

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 10, 2010

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:02 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Dan Johnson (7:11 PM), Gene Loftus, Ron Pagel, Gary Pedersen, Molly Rieke, Superintendent Bruce Klaehn and Student School Board Member Travis Schreier. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Todd Rowekamp, Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Chris Berg, Gary Betcher, John Pittenger and Karen Schultz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Chair Pagel asked that the hiring of BRIAN HASLEIET as Business Education Instructor beginning the 2010-2011 school year be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Andring 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 Loftus, seconded by Member Austinson and carried unanimously to approve the April 19, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Regular District Bills

With Member Andring abstaining, a motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Loftus and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$66,155.37.

Special District Bills

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Pedersen and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the Special District Bills totaling \$158,495.02

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Loftus and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$1,074,236.97, as well as the April electronic transfers.

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) It was a busy time of interviewing and hiring with the Science and Business positions being filled. They are currently seeking to fill a .33 Spanish position; 2) He was pleased that the Hiawatha Valley Education District has hired Sadie Parsley to be our full-time psychologist next year; 3) In regard to the new equipment for the auditorium, he thanked the Dover-Eyota Music Association for donating \$1,200 and for arranging a \$2,000 service grant from IBM. The new high quality audio and video equipment will be used to record performances in order to sell copies which will provide funding for the various groups; 4) Board members Rieke, Pagel and Loftus will be participating in the commencement ceremonies; 5) Supt. Klaehn pointed out that Mr. Rowekamp's written communications included an unannounced search by authorities and drug dogs which resulted in a "clean" search of the high school. He added that he feels having a school officer in the building makes a positive impact in this area.

Elementary Principal – Jeanne Svobodny shared the following: 1) The elementary response teams had referred 28 students in grades K-2 and 13 students in grades 3-5 for some type of intervention; 2) Deputies Malinda Hanson and Chad Nelson had presented an Internet Safety dialogue to 5th grade students; 3) Encouraged Board Members to join in elementary activities that month.

Customer Compliments, Concerns, Complaints

Superintendent Klaehn shared the Customer Compliment, Concern, Complaint form received.

HONOR STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Chair Pagel presented Travis Schreier with an engraved star for serving as the Student Board Member for the past two years.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Student Board Member Travis Schreier shared the following high school news: 1) Peer Helpers sponsored a safe driving month that included distributing air fresheners, holding seat belt checks, and presenting a mock crash; 2) The Student Council held a blood drive; 3) The Teens As Leaders attended a team-building retreat today; 4) Prom went well. The juniors did a good job with the Grand March and Mr. Brad Hak and Mr. Damon Hammel did a nice job announcing the couples; 5) The three musical performances went very smoothly; 6) That evening, the girls' softball team won with a score of 11-4; 7) Next week, the Choir will be going on their annual Chanhassen trip; 8) The seniors are excited about the end of the school year and are counting down the days; 9) Travis relayed a big thank you to the School Board and Superintendent and added, "It has been fun the last couple of years being the Board representative."

REPORTS

First Reading of the 2010-2011 Strategic Plan

Supt. Klaehn led the Board in the first reading of the 2010-2011 Strategic Plan and obtained their input.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Plan for Use of Health Insurance Claims Margin Return

Supt. Klaehn explained the proposed plan to distribute a portion of the health insurance claims margin return to the VEBA or HSA accounts of eligible staff members so that there will be no tax implications. In order to be eligible for a return, the employee must have been on the plan in 2008-2009 and employed by the district in 2009-2010.

A motion was made by member Andring and seconded by Member Rieke to approve the Plan for use of the health insurance claims margin return. A roll call vote resulted in the following voting in favor: Loftus, Rieke, Johnson, Andring, Austinson and Pagel. Those voting against the same: Pedersen. The motion carried 6 to 1.

Supt. Klaehn thanked everyone for their input and complimented them on the way the item had been handled.

Second Reading and Approval of Five-Year Capital Expenditure Considerations List

Supt. Klaehn brought forward a revised list and relayed that items in bold squares may be acted on during the 2010-2011 school year if the Board approves them at their June meeting. He said that items not bolded (i.e., curriculum needs) are "on our radar screen" for upcoming years and are not necessarily required at this time. Also, some items were pulled off the list as they will come out of other budgets next year. The Board consensus was that Supt. Klaehn should continue to pursue the highlighted items and bring forward more information.

Update/Changes for Preliminary 2010-2011 Revenue and Expenditure Budget

Supt. Klaehn reviewed updates and changes for the Preliminary 2010-2011 Revenue and Expenditure Budget. He did not recommend approving the budget due to recent legislative rulings that may impact school budgets. This item will be brought back in June since it needs to be approved by June 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Diplomas to the Class of 2010

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to grant diplomas to the Class of 2010 (Attachment A).

Donation to the High School Student Council

Chair Pagel explained the history behind the request in that this group spends a lot of time doing fundraising activities which hampers enthusiasm for arranging student activities. It was felt that perhaps the district can provide funds to assist them since they provide activities that benefit the whole student body. High School Student Council Advisor John Pittenger was in attendance and said that the group spends around \$200 a year, not including financially contributing toward a lyceum, when possible.

A motion was made by Member Loftus and seconded by Member Rieke to annually donate \$200 to the High School Student Council for all-student activities. A vote on the motion carried unanimously.

Leave of Absence Request

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to grant a maternity leave of absence to JILL DAVIS from August 30 through December 17, 2010.

Consent – Accept Resignations

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of BROOKE FERRIER as 8th Grade Volleyball Coach and CASSIDY FOGARTY as SACC Adult Worker.

Consent - Approve Hires

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the following hires: 1) HARRY ZEITLER as 20-Hour Custodian; 2) LINCOLN GERGEN as Long-Term Substitute 2nd Grade Instructor; 3) KELLY SCHUETTE as Science Instructor beginning the 2010-2011 school year; 4) BRIAN HASLEIET as Business Education Instructor beginning the 2010-2011 school year.

Consent - Accept Donations

A motion was made by Member Loftus, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to accept the following donations: \$20 from TONY SCHWARTZ CONCRETE for the DARE program; \$54 in KWIK TRIP rebates to the baseball program; \$1,200 from DOVER-EYOTA MUSIC ASSOCIATION for an auditorium camera; \$100 from REV. PETER & SHANNON REUSS for baritone repair; \$102.18 from STEVE & MARY JUENEMANN for transportation; \$701.99 from BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION; and \$200 from PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC. for the Archery in the Schools Program.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report & Communication

Supt. Klaehn provided the following information: 1) The school board candidate filing dates are May 18 through June 1; 2) Determined that the Board wishes to participate in the Viola Gopher Count Parade and the Eyota Days Parade; 3) Advised that the approved kindergarten class for this fall was at 90, leaving 6 students on the waiting list; 4) The Baldrige Awards Event is on May 18th in St. Paul. Mrs. Jeanne Svobodny and Mrs. Jane Johnson will be presenting at workshops, and other administrators and interested Board members will leave that afternoon for the 4:30 awards; 5) Food & Nutrition Director Carrie Frank requests that she be allowed 10 days to review the bread and dairy bids received before the Board approves them. The Board discussed various options. This item, as well as snow removal and fuel bid letting, will be brought to the Board in June; 6) Advised that he is serving on a Hiawatha Valley Education District finance committee with several other area superintendents; 7) One community member relayed they had difficulty hearing everything at the *Fiddler on the Roof* performance. He will be talking to Drama Advisor Jennifer Ryg about the concern; 8) He will determine a time during the first part of June for the Board negotiators to meet with the principals' group and the Teamster group for their initial bargaining sessions; 9) At a recent superintendents' meeting, the conversation included a discussion about the pros and cons of administrators and teachers having a blog or a Face Book page; 10) Discussed a recent email exchange that included the Board and some staff members.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Loftus – Thanked Travis Schreier for donating his time and reports and congratulated him. Mr. Loftus added, “It meant more to us than you probably realized.” He had attended *Fiddler on the Roof* and said they did a “good job” and there was a bit of an issue hearing everything. It was an exciting time of year for the Dollars for Scholars Committee as they determine recipients of the various scholarships.

Pedersen – Member Pedersen thanked Travis for his service on the Board and wished him good luck in future endeavors. He expressed concern about possible actions of the legislature.

Rieke – Member Rieke thanked everyone for their sympathies during the recent loss of her grandfather. She was appreciative of the tour of the high school held before the Board meeting. She had attended the 1st and 2nd grade Earth Day program and said they did a good job. To Travis Schreier she said, “It was nice to have your participation and we appreciated the information you shared. Good luck.” In regard to the National School Board Association Conference, she said that the event had been very informational and felt that there will definitely be a future emphasis on cyber capabilities. She added, “Being digital citizens is something we will be dealing with for awhile as well as implementing policies to address the issues.”

Johnson – Mr. Johnson congratulated Travis and wished him the best of luck. He added, “It is great to see another class take that next step, whatever that might be.”

Andring – Member Andring also thanked Travis and said, “We appreciate you being a part of the Board and it has been good to hear your perspective.” In regard to the *Fiddler on the Roof* performance he said it was “very well done” and he extended his compliments to everyone involved. Mr. Andring mentioned the Kevin Honeycutt Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety presentation on June 17 at the Southeast Service Cooperative.

Austinson – Mrs. Austinson relayed that the Playground Committee will meet on May 19 to review grant writing opportunities. She thanked the Peer Helpers for their activities. She added, “It is important for students to hear messages from their peer groups.” Member Austinson had also attended the musical and relayed that it was very well done (and it had been difficult to explain the play to her fourth grader). To Travis she said, “Good luck and thank you for being with us for two years. The next student representative on the Board has big shoes to fill. Have fun in Nebraska.”

Pagel – Mr. Pagel congratulated Travis and thanked him for his dedication. He also relayed that the new psychologist hired by the Hiawatha Valley Education District came to us with “raving” reviews.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Austinson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM.

Daniel A. Johnson, Clerk
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Dover-Eyota High School
Class of 2010

Hana Sue Anderson	Garritt Michael Luker
Amanda Kristen Back	Katie Rose Madden
Natalia Marie Baker	Briana Lynn Mayer
Jodi Jean Batzel	Tysen Joseph Mayer
Nathan Thomas Bedard	Jonathan Jacob Miller
Jordyn Nicole Bentson	Michael Jon Miller
Shawn Mitchel Berg	Danielle Jean Mix
Noah Andrew Bergan	Brandon Michael Munroe
Brandyn Wayne Bicknese	Ashley Ann Nelson
Jeffrey Paul Borst	Kaitlin Paula Nelson
Christopher Gregory Bushman	Sean Thomas Nelson
Tyler Charles Constans	Robert James Newkirk
Alycia Lyn Courson	Cory David Peitz
Cierra Marie Daniels	Krystal Ann Penrose
LaNae Shannon Diedrich	Anthony L. Peters
Zachary Alan Ferson	Bridget Elizabeth Reinecke
Kassandra Kay Fisch	Chelsy M. Reineke
Holly Jo Fortsch	Holly Lucinda Renken
Haley Elizabeth Glynn	Benjamin Bernard Roos
Alexander Scott Graham	Rachel Lynn Salsman
Jordan Michael Groski	Kayla Rose Sanden
Tyler Jordan Hameister	Haley Sue Sanders
Adam Christopher Hammel	Jordan Donald Schaefer
Benjamin Fay Hammel	Travis Ryan Schreier - Valedictorian
Caleb Warren Henry Louis Hammel	Jena Marie Skalisky
Joshua Andrew Hanson	Rachel Lara Skalisky
Patrick Brian Hanson	Trevor James Slifka
Ryan Joseph Hartman	Ashley Evonne Spitzer
Kayla Rose Hass	Ty Jeffrey Stroope
Alana Joy Heins	Michael T. Sulgrove
Paul Alexander Hemann	Amber Rae Twernbold
Michelle Ann Hilsman	Kevin Maurice Uthke
Samantha Mae Ihrke - Salutatorian	Kathleen Renee Vrieze
Blair Jeffrey Johnson	Devon James Waas
Brittany Maria Johnson	Tyler Anthony Wegner
Daniel James Klavetter	Joseph Bradley Wick
Michael Thomas Kreidermacher	Luke Quinlan Wilder
Robert Jack Lane IV	Zachary Morris Williams
Jordan Catherine Langreck	Aubrey Nicole Worke
Desirae Ann Lee	Kristina Dachele Youngquist
Jay Peter Lehnertz	Katelyn Amanda Zeitler
Corey Jon Leighton	Joel Michael Ziemer
Ethan James Loftus	