junior high boys' soccer team (\$6,627 to \$6,766 the first year) and then phasing in a junior varsity and varsity team (\$13,604 to \$14,432 the first year). After the first two years' cost of running three boys' team, the cost of the three programs would be \$20,000 to \$22,000 per year. There was a conference schedule for boys' soccer, but there would be no guarantee of coinciding junior varsity games. Mr. Ostrowski would again research student interest in boys' soccer to determine if he should continue pursuing the option.

NEW BUSINESS

Approved Revised School-Age Child Care (Eagle's Nest) Handbook and Rate Changes

New SACC Coordinator Megan Carrels and Community Education Co-Coordinator Susan Keller-Schaefer came before the Board to explain changes to the SACC program. Ms. Carrels explained the new activities and structures that she integrated into the summer SACC program and the development of a daily schedule, including community activities, reading time, and math time.

Mrs. Schaefer explained the proposed changes to the handbook and billing, including a change from an hourly to a flat rate. The SACC registration would be online. In the future, a staff handbook and staff training would be instituted.

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the School-Age Child Care (Eagle's Nest) Handbook and rate changes.

Set the Board Retreat

The Board Retreat was set for Tuesday, September 22nd beginning at 6 PM in the DEHS Media Center.

Consent - Accept Resignations

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of CASSANDRA FOGARTY as Adult SACC Worker, SUSAN ANDERSON as Speech language Pathologist, and NICOLE THORESON as Instructional Assistant.

Consent - New Hires

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to hire KENDRA MAGAARD as Long-Term Substitute Physical Education Instructor and ALYSSA ANGUIANO as part-time Spanish Instructor.

Accept Donation

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Hofschulte, and carried unanimously to accept the \$1,834.07 donation from BRAD WICK to the Baseball Team and \$10,000 from the DOVER-EYOTA EAGLES FOUNDATION for the football field logo.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent’s Report & Communication -- Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) He had attended the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) and Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) conferences, the MASA Region 1 Mentor/Mentee meeting, as well as the district’s Administrative Team and Cabinet meetings; 2) He relayed his current focus of a major project list for a 10 Year, Long-Term Maintenance and Revenue Expenditure Plan; 3) Mr. Carolan would also be working on other projects for future consideration, certifying the levy, preparing for the return of staff and students, attending the Hiawatha Valley Education District and Minnesota Rural Education Association meetings, working on an updated Strategic Plan and World’s Best Workforce plan, and learning to use SchoolFinance.com.; 4) The Dover-Eyota Eagles Foundation was selling pavers for the entrance to the new athletic field and would continue to do so each year; 5) Mr. Carolan also advised of a recommended \$8,800 high school roof repair.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Member Andring advised that the sound system was installed on the new ballfield, the lights were working, and the only thing without power was the scoreboard.

Austinson – Mrs. Austinson advised there was a Delegate Assembly self-nomination on the MSBA site Assembly should anyone wish to apply.

Peterson – Member Peterson attended the negotiations session with teachers and advised that they had made some progress. The negotiations would be discussed at the closed session that evening, and the next negotiations meeting was set for September 18.

Hofschulte – Member Hofschulte advised that the Southeast Service Coop would hold a meeting that week. The Early Learning Council had received a larger budget than anticipated and were waiting for the direction in which the program should proceed. She encouraged Supt. Carolan to use scholfinance.com as other districts have reported that it was very transparent and a great tool.

Pagel – Member Pagel advised that the Hiawatha Valley Education District had finalized negotiations with Deb Marcotte who would begin on September 8.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:11 PM, a motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to end the open session in order to hold a closed session for discussion of negotiations strategies.

At 9:45 PM, a motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to end the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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