

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Chair Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:17 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 Rieke, Student Member Hannah Brown, and Superintendent Bruce Klaehn. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Todd Rowekamp, Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, Bill Lisser, Peggy Swenson, Brian Todd, and Bobbi Waters.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Visitors to Address the Board

There were no visitors to address the Board.

Board Minutes

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the December 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Board Minutes

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the December 27, 2012 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Regular District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$83,020.29.

Special District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the Special District Bills totaling \$95,180.51.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$3,629,665.42 and the December electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Hannah Brown reported the following: 1) Finals week was developing a lot of stress; 2) She was very proud of the Girls' Basketball team as they were doing "awesome" this year; 3) The Student Council's annual blood drive would begin the next day and 30 people had signed up in advance; 4) The "Yes, Virginia" play was really successful for the participants. Due to the snow day, there was a double feature offered on Friday, December 21 at 4:30 and 7:00 PM. Proceeds from the event will help fund microphones and Hannah was hopeful that the event would continue next year; 5) After the December School Board meeting, the Theatre Arts class talked about the use of Facebook in school, the use of technology, and how technology affects teenagers' lives. The class developed a two-act play about how technology affects teenagers and elected not to perform it for the entire student body. She said, "It was a good idea in theory but there were valid concerns that it would not be taken serious;" 6) The Student Council is looking forward to celebrating Snoball the first week in February.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Elementary Principal – Jeanne Svobodny relayed the following: 1) The 5th Grade Math Wizards did well in competition on January 7th. The team of Joe Callahan, Nicholas Gunter, Greg Holst, Kaidyn Mulvihill, and Brady Williams took second place in their competition. Taylor Defrang took first place in the individual competition and Nicholas Gunter took first place in the fact competition; 2) New School Nurse Tammy Kreidermacher started after the holiday break and is “fitting in beautifully” and has “wonderful nursing mannerisms;” 3) The beginning of mid-year assessments are occurring with AimsWeb reading fluency and NWEA reading for all students and math for kindergarten and at-risk students; 4) The 5th grade DARE program begins on January 25th; 5) During the early dismissal on Fri, January 18th, the teachers will work on report cards and the Student Council is planning a spirit day; 6) On the Monday, January 25th inservice/work day, the classroom teachers will be working on reading in their PLT teams; 7) The second round of preschool screening will be held on February 5th and 6th.

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp relayed the following: 1) At the Southeast Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principal’s meeting, the speaker was Sheri Johnson, the Executive Director of the Goodhue County Education District; 2) The Middle School/High School Technology Committee recently met to plan their part of the January 21st inservice day. They will be reviewing some of the technology communication commitments/ expectations for teachers. There will also be a midyear check on the Insight monitoring software, which was implemented this year; 3) His discussion with Hannah Brown and Mrs. Jennifer Ryg was a prime example of how the process is more important than the product. The fact that the students wrote the play and had a typical debate among people who write plays, indicated that the process was valuable and instructive to the students; 4) Mr. Rowekamp talked about the Explorer and PLAN test scores. He reminded the Board that these are precursors to the ACT test and are administered to all students. The Explorer test yielded some impressive results with the 9th grade achieving the highest average score of any 9th grade class given at DE for math, science and the composite. PLAN scores of 10th graders were also strong, easily meeting college expectations; 5) The Robotics Team kickoff event at Mayo High School was fun to attend. It is “quite the amazing operation; 6) He had met with Hannah Brown today to discuss Snoball activities and added, “The Student Council continues to be amazingly creative.”

District Feedback Forms

Supt. Klaehn relayed the District Feedback Forms received.

REPORTS

First Reading of the 2013-2014 Board Assumptions

Supt. Klaehn reviewed the draft 2013-2014 Board Assumptions. Items noted:

- Fall of 2013 kindergarten is projected at this time to be around 100 with resident and grandfathered students (this includes 11 students who were eligible for kindergarten last year but the parents held them back). This number is expected to drop when decisions about students with summer birthday are made by parents. There are also 12 new students wishing to open enroll into kindergarten next fall.
- Revenues --
 - Food & Nutrition Director Carrie Frank feels that lunch prices will likely be required to increase by at least .05 cents to meet USDA standards.
 - All fees (athletic, building rental, etc.) will remain the same.
 - We continue to follow the Three Rivers Conference rate for game admissions.
- Expenses –
 - Utility and fuel costs seem to have leveled off.
 - Food and milk costs are estimated at a 10% increase.
 - The district will strive to maintain current staffing.
 - Instructional supply, technology, testing, and repair/maintenance budgets will be maintained at the 2012-13 level.
 - The General Fund Contingency will be maintained at \$20,000.

The Assumptions will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting for a second reading and possible approval.

First Reading of Revised Policies

Supt. Klaehn reviewed the following proposed policy changes with the Board Members:

407 – Employee Right to Know

506 – Student Discipline

522 – Student Sex Nondiscrimination

1002 – School Closings, Late Starts and Early Releases

The policies will be brought back to the February meeting for a second reading and possible approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Leave Request

Supt. Klaehn recommended tabling Brooke Bernard's leave request. A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to table the request.

New Hire

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to hire APRILL THOMPSON as a Cook's Helper.

Consent - Accept Resignations

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of BROOKE BERNARD as B Softball Coach and CORY ANDRING as Head Track Coach

Consent - Accept Donations

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to accept the following donations: 1) Sharing Tree – \$1,900 collected by the DEHS STUDENT COUNCIL, \$600 from DOVER FIRE DEPT, \$100 from BURT'S MEATS, and \$100 from RURAL ROBINS; 2) DARE Program -- \$100 from KWIK TRIP, \$700 from DOVER FIRE DEPT., \$25 from CHATFIELD LUMBER, and \$500 from the HIAWATHA SNO-SEEKERS; 3) Elementary -- \$1,005 from Wells Fargo and employees.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report & Communication -- Supt. Klaehn relayed the following: 1) Reviewed the itinerary for the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference; 2) Provided an update on school security since the special board meeting and subsequent meetings with the administrators; 3) Effective January 1st, any employee whose meal is paid for by the district may need to be taxed on that meal, as it is considered a form of compensation. There is also a discussion on whether or not certain people should be considered employees (such as referees, football chain gang, etc.) and whether Social Security and taxes should be deducted.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – His service on the Southeast Service Cooperative Board has been extended one month and so he will be attending the Minnesota Service Cooperative meeting this month. The Health & Safety Committee will meet this week. Mr. Andring ended his report by welcoming Linda Nelson to the School Board.

Nelson – Mrs. Nelson stated she was excited to begin her "new journey" and thanked the members for being so welcoming.

Austinson – Member Austinson welcomed Member Nelson and also relayed that the Crisis Team would meet on January 24th.

Peterson – Mr. Peterson also welcomed Mrs. Nelson and relayed that he had not attended any committee meetings in the past month.

Johnson – Member Johnson commended Hannah Brown for tackling the subject of how technology affects teens. He added, "There is no perfect answer when it comes to works of art (i.e., the play). I encourage you and your colleagues to dig in there because it is an area that needs attempts." In regard to security, he said he felt we were ahead of the game and then, after the tragedy (in Connecticut), there may be some items that

need to be addressed. He continued by saying, "We are committed to do whatever we need to do. I hope we don't have to have armed guards outside of every classroom. We need a sound educational system without having to worry about this." Mr. Johnson noted that the test scores were "awesome." He is concerned that we are losing the "whys" as we concentrate on the test scores and wondered if we were missing something important. In regard to technology he stated that we should be happy that we have started along that journey; however, we need to keep improving.

Rieke – Member Rieke welcomed Linda Nelson. She thanked everyone that donated to the Sharing Tree. Ms. Rieke noted the great quality programs at the elementary. She also relayed that Family Services of Rochester recently provided a digital citizenship and cyber bullying program at her church. Many parents were surprised by the information shared and she suggested we provide procedures for parents to use at home and advise them of the technology capabilities we are giving their children. Member Rieke invited the Board Members to attend the Southeast Service Cooperative Legislative Breakfast Forum on February 2nd. She ended her report by relaying that the Calendar Committee was scheduled to meet on January 28th.

Pagel – Mr. Pagel welcomed Linda Nelson and advised that he did not attend any committee meetings in the past month.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Rieke, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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