

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 13, 2014 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 and the reading of the District Mission and Core Values.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

The following additions to the published agenda were presented:

2. Personnel

b. Employment

6. Matthew Manning, Freshmen Wrestling, WDHS, \$3,155.35

Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve the agenda as published with the addition presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

1. Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of September 8, 2014 Regular and Organizational Meetings. Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of September. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Topics discussed were: Instructional Coaches collaboration; student field trips to Effigy Mounds; successful homecoming week activities; DMIS students selected to Honor Band; NICC Career Fair; student community service activities; evacuation/lock-down drill success; Every Day Mathematics achievements; Grade Alike initiatives; WDHS marching band tour; First Annual Wingfest; "Celebrate My Drive" fundraiser; first vocal concert in new auditorium; professional development.
2. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Corkery reported: 1) Certified Enrollment count is up with official counts to be presented at November meeting; 2) With elections upcoming, Superintendent Corkery encouraged everyone to check the candidate's records and their support for public education and vote.
3. Trimester Update: Superintendent Corkery indicated a three-year projection demonstrating how a trimester schedule could improve our program will be presented to parents followed by a schedule recommendation to the Board in November.
4. AYP: Kelly Simon, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, presented the Board with an overview of student reading and math scores. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires each District/School to annually demonstrate adequate yearly progress towards meeting the state academic annual measurable objectives and participation rate.

5. Dyersville Building Highlights – Shake It Off: Principal Linda Martin and Instructor Monika Steffen accompanied by students James Ingles and Jayda Hill presented a video the two students created regarding shaking off grudges and making friends.
6. CAR Report: Business Manager Mark Frasher presented data from the District’s 2013-2014 Certified Annual Financial Report to the Department of Education including a summary of revenue and expenses by fund, wage and benefit information, fund balance, solvency ratio, and spending authority.
7. Legislative Priorities Review: Reviewed 2015 legislative priorities selected and voted on by the Board at the July meeting for District Delegate Mark Tilson to take to the November Delegate Assembly. Top five priorities are: 1) Transportation Funding, 2) Supplemental State Aid, 3) Statewide Penny Preservation, 4) PPEL Fund Uses, 5) State Revenues to Adequately Fund Public Education.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve the Consent Agenda with addition noted. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Tyler Hoerner, Freshman Wrestling, WDHS
 2. Tyler Hoerner, Freshman Football Assistant, WDHS
 3. Alex Ressler, Weight Room Supervisor, CHS
 - b. Employment
 1. Melissa Bockenstedt, Addition of .5 FTE as Fifth Grade Teacher, CES, \$14,687.20
 2. Roamn Hummel, 9th Grade Boys Basketball, CHS, \$3,155.35
 3. Christopher Johnson, 7th Grade Girls Basketball, DMIS, \$2,294.80
 4. Timothy Marx, Assistant Speech, CHS, \$860.55
 5. Rebecca Onken, .8 FTE Third Grade Teacher, DES, \$25,357.96
 6. Matthew Manning, Freshmen Wrestling, WDHS, \$3,155.35
3. Out of State Travel - None
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings - None
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests - None
6. Resolutions
 1. National School Bus Safety Week
 2. Custodian Appreciation Day

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approve Change Order #3 CHS project: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve final change order to contract with Conlon Construction for services as Construction Manager in the amount of \$20,811.29 for reimbursable expenses (\$13,308.65 CHS project and \$7,502.64 WDHS project) paid by Conlon for review of plans by the State of Iowa and plan exchange service which made construction plans available to bidders online. Motion passed 5-0.

At this time, Superintendent Corkery announced his plans to retire effective the end of this school year. He acknowledged the Boards of Education, administrative team, teachers and staff he had the good fortune to work with and explained the decision was not easy. It was his hope that the timing of his announcement would allow the district enough time to recruit and select the best possible candidate to lead the district. Board Members expressed thanks to Superintendent Corkery for the many accomplishments under his leadership especially facilities improvements and wished him well.

Adjournment: Motion by Coppola to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. on October 13, 2014.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education