

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 13, 2014

Chair 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. Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Molly Hofschulte, Dan Johnson (7:04 PM), 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, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Paul Heinen, Andrea Lehnertz, Jon Peterson, Jolene Santema, and Brian Todd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Agenda

Chair Pagel advised that the resignation of Aimee Ihrke as 9th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach should be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, 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 Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the September 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to approve the September 18, 2014 Board Retreat Minutes.

Regular District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$231,590.24.

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 \$136,049.36.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$3,483,105.68 and the September electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Girls' Soccer competing in the section finals against Kasson-Mantorville at RCTC.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) The Teacher Evaluation Committee spent a day revising the district plan after receiving training and software from Marzano; 2) Mr. Rowekamp attended a session with Supt. Klaehn on the new bullying law. Jennifer Earle was the speaker and helped clarify what is and isn't bullying; 3) Principal Rowekamp reviewed the summary ACT results. This year, the State of Minnesota is requiring all juniors to take the ACT and the district is considering becoming a testing site.

Elementary Principal – Dr. Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) Student attendance during the Wednesday morning one-hour late start has increased since last year; 2) The elementary school again qualifies as a Celebration Eligible School based on our MCA results (overall proficiency of students, student growth from year to year, and closing the achievement gap between subgroups); 3) The structure of the elementary open computer lab changed this year to right after school on Tuesdays instead of in the evening. The change has increased

attendance and Mrs. Peggy Swenson continues to assist the students; 4) Mrs. Svobodny attended a Title I Administrative Seminar on October 1st and learned that new guidelines are coming out in December.

District Feedback Forms

Supt. Klaehn advised the Board of the compliments and complaints received.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Student Board Member Emmy Buntrock reported about High School Student Council activities: 1) Homecoming Coronation went well and this year they did funny videos, which was well received; 2) They ran out of food and had to order more at their annual Pizza Feed; 3) There was a lot of good participation at the pepfest, and all of the Homecoming Week activities were positive; 4) The group is looking at winter fundraisers such as a Sharing Tree on Wheels (going door to door asking for extra cans/boxes of food) and a dance where students bring food and toys instead of paying an admission fee.

REPORTS

Construction Update

Supt. Klaehn advised that another meeting between TSP and staff was set for Thu., October 16 and that ideas had to be scaled back because costs continue to increase.

TSP member Jon Peterson and Paul Heinen of R.A. Morton were present to provide an elementary construction update. They advised that, initially, 5 % was built in for inflation; however, the rate of inflation has risen 1.9% each year since the recession. Because of the market correction happening at this time, some sections can't find bidders because they are busy with other projects. They are hoping to "get in line first" by letting bids early. They will continue to meet with staff to "dial into their needs." They have already cut out 1,300 ft. of construction (the underground storage) but will have it as an alternate should the market allow.

Supt. Klaehn stressed the fact that all items presented in the referendum will be provided; however, some other items may be scaled back.

The Board asked questions of Mr. Peterson and provided him with suggestions and input.

First Reading of Policies

The Board held their first reading of the revised 514 Bullying Prohibition Policy and new 799 Delinquent Accounts Policy.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and Approval of the World's Best Workforce Report

Curriculum Director Jane Johnson provided the summary report that will be posted on our website and sent to the Commissioner of Education after being approved by the Board. The report recognizes the primary component of the World's Best Workforce legislation.

Supt. Klaehn thanked Mrs. Johnson for all of her hard work on this report.

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the World's Best Workforce Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent - Leave of Absence Requests

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to grant ALLI KITTLESON a maternity leave of absence for November and December 2014 and to grant JENNIFER RYG a maternity leave of absence November 18, 2014 through January 23, 2015.

Consent – Fundraiser Requests

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Band frozen food sales, FFA Corn Drive, FFA fruit sales, and the Boys' Basketball sale of Culligan water softener salt.

Student Travel Outside of the District Request

A motion was made by Member Hofschulte, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to grant tentative approval of the Band trip to Washington, DC and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania June 30 to July 6, 2015.

Consent – Accept Resignations

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of KASSIE PUTZIER as JV Dance Coach, SUE CORDES as Math Wizards Coach, BECKY STAHL as Assistant Food Service Clerk and Afternoon Crossing Guard, and AIMEE IHRKE as 9th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach.

Consent – Approve Hires

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve hiring KEELI REDIG as an Instructional Assistant and RONALD KURTH as a Bus Driver.

Accept Donation

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to accept the \$1,000 anonymous donation to the Senior Class.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report & Communication -- Supt. Klaehn relayed the following: 1) The Board should consider attending the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference January 15-16. It is always a valuable experience with good speakers and breakout sessions; 2) In regard to the 2014 Payable 15 Levy process, he relayed that the county had been notified of the levy, but the state certification site was still not set up to accept the information; 3) We are close to obtaining the new electronic school signs. He reminded the Board that the Whitewater Country Coalition contributed to the cost of the high school sign and the Parents and Teachers Together group contributed to the elementary sign; 4) Relayed the items he gleaned from the MASA Conference Report and the benefit of networking with peers; 5) In regard to the audit, he said, "We don't have major problems or hurdles this year, but we did not gain like expected. For the most part, we are on track of where we wanted to be. We knew it would be red ink as the legislative changes came along. It is still very manageable;" 6) The administrators had met with a McREL representative, which is a consultant group that we will ask to provide an assessment of our district (similar to Baldrige but totally geared toward education).

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Mr. Andring was glad to hear that Homecoming events went well. He wished good luck to the girls' soccer team and said, "The plans look good for the new elementary addition." Mr. Andring also relayed that people were asking about the status of the new track.

Austinson – Mrs. Austinson congratulated the girls' soccer team and the elementary school for their celebration eligibility. She congratulated Mrs. Jane Johnson for doing a good job on the World's Best Workforce Report as it obviously involved a lot of work. The WBWF will meet again on October 28th, the Policy Committee will meet on October 16th, and she should soon see information from the Delegate Assembly.

Peterson – Member Peterson advised that the Negotiations Team had met twice with the Teamsters and the sessions were going well. He wished good luck to the girls' soccer team and all of the fall sports in their playoffs.

Page – Welcomed Andrea Lehnertz who was in attendance.

Johnson – Mr. Johnson had been involved in the Teamster negotiations and said, "Things are moving along well." He wondered why there was an increase in student participation during the one-hour late start. Member Johnson congratulated the girls' soccer team and said that their game on Saturday was fun to watch. He added, "They definitely did well and should be proud of themselves." He agreed that Baldrige is no longer suited for the district's self-improvement needs and he is interested in learning more about McREL. Mr. Johnson ended his report by encouraging the Board to "rethink ways to assist boys' soccer with transportation." He felt it should be treated like a cooperative sport like has been done in the past with other sports.

Hofschulte – Talked about the Southeast Service Cooperative construction, and the Policy Committee meeting on October 16. The Early Learning Council is close to the end of term, is finishing reports, and is waiting to find out if the program will continue.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to go into closed session at 8:34 PM.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to end the closed session at 9:23 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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