

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 8, 2014

Chair Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:38 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Molly Hofschulte, Dan Johnson, Linda Nelson, Ron Pagel, Todd Peterson, Superintendent Bruce Klaehn, and Student Member Emmy Buntrock. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Principal Todd Rowekamp, Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director John Ostrowski, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, Eric Aeschlimann, Chris Callahan, Andrea Lehnertz, Von Peterson, and Brian Todd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

Chair Pagel advised of these additions to the agenda:

14e – Hire TERRY SINN, LINCOLN GERGEN, JILL MAGNUSON, AMANDA MARTIN as Targeted Services Teachers; ROSEMARIE VEITH as Instructional Assistant; and SAM CALLAHAN as SACC Student Worker.

Motion: Don, Dan

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, 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 Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the November 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Board Minutes

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the November 13, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Regular District Bills

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Hofschulte, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$361,978.24.

Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the Special District Bills totaling \$397,291.13.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$11,581,920.74 and the November electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

A motion was made by Member Andring, and seconded by Member Peterson, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution Honoring School Board Member Daniel Johnson

Whereas, DANIEL JOHNSON has served with distinction as a member of the Dover-Eyota School Board for 16 years,

Whereas, he has given of his time unselfishly for the students and parents of this district,

Whereas, DANIEL JOHNSON will end his service to the School Board on January 5, 2015,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that he be publicly commended for his contributions to Dover-Eyota Public Schools.

*By Order of the School Board
December 8, 2014*

A vote on the motion resulted in the following voting in favor: Andring, Nelson, Austinson, Pagel, Peterson, and Hofschulte. Voting against the same: none. The motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Principal Todd Rowekamp, Assistant Principal John Ostrowski, and Supt. Klaehn each expressed their appreciation to Mr. Johnson for his support and service to the students and school district, and for challenging them with trust and support during his service as a School Board Member for the past 16 years.

Chair Ron Pagel advised that the D-E School Board would receive a District Award of Distinction at the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Leadership Conference in January.

Supt. Klaehn advised that, at that same conference, Ron Pagel would receive an award for 20 years of service as a School Board Member, and Todd Peterson would be recognized for completing 100 or more hours at MSBA sponsored meetings and activities.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) The high school morning announcements were being done over the public address system and included reminders to students about rules and guidelines, which has resulted in some valuable discussions; 2) Assistant Principal John Ostrowski shared information from a middle school conference he attended with teachers Cali Salley, Tine Donahue, Steven Tauer, and Steve Moericke.

Elementary Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) The Elementary Site Council has been discussing possible staff activities for the last 8 days without students (3 optional days for packing/grades/etc. and 5 staff development days); 2) Recent faculty meetings have emphasized the teacher evaluation process. They have completed step 1 of self-assessment, and are thinking about what their individual growth and development plan will contain; 3) Deputy Tracey Pagel will finish DARE lessons this month and graduation will be Fri., January 9th at 1:30 PM; 4) The Elementary Choir and 5th Grade Recorder Concert was held December 5th, and the 3rd & 4th Grade Holiday Program will be held on Fri., December 12th at 2 PM; 5) Mrs. Svobodny thanked the Board and the Parents and Teachers Together (PATT) group for their contributions to the new elementary electronic sign.

District Feedback Forms

No forms were received.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Student Board Member Emmy Buntrock reported these high school activities: 1) A lot of food and money, including a \$200 family donation, have been received for the Sharing Tree. The High School Student Council went shopping at Walmart for 25 families and was currently wrapping the gifts. The Council members will sort food into boxes at the Dover Fire Hall for distribution to area families; 2) Regarding the rule about no beverage consumption (other than water) in the halls, Emmy indicated that the students think it is a new rule; however, it has been in the student handbook for some time; 3) The high school students like having the announcements read over the public address system; however, some teachers are not pleased when the announcements are late and disrupt their class; 4) The winter sports season has begun and finals are starting.

REPORTS

Construction Updates

Von Peterson from TSP Architects brought forward the final plan for the elementary construction project. Electronic copies will be placed on the school district web site.

Supt. Klaehn and Activities Director Ostrowski provided the final layout of the athletic field improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve the 2014-2016 Labor Agreement with Local No. 320 Teamsters

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the 2014-2016 Labor Agreement with Local No. 320 Teamsters.

Superintendent Search Planning

Supt. Klaehn and the Board discussed the draft Superintendent Search Plan.

Second Reading and Approval of the Policies

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Hofschulte, and carried unanimously to approve revisions to policies 515 – Protection & Privacy of Pupil Records, 591 – Activities Program, and 610-Field Trips.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Approval of the Close Up Trip to Washington, DC

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to grant tentative approval of the Close Up Trip to Washington, DC March 28 through April 1, 2015.

Approve the Revised 2014-2015 Revenue & Expenditure Budget

Supt. Klaehn and Business Manager Gary Betcher presented the Revised 2014-2015 Revenue & Expenditure Budget. Unexpected declining enrollment over the past 14 months is creating budget issues for the district.

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Revised 2014-2015 Revenue & Expenditure Budget.

Approve the Final 2014 Payable 2015 Levy

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Final 2014 Payable 2015 Levy (Attachment A).

Consent - Resignations

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of JANE JOHNSON as Curriculum Director (1 day), and ABBIE ECKDAHL as SACC Instructional Assistant.

Consent – Approve Hires

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve hiring LOGAN CLARK as Targeted Services After-School Instructional Assistant, JAMIE MAUSKEMO as Special Education and SACC Instructional Assistant, BRENDA BILDERBACK as Assistant Food Service Clerk, rehire JANE JOHNSON as Curriculum Director effective January 6, 2015; TERRY SINN, LINCOLN GERGEN, JILL MAGNUSON, and AMANDA MARTIN as Targeted Services Teachers; ROSEMARIE VEITH as Instructional Assistant; and SAM CALLAHAN as SACC Student Worker.

Consent - Accept Donations

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to accept the \$134.61 donation from MICHELLE WILLIAMS to the elementary, and the \$400 donation from HIGGINS CUSTOM CABINETRY for soccer state tournament transportation.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report & Communication -- Supt. Klaehn relayed the following: 1) Reminded the members of the MSBA Leadership Conference January 15-16; 2) Provided the status of the McREL proposal for system review and planning, which will be delayed until a new superintendent is on board; 3) As part of the Strategic Plan, the administration and staff are reviewing the lockdown procedures; 4) A meeting was held with City of Eyota Clerk Marlis Knowlton and Wanda Mitchell about accommodating future city elections in the high school; 5) The Rochester Area Math Science Partnership and the Hiawatha Valley Education District are going through

Strategic Planning; 6) The SEMNET administrators held a preliminary meeting to explore the idea of partnering and buying internet service as a consortium, and hiring someone to oversee the networks.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – He will be attending a Health & Safety Committee meeting and indicated he would like to see a Meet & Confer meeting held. Mr. Andring said, “It will be a difficult year coming up. We have our work cut out for us, especially in light of the referendum passing. I hope the bids come in favorably.” Mr. Andring thanked Dan Johnson, “a long-time friend and colleague on this Board.”

Nelson – Mrs. Nelson said to Dan Johnson, “Thank you for welcoming me and making me feel so much a part of the team when I joined (the Board). Good luck with everything!”

Austinson – As a Delegate Assembly member, she advised of an MSBA information campaign about standing up for and promoting schools, and talked about resolutions proposed by the Assembly. Mrs. Austinson noted the Legislative-Education Forum at the Southeast Service Cooperative on Sat., February 7th, and the Joint Legislative Conference on March 4th & 5th in St. Paul. Mrs. Austinson thanked the family who donated \$200 to the Sharing Tree. She ended her report by thanking Dan Johnson for his service on the Board and added, “I learned a lot from you. You always brought a good perspective to the group.”

Peterson – Member Peterson also thanked Dan Johnson by saying, “Thank you, Dan, for your time and everything you helped me learn while on the Board.”

Pagel – The Hiawatha Valley Education District is just beginning their work on a long-range plan. Mr. Pagel shared information he learned from speakers at recent presentations. To Dan Johnson he said, “Thank you for your service on the Board. You always made us stop and look at things from a different angle and perspective. We will miss you, Dan.”

Hofschulte – Member Hofschulte thanked Mr. Johnson and said, “No one sparred with me as much as you did, and it was always with dignity and transparency. You encouraged us to go deeper into an issue and always came back to ‘what will this do for the kids?’ I appreciated your dedication and sincerity.”

Johnson – Mr. Johnson thanked the people of the Dover-Eyota District for letting him represent them as a School Board Member. He talked about his pride in working with the Board, superintendents, administration, and staff for the past 16 years. Mr. Johnson was appreciative of the opportunity to work in the many and varied aspects of education, including the standards, continuous improvement, technology advancement, individualized testing, and facility improvements. He was proud of being a member of a School Board that did their best to “get the best bang for the buck” for the taxpayers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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Minnesota Department of Education
 Levy Limitation and Certification Report
 2014 Payable 2015

Date Printed: 12/15/14
 Limits Updated: 11/24/14
 Certified Submitted: 12/15/14

District Number-Type: 0533-01
 District Name: DOVER-EYOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Home County: OLMSTED

	LIMIT	PROPOSED	CERTIFIED
SUBTOTALS BY LEVY CATEGORY			
GENERAL - RMV VOTER - JOBZ EXEMPT	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL - RMV OTHER - JOBZ EXEMPT	429,572.30	429,572.30	429,572.30
GENERAL - NTC VOTER - JOBZ EXEMPT	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL - NTC OTHER GENED - EXEMPT	15,961.13	15,961.13	15,961.13
GENERAL - NTC OTHER - JOBZ EXEMPT	236,745.51	185,858.67	185,858.67
COMMUNITY SERVICE - NTC OTHER - JOBZ EXEMPT	53,495.83	53,495.83	53,495.83
GENERAL DEBT - NTC VOTER - JOBZ NONEXEMPT	1,390,757.79	1,390,757.79	1,390,757.79
GENERAL DEBT - NTC OTHER - JOBZ NONEXEMPT	40,675.44	40,675.44	40,675.44
OPEB DEBT - NTC VOTER - JOBZ NONEXEMPT	0.00	0.00	0.00
OPEB DEBT - NTC OTHER - JOBZ NONEXEMPT	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTALS BY FUND			
GENERAL FUND	682,278.94	631,392.10	631,392.10
COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND	53,495.83	53,495.83	53,495.83
GENERAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,431,433.23	1,431,433.23	1,431,433.23
OPEB/PENSION DEBT SERVICE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTALS BY TAX BASE			
REFERENDUM MARKET VALUE	429,572.30	429,572.30	429,572.30
NET TAX CAPACITY	1,737,635.70	1,686,748.86	1,686,748.86
SUBTOTALS BY TRUTH IN TAXATION CATEGORY			
VOTER APPROVED	1,390,757.79	1,390,757.79	1,390,757.79
OTHER	776,450.21	725,563.37	725,563.37
TOTAL LEVY			

12/15/2014

Levy Certification

TOTAL LEVY

2,116,321.16

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2,167,208.00

The school district must submit the completed original of this form to the home county auditor by December 29, 2014. A duplicate form must be submitted to Minnesota Department of Education, Program Finance Division, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113, by January 7, 2015.

The certified levy listed above is the levy voted by the school board for taxes payable in 2015.

Signature of School Board Clerk

Judith Christensen

Date of Certification

December 8, 2014