

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 2012

Chair Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:09 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Dan Johnson, Gene Loftus, Ron Pagel, Todd Peterson, Molly Rieke, and Superintendent Bruce Klaehni. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Todd Rowekamp, Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg and Reporter Bill Lisser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Loftus, 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 Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the December 12, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Regular District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$87,069.30.

Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the Special District Bills totaling \$514,793.61.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$2,754,129.47 and the December electronic transfers.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Elementary Principal – Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) The staff is working on reading in conjunction with the district plan for “Read Well by 3rd Grade” and the language arts standards. On December 14, a consultant met with teachers to refresh them on components of the Reading Street program; 2) She, Jane Johnson and several teachers observed a new program at Gage Elementary School called “100 Books” that is proving to be successful for them. This program may replace our Accelerated Reader program; 3) In the past, it has been a struggle to find seating arrangements for attendees of the 3rd and 4th grade holiday program so this year they tried something new and got positive feedback from parents; 4) The 5th and 6th grade Academic Triathlon teams placed first in a recent competition; 5) During the half-day inservice on January 23, classroom teachers will continue to align the reading standards with the reading curriculum, and the special education teachers will receive a refresher in crisis prevention; 6) The new security system is up and running with new motion sensors that react to both sound (glass breaking) and motion.

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp relayed the following: 1) Student Board Member Mattie Jo Ostrowski was unable to attend the Board meeting as she was playing basketball against Stewartville; 2) The Student Council and Advisor Alberto Vera worked with the Mayo Blood Center to hold a blood drive that day; 3) Loren Kiefer and Bryan Berg are installing the security camera hardware which is both user friendly and produces high quality images. He thanked the Board for approving the upgrade; 4) The Grad tests are high stakes tests

that students are required to pass in order to graduate. We have had success offering after-school and summer intervention sessions. Since August, 11 students have passed, thanks to Becky Houghton and Brooke Bernard.

CUSTOMER COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

Supt. Klaehn shared the Customer Compliment, Concern, Complaint forms that had been received that month.

REPORTS

First Reading of the 2012-2013 Board Assumptions

Supt. Klaehn presented the draft 2012-2013 Board Assumptions which will be brought to the Board for approval in February. Some items noted:

- the Weighted Average Daily Memberships (WADMs) are expected to increase
- total enrollment is expected to increase by 26 students
- the Basic Formula Allowance will increase by \$50 Per Pupil Unit (PPU)
- all Stimulus Funds have expired
- we will be forced to raise our lunch prices due to federal/state guidelines
- food and milk costs are estimated to increase 10% from 2010-11 actual prices
- fees will remain the same
- operational supply budgets may be increased
- projected staffing includes a possible increase in technology support staff and review of principal roles as mandatory teacher evaluations take effect
- there will be a possible addition of an assistant cross country coach if we form our own cross country team
- also being considered is a stipend for Summer Marching Band, Prom Coordinator and Graduation Coordinator

The 2012-2013 Board Assumptions will be brought back for second consideration and approval at the February Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Tentative 2011-13 Master Agreement with the Dover-Eyota Education Association

Supt. Klaehn advised that the DEEA approved the contract and he provided updated comparison data with other school districts that have settled.

Negotiations Team Member Gene Loftus talked about the two year accumulative increase and reviewed the settlement details. Mr. Loftus complimented Becky Houghton and the DEEA committee for their hard work as well as Gary Betcher for the enormous amount of time he spent on negotiations.

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the 2011-13 Master Agreement with the Dover-Eyota Education Association.

Change in Local Reading Requirements for Teacher Licensure Renewal

Supt. Klaehn explained that the state has reading requirements in order for teachers to renew their license. He said that our required hours are still more than many schools and we will try to offer reading inservice opportunities for our staff.

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to set the local reading requirements for staff as follows:

- 5 hours for classroom and special education teachers
- 1 hour for non-core teachers (physical education, art and music)
- 0 for exempted staff (i.e., counselor, nurse, social worker, etc.) as per state law

Staff Leave Request

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the leave of absence of Ag Instructor JACOB ROBINSON from approximately February 1 through March 9, 2012.

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Member Loftus, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of BEN POLLOCK as C Baseball Coach.

Consent – Accept Donations

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Rieke, and carried unanimously to accept the following donations: 1) Sharing Tree - \$361.12 from DEHS STUDENT COUNCIL, \$50 from MR. & MRS. ROBERT LOVEJOY, \$100 from FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, \$100 from RURAL ROBINS, and \$20 from an anonymous donor; 2) DARE Program -- \$100 from EYOTA AMERICAN LEGION.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report & Communication -- Supt. Klaehn relayed the following: 1) Showed the DE and Stewartville PowerPoint presentation to be given at the MSBA Leadership Conference about their lap-top computer programs; 2) Talked about the Board attendance at the MSBA Leadership Conference January 11-13; 3) Invited the members to the Southeast Area Legislative dinner on January 18 and the Southeast Service Legislative Forum and Breakfast on February 4; 4) The Hiawatha Broadband Communications (HBC) would like to televise an occasional basketball game. They are also asking to set up an HBC booth in the hallway before the game to promote their services, sponsor the programs, and give out prizes. Supt. Klaehn will provide the Board with more information as he receives it.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Loftus – Mr. Loftus thanked the Board members for their support during teacher negotiations. He asked Principal Rowekamp to sometime give a presentation on the new security update. He noted that it was “Nice to see the effort of staff and students on Knowledge Bowl, Academic Triathlon and Math League teams.” Member Loftus stated that, “The blood drive keeps kids involved.” In ending his report, he wished good luck with the presentation at the Leadership Conference and challenged the Board members to see the laser presentation booth at the conference.

Rieke – Ms. Rieke thanked Negotiation Team members Gene Loftus and Todd Peterson, as well as Gary Betcher, Supt. Klaehn and the teachers involved in the negotiations and said, “It is nice to come out still shaking hands.” Member Rieke challenged a group to take on the banner machine operation. The 3rd-4th grade holiday program was very good and she thanked the elementary for allowing our daycares to attend. Ms. Rieke will be attending a legislative meeting in Willmar for the Early Learning Council to talk about Head Start opportunities. She ended her report by noting that the Calendar Committee will meet on January 26th.

Peterson – Mr. Peterson thanked the negotiators Molly Rieke and Gene Loftus, as well as Gary Betcher and the administration involved. This year was his first on the Negotiations Team and it was “quite an experience.” Member Peterson also stated that he had enjoyed his first year as a member of the School Board.

Johnson – Handed off the Board minute book to Member Andring and said that he was proud of the school district.

Andring – Mr. Andring wondered if an audio visual education program could be instituted with HBC, even if it was just a shadowing project. He hoped that the Southeast Service Cooperative's offering of the Virtual Reality Program would be successful. Member Andring extended a special thank you to the Negotiations Team, administration and teachers. He added, “I understand the immense time and effort it takes.”

Austinson – She will attend a Playground Committee Meeting on January 16th where they will discuss use of the \$5,000 donation from Parents and Teachers Together (PATT). On March 19th, the Crisis Team will be adding depth to the district crisis plan. Mrs. Austinson has seen the beginning workings of the Project Northland through her 6th grade son who will be a leader in the program. She also thanked the Negotiations Team on behalf of the Board and teachers. She added, “I'm sure it was tough work and tough conversations.”

Pagel – Mr. Pagel also thanked the Negotiations Team and the administration for their time and dedication with teacher negotiations. He added, “It is good to have it done.” Member Pagel shared that he would be unable to attend the February Board meeting as he would be attending a conference.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM.

Don Andring, Clerk
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