

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board President Mark Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Present were President Mark Knuth, Vice-President Chad Vaske, John Lembezeder, Jessica Pape, Mark Tilson, and Superintendent Rick Colpitts.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to approve the agenda as presented with the following addition.

Motion passed 5-0.

2. Personnel

b. Employment

3. Heidi Ploessl, Special Education Teacher, \$17,351.36 (97 work days)

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of December 14, 2015 work session and regular session meetings. Motion by Pape, second by Vaske to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of December. Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve the bills for December as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: 97% of students at BES/CES are without discipline referrals this school year; Idea Bandit visits; CES Cocoa and Cookies January 27 at 5:00 p.m. open to the community; EES benchmark assessments have shown improvement; FES PTO Color Run fundraiser sponsoring field trip to *Junie B. Jones* at University of Dubuque Heritage Center; WDHS hosting EdCampIowa February 13th at 8:30 a.m.; WDHS annual College and Career Fair; Board visit to WDHS; grant monies used to purchase 3D printer; Power Within visits; Yvette Saeugling from Crossroads Counseling Center presenting to counselors.
2. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Rick Colpitts reported the following: 1) Mr. Butler completed Superintendent program at UNI and Ms. Ruley is beginning it; 2) SIAC Committee meeting January 13 at 6:30 p.m.; 3) Governor proposing budget of 2.45% for supplemental state aid; 4) Over the next 4-5 months Mr. Colpitts will be advocating for schools with State legislators; 5) Draft of 2016-17 school calendar to be placed on website for feedback and public hearing at February Board meeting.
3. Denver Trip Highlights: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Kelly Simon and Instructional Coaches Ken Kurt, Renee Wagner, Matt Breitbach, Roamn Hummel, Jenny Hillebrand, Olin Skattum, Amanda Klaas, Greg Deutmeyer and Vicki Tilson presented highlights from Denver, CO trip. The team attended a National Conference with presentations by top educational leaders and instructional coaches. Discussions focused on: listening; having better conversations; video-taping instruction and reviewing for ideas on improvement; autonomy; trust and relationship building; formative assessments; purpose; and equity. Board President Mark Knuth thanked the team for their presentation and commented it is inspiring and humbling when people work together to make things better.

4. DMIS Highlights: Building Principal Mary Jane Maher and School Counselors Kara Bryte and Ellen Hoefer presented the Board an overview of the school counseling program. Highlights included: daily interrupters; Triangles; Bobcat Lessons; transitioning students; improved attendance; college visits; and Career Café.
5. Buildings and Grounds Department Report: Director of Maintenance and Transportation Bob Hingtgen provided the Board an overview of the total square footage of District buildings, acreage of District property, and number of maintenance and custodial personnel employed to maintain the properties. Mr. Hingtgen provided a recap of 2015 summer projects and list of intended projects for summer of 2016.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Judy Callahan, Special Education Teacher, CHS
 2. Abigail Jaeger, Poms Advisor, CHS
 - b. Employment
 1. Leanne Hoeger, .5 FTE Elem. Teacher, CES, \$9,570.08 (107 half days)
 2. Danielle Stralow, Freshmen Softball Coach, WDHS, \$2,342.40
 3. Heidi Ploessl, Special Education Teacher, EES, \$17,351.36 (97 work days)
3. Out of State Travel
 - a. WDHS Band to Outback Bowl in Tampa, FL, 12/29/2016-1/4/2017
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings - None
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests - None
6. Resolutions
 - a. National School Counseling Week February 1-5, 2016

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approve 2015-16 SIAC Members. Motion by Pape, second by Tilson to approve the 2015-16 SIAC Committee members as presented. SIAC, an advisory committee to the Board, is comprised of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and business leaders. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Approve Preschool Fees for 2016-17. Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to set 2016-17 fee for four-day preschool at \$108/month. Business Manager Mark Frasher explained this is a four percent increase over current rate. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Approve Water Main Easement Request by City of Farley. Motion by Tilson, second by Pape to approve a water main easement request by the City of Farley. Director of Maintenance Bob Hingtgen explained approval will allow the City of Farley to run a water line on District property to the softball/baseball concession area. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Set Public Hearing on 2016-17 School Calendar for February Board meeting. Motion by Pape, second by Lembezeder to set the public hearing on the 2016-17 school calendar for the February 8 Board meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Vaske, second by Pape to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. on January 11, 2016.

 Jeni Schindler Date
 Board Secretary

 Mark Knuth Date
 President, Board of Education