

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 8, 2015 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board President Mark Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence and reading of the District Mission and Core Values.

Roll Call:

Present were President Mark Knuth, Vice-President Chad Vaske, Jeanne Coppola, John Lembezeder, and Mark Tilson. Absent was Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lembezeder, second by Vaske to approve the agenda as published with the following additions as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. Consent Agenda

2. Personnel

a. Resignations

16. Michael Merritt, Head Girls Golf Coach, CHS
17. Amber Pitz, Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, CHS

b. Employment

8. Kristin Reuter, Media Specialist, District-wide, \$33,987.20
9. Rebecca Maher, 7/8 Band, DMIS, \$35,294.40
10. Kerri Gassman, 8th Grade Teacher, DMIS, \$36,601.60
11. Rebecca Onken, current Elementary Teacher transferring from .8 to 1 fte, Dyersville Elementary, \$37,908.80

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: Cory Westhoff, a member of the Beckman & Hennessy school boards, addressed the Board to introduce himself and request the possibility of further partnership with Western Dubuque Schools relating to transportation of students. Westhoff indicated that parochial students that live outside of District boundaries are struggling to find adequate transportation, and the private systems would be open for further transportation discussions.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of May 11, 2015 work session and regular meeting. Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of May. Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Tesha Ruley spoke on behalf of the other administrators and quoted Henry Ford by saying, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." She conveyed appreciation for the school board and their role in providing for a great school year. Success starts with the school board and the administrators look forward to moving forward together for another successful year.
2. Cougar Pride Day Video: CHS student Alex Potter shared with the Board a video he had produced documenting Cougar Pride Day activities held throughout Cascade this Spring. CHS students spent the day assisting the elderly and other residents of Cascade with spring clean-up activities and other chores they would not be able to perform on their own. Residents expressed extreme gratitude for the volunteered help, and students acknowledged a sense of pride and satisfaction by giving back to their community.

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

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Jacob Brindle, JH Girls Track Assistant, CJSHS
 2. Dan Doyle, MS Boys Track Assistant, DMIS
 3. Shannon Hummel, Elem. Teacher on leave of absence 2014-15 school year
 4. Adam Kedley, 9th Boys Basketball, WDHS
 5. Adam Kedley, Instructional Coach
 6. Amanda Klaas, 7th Grade Girls Basketball, DMIS
 7. Charles Oldenkamp, Instrumental Music Teacher, DMIS
 8. Charles Oldenkamp, Asst. Band Director, WDHS
 9. Charles Oldenkamp, MS Band Director, DMIS
 10. Charles Oldenkamp, HS Instrumental Musical Asst., WDHS
 11. Charles Oldenkamp, Show Choir Competition Asst., WDHS
 12. Charles Oldenkamp, Summer Band, DMIS (effective summer 2016)
 13. Maria (Trini) Olivera, Spanish Teacher, WDHS
 14. Christina Rose, Sophomore Softball, WDHS (effective Summer 2016)
 15. Kate Steger, 1st Grade Teacher, PES
 16. Michael Merritt, Head Girls Golf Coach, CHS
 17. Amber Pitz, Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, CHS
 - b. Employment
 1. Adam Kedley, Dean/AD, CHS, \$10,000.00
 2. Amanda Klaas, Instructional Coach, \$8,000.00
 3. Larry Knipper, Co-ed Varsity Bowling, CHS, \$2,928.00
 4. Marjorie Martel, Library/Media, WDCSD and Dubuque Co. Library, \$48,641.60
 5. Luke Rauen, 10 days Summer Voc. Ag., WDHS, \$1,434.25
 6. Ben Urbain, MS Wrestling, DMIS, \$2,342.40
 7. Norma Zarate-Fernandez, Spanish Teacher, WDHS, \$33,987.20
 8. Kristin Reuter, Media Specialist, District-wide, \$33,987.20
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3. Out of State Travel - None

4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
 - a. Board Policy 605.9 Child Internet and Protection Act
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
 - a. Laptops Bid
 - b. Walk-in Freezer Bid – CHS
 - c. Band Uniforms Quote - WDHS
6. Resolutions – None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Revision of 2015-16 School Calendar: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to approve the revised 2015-16 school calendar. Motion passed 5-0. Adjustment will move back the dates for the high school parent-teacher conferences. Start and end dates of the school year remain unchanged.
2. Approve acquisition of Linky’s Lot 1 property from City of Epworth: Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to approve the acquisition of Linky’s Lot 1 parcel from City of Epworth for the construction of 6 tennis courts. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Set Public Hearing Date and Bid Award Date for WDHS Tennis Court Project: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Coppola to set July 13th, 2015 as the Public Hearing Date and Bid Award Date for the WDHS Tennis Court Project. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Approve Use Agreement with the City of Epworth for the Tennis Courts: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve the draft version of the Tennis Court Use Agreement with the City of Epworth, pending clarification on access easement from district attorney. Motion passed 5-0.
5. IASB Legislative Action Priorities: No action taken. The Board will provide their list of priorities for discussion and approval at the July Regular Session meeting.
6. Naming of Bank Depositories: Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to approve the following bank depositories for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

American Trust & Savings Bank	\$5,000,000
Citizens State Bank	\$5,000,000
Community Savings Bank	\$5,000,000
Dubuque Bank & Trust	\$25,000,000
Fidelity Bank & Trust	\$20,000,000
Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust	\$5,000,000
Ohnward Bank & Trust	\$5,000,000
7. School Bus Bids: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to award the purchase of five International buses to Hoglund Bus Company. Hoglund Bus Company \$415,155, trade-in allowance of \$33,697; Thomas Bus \$413,300, trade-in allowance of \$27,200; School Bus Sales \$416,475, trade-in allowance of \$9,600. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Public Hearing on the disposal of the DMS Warehouse building: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to open the public hearing on the disposal of the DMS Warehouse building. Motion passed 5-0. No public comments were received. Maintenance Director Bob Hingtgen gave an overview of the demolition, with anticipated costs of \$40,000-\$50,000, depending on landfill fees and site prep work to ensure the area is safe for future student recess activities. Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Approve the disposal of the DMS Warehouse building: Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to approve the disposal and demolition of the DMS Warehouse Building. Motion passed 5-0.
10. Rescind Contract offer of Ashley Schulte: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to tentatively rescind the teaching contract of Ashley Schulte, pending her passage of the State Praxis exam by July 1st.

Should Ms. Schulte successfully pass the exam by July 1st, her contract would remain in place. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Approve Change Order #3 WDHS Vocational Project: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve change order #3 for the WDHS Vocational Building Project, a net deduct of \$2,176.19 for changes associated with ADA Door Access, over-excavation costs and amended soils modifications. Motion passed 5-0.
12. Approve Inter-District Transportation: Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve inter-district transportation with contiguous districts, including Clayton Ridge, Dubuque, Edgewood-Colesburg, Maquoketa, Maquoketa Valley, and Monticello. Motion passed 5-0.
13. Approval of Level 1 and Alternate Level 1 Investigators: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve Sheila Knapp as Level 1 Investigator and Matt Breitbach as Alternate Level 1 Investigator for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on June 8, 2015.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education