

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 10, 2011

Chair Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:10 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Board members present: Julie Austinson, Gene Loftus, Ron Pagel, Todd Peterson, Molly Rieke, Superintendent Bruce Klaehn, and Student Board Member Mattie Jo Ostrowski. Absent: Dan Johnson and Don Andring. Also in attendance were Principal Todd Rowekamp, Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Activities Director/Principal John Ostrowski, Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, and Brian Todd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Supt. Klaehn asked that the agenda be amended by removing the hire of ALEISHA CROUCH as Cook since she has resigned the position, and by adding the hire of MOLLEE BROWN as Long-Term ECSE Instructor Substitute.

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

Board Retreat Minutes

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the September 26, 2011 Board Retreat Minutes.

Regular District Bills

A motion was made by Member Loftus, seconded by Member Rieke, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$135,272.69.

Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Peterson, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the Special District Bills totaling \$191,467.58.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Austinson, seconded by Member Loftus, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$3,010,906.52 and the September electronic transfers.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp relayed the following: 1) He was very pleased with teachers' use of the One-to-One computers and was hearing stories from them about how well the Netbooks are working to engage students; 2) The Student Council worked very hard to plan positive Homecoming activities that increased school spirit and those efforts were successful. Prior to Homecoming, he and Deputy Tracey Pagel met with 10-12th graders and discussed the expectations for student behavior. Despite those efforts, some students gave into negative behaviors resulting in several suspensions and several students not being allowed to participate in homecoming activities. Principal Rowekamp asked for discussion from the Board regarding Homecoming policies, which the Board affirmed to support in this and future years.

Elementary Principal – Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) The two-hour late start and early release were very valuable and Mrs. Svobodny thanked the Board for providing that time for staff to work together. The elementary staff worked on science and health alignment, curriculum mapping, and analyzing testing data. Special Education staff worked on a required report and the specialists developed plans to meet with their “job alike colleagues;” 2) Principal Svobodny held the first meeting of the DE New Teachers’ Academy which she always finds very energizing; 3) She shared the results of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program questionnaire.

CUSTOMER COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Mattie Jo Ostrowski shared that the Student Council led activities during Homecoming included Powder Puff Football on Wednesday evening and a hall decorating contest. They also held a fundraiser which resulted in Science Instructor Tom Theye being taped to the wall during Friday’s pepfest. She added, “Overall, Homecoming was a positive experience.”

REPORTS

Trip to Eagle Bluff

Assistant Principal John Ostrowski provided information about the 8th grade trip to Eagle Bluff scheduled for October 26-28. Activities will include Group Challenges, Tree Tops High Ropes Course, GPS Pathfinders, Orienteering, Karst Geology, Wildlife Ecology, and evening naturalist programs.

June 30, 2011 Audit

Supt. Klaehn said preliminary audit findings show that, in most cases, designated accounts are in the expected range of projections. An audit presentation will be given at the November Board meeting.

Public Meetings for Operating Referendum

The public meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th in Dover and Tuesday, October 25th in the high school auditorium, both beginning at 7 PM. Supt. Klaehn brought forward possible information to be provided at the meetings and sought Board input.

2011-12 Staff Development

Curriculum Director Jane Johnson advised that there are site staff development teams and a District Staff Development Committee. The sites brought their plans and initiatives forward talked for the 2011-12 school year. The elementary is focusing on reading and the high school is focusing on Professional Learning Communities and technology. The district team is focusing on English/Language Arts Standards and supporting licensure requirements for teachers (reading and recognizing the onset of mental illness). Mrs. Johnson also talked about the Common Inservice Day scheduled for Mon., October 24th being hosted by DE.

Supt. Klaehn said that, due to SEMLAC providing common inservice opportunities, school districts are talking less about instituting a flexible learning year calendar.

Mr. Klaehn reviewed the 2011-12 Staff Development Budget Summary with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and Approval of the Student Accountability Report

Supt. Klaehn gave a quick overview of the report.

A motion was made by member Rieke, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the Student Accountability Report.

Community Officer Contract

Chair Pagel advised that Supt. Klaehn had attended the Eyota City Council meeting and that the City agreed to continue with the current split of 25% by the school district and 50% by the City, and the 3% contract increase in each of two years.

A motion was made by member Peterson, seconded by member Loftus, and carried unanimously to approve the Community Officer Contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Resolution Appointing Election Judges

A motion was made by Member Peterson and seconded by Member Austinson to adopt the Resolution Appointing Election Judges (Attachment A). A roll call vote was taken with the following voting in favor: Loftus, Rieke, Peterson, Pagel and Austinson. Those voting against the same: none. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Student Travel Outside of the District

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to approve the FFA request to attend their national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 18-21, 2011.

Supt. Klaehn advised the Board that the FFA would be holding their annual Corn Drive this month.

Consent - Accept Resignations

A motion was made by Member Loftus, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of CHAD OHL as Accounting Assistant and JANET MESTER as Cook's Helper. Chair Pagel extended a thank you to Mr. Ohl, adding that he received an opportunity in the personnel department at Mayo and that he has done a really good job for Dover-Eyota.

Consent – Hires

A motion was made by Member Peterson and seconded by Member Rieke to postpone the approval of RYAN TODD as Long-Term Social Studies Instructor Substitute until the November 14th Board meeting. A discussion ensued including Principal Rowekamp explaining the interview and hire process. A roll call vote on the motion resulted in the following voting in favor: Loftus, Rieke, and Peterson. Those voting against the same: Pagel and Austinson. The motion carried. The Board directed the administration to continue using Mr. Todd as the substitute under the arrangement promised him and bring the hire approval to the November meeting.

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to hire the following individuals: 1) CHERISA BROADWATER as Prevention and Intervention Coordinator for the Whitewater Country Coalition; 2) MARILYN BENSON as Integration Coordinator; 3) KAREN RUIZ as Cook's Helper; 4) JESSICA SCHULTZ as Cook's Helper.

Consent – Accept donations

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to accept the following donations: 1) Sharing Tree -- \$1,266 from the HIGH SCHOOL STAFF; 2) High School -- \$470.48 in TARGET Take Charge of Education rebates and \$418.66 to FFA from CHOSEN VALLEY VET Pfizer program.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report & Communication

Supt. Klaehn relayed the following: 1) Board conference opportunities include the Minnesota Rural Education Association conference November 2-4, Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference January 12-13, and the National School Board Association Conference April 21-23 in Boston; 2) Mr. Klaehn congratulated Julie Austinson as the new delegate representative for the Minnesota School Board Association; 3) Reported on his attendance at the Minnesota Association of School Administrators conference; 4) Asked the Board to consider a possible student trip to Europe next year that would be tied

into our Art and World History curricular areas. The advisors will make a presentation to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Loftus – Advised that teacher negotiations would be discussed during the closed session. Mr. Loftus thanked the high school staff for their contribution to the Sharing Tree.

Rieke – Advised that negotiations would be discussed during the closed session. She has been at the Minnesota Department of Education working on the Governor’s Early Learning Council. She was unable to attend the Community Education Committee that evening.

Peterson – Also mentioned negotiations and that he had been unable to attend the Minnesota State High School League meeting. At a recent Gifted & Talented Committee meeting, a lot of good, positive activities were planned.

Austinson – Noted that the new playground equipment was being enjoyed by the students. As a member of the Systems Accountability Report Committee, she noted that the report was “wrapped up.”

Pagel – He will attend a Three Rivers Conference Board meeting on October 19th. The Hiawatha Valley Education District is negotiating with their principal and teaching staff. Mr. Pagel ended his report by expressing his appreciation to Chad Ohl for his service to the district and wished him the best of luck.

John Ostrowski was asked by Supt. Klaehn to update the Board on a couple of pending Three Rivers Conference items.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:41 PM, motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Peterson, and carried unanimously to go into closed session.

At 11:25 PM, a motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson and carried unanimously to end the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 PM.

Daniel A. Johnson, Clerk
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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES
FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011
SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

Attachment A

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 533, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The individuals specified on EXHIBIT A attached hereto, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the school district's special election on November 8, 2011, to act as such at the combined polling place listed on said exhibit.

2. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

EXHIBIT A

COMBINED POLLING PLACE

ELECTION JUDGES

Dover-Eyota High School

Head Election Judge Nancy Hammel
Maureen Lewis
Marlis Knowlton
Nancy Eichman
Bob Pennington
Irv Plitzuweit
Marjorie Fix
Wanda Mitchell
Ardith Ihrke
Julie Gergen
Dean Bierbaum
Jim Schumann
Cassandra Fogarty
Chris Berg, Alternate