

SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT MINUTES

Thursday, August 22, 2013

Chair Pagel called the Dover-Eyota Board of Education Retreat, District #533, to order at 6:27 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Dan Johnson, Linda Nelson, Ron Pagel, Todd Peterson, Molly Hofschulte, and Superintendent Bruce Klaehn. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Todd Rowekamp, Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Activities Director John Ostrowski, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, Technology Director Bryan Berg, High School Custodial Director Gary Franzen, and Elementary Custodial Director Wayne Ellringer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Agenda

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Hofschulte, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda, with the addition of a closed session for purposes of negotiations strategy discussion.

CABINET ANNUAL REPORTS

Cabinet Members Gary Franzen & Wayne Ellringer (Facilities), Bryan Berg (Technology), and the District Administrative Team of Jane Johnson, John Ostrowski, Todd Rowekamp and Dr. Jeanne Svobodny (Curriculum & Instruction) reported the results of their 2012-13 goals, also reflecting on ideas for future direction. Cabinet members Carrie Frank (Food & Nutrition) and Dustin Pagel (Transportation and Grounds) will report at the September 9 regular Board meeting.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF 2012-14 STRATEGIC PLAN

Superintendent Klaehn provided a verbal summary of the overall status of the 2012-14 Strategic Plan, highlighting examples of progress-to-date and planned actions moving forward in 2013-14. An initial request for early brainstorming for the 2014-16 plan was also presented, with more action to come later in the meeting.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Superintendent Klaehn presented the Board with the final "State of the District" document dated August 2013. In addition to previous accomplishments and progress by the district, some of the most recent entries included: the development of the 2012 Pre-School Task Force, the installation of new student lockers in the middle school/high school facility, the final payoff of the music rooms Lease Levy, the installation of cameras into all school buses, and the expanded Professional Learning Teams work in each building.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS REPORT

Principals Dr. Jeanne Svobodny and Todd Rowekamp provided a detailed report to the Board regarding the anticipated work of the staff during the new one-hour late starts in the 2013-14 school year. Weekly focus topics and tasks will be established for each Professional Learning Team. A summary of services provided to parents during the one-hour late start was also reviewed.

DISTRICT SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

A formal quote of \$33,439 from Custom Alarm for the installation of controlled front entry access systems in all three school buildings was presented to the Board for consideration. Discussion was held regarding the concept and details of the systems. More consideration will be given to this decision at the September 9 regular meeting.

2014 AND BEYOND

A brainstorming session was held whereby all Board members and Administrative Team members were encouraged to present written ideas on future district needs within four categories: Curriculum & Instruction, Programming and Staffing, Facilities and Equipment, and Features & Services. Supt. Klaehn will aggregate the ideas presented and offer them in a report at the September 9 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to start a closed session at 9:57 PM. A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to end the closed session at 10:21 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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