

**WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
Regular Meeting  
November 11, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:**

Board President Gary McAndrew called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 Gary McAndrew, Vice-President Mark Knuth, Jeanne Coppola, Mark Tilson, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The following changes to the published agenda were presented:

Out of State Travel: WDHS Spanish Educational trip to Guatemala June 1-8, 2014

Reports: Health Service Report – to be presented at December meeting

Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to approve the agenda as published with the changes noted.  
Motion passed 5-0.

**Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:**

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

1. October 7, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of October: Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

**Reports:**

1. Principal Reports:  
Topics discussed were: Veteran's Day programs, parent-teacher conference attendance, National Family Literacy Day activities, Principal Reads Day, CHS third in State at FFA Hay and Grain Show, Honor Flight fund raiser, activity achievements, canned goods collections for local food pantries, American Education Week preparations, PBIS assembly, movie night, ISU presentation on soil conservation, "Celebrate My Drive" winners to be announced November 20th, Education Reform, paraprofessional training, progress monitoring for special needs students.
2. Superintendent Report:
  - Education Reform Legislation signed by the Governor will begin implementation in the 2014-15 school year for Iowa schools. The Western Dubuque reform committee is preparing the District's application to the Department of Education for participation in the 2014-15 school year. Only one-third of the schools in Iowa will be selected for the reform program implementation the first year.
  - Trimester Study Committee has been visiting schools currently on trimester schedule.
  - Next school year Districts have the option to choose between 180 days or 1080 hours of instruction for their school calendar.

- School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meetings are being scheduled. SIAC will conduct book study regarding community involvement in public education.
  - Option of adding bowling to activity program offerings at Cascade High School.
3. Health Service Report: To be presented at December Board meeting.
  4. WDHS/CHS Student Councils on the State Student Council Meeting: CHS Student Council Advisor Jacob Brindle and WDHS Student Council Advisor Tom Danner along with two members of the WDHS student council (Molly Lembezeder and Raegan Hoefler) provided an overview of the State Student Council Meeting. 1,200 students from across the state participate; eight schools are recognized as meritorious and this year Cascade High School was one of the eight recognized. Molly and Raegan presented “Every Bobcat Matters” at the State meeting. Their presentation focused on increasing student involvement and they’ve been invited to present at the National Convention in Washington, DC. Tom Danner was named 2013 Student Council Advisor of the Year.
  5. Dyersville Elementary Building Highlight: DES instructors Jenny Hillebrand and Ben Urbain presented on Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS). DES is in the third year of implementing PBIS and this year’s theme is TEAM – working together to become the best version of ourselves.
  6. Certified Enrollment: Business Manager David Wegmann presented an overview of the District’s 2013-2014 Annual Certified Enrollment Report to the Iowa Department of Education. Overall resident student enrollment is down 28.67 students (weighted) from last school year. Following is a comparison of last year’s enrollment numbers to this year’s enrollment numbers.

	2012-2013	2013-2014	Change
In-District Instruction	2,903.00	2,875.00	-28.00
Dual Enrolled and Home Schooled	1.5	1.1	-0.40
Open Enrolled Out (Reg. & Spec. Ed.)	56.2	56.0	-0.20
Spec. Ed. Tuitioned Out NOE	12	10	-2.00
Private School Shared Time*	4.53	6.46	1.93
	2,977.23	2,948.56	-28.67

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

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
  - a. Resignations
    1. Christina Rose – Freshman Softball – WDHS
  - b. Employment
    1. Peggy Keegan – Asst. MS Drama – DMIS \$846.00
    2. Christina Rose – Sophomore Softball – WDHS \$2,256.00
    3. Nathan Corbin – Network Administrator - \$6,000.00
3. Out of State Travel
  - a. WDHS Spanish Educational trip to Guatemala June 1-8, 2014
4. Policy Revisions 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
6. Resolutions

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Approval of District request to SBRC for
  - a. Excess LEP Costs: Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve District request to SBRC for Excess Limited English Proficient (LEP) Costs in the amount of \$6,794.00 for five students in the program beyond 5 years. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. Open Enrollment Out: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve District request to SBRC to receive budget authority in the amount of \$46,807.80 for 7.8 students open enrolled out to other districts that were not on our count last October. Motion passed 5-0.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. on November 11, 2013.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Gary McAndrew  
President, Board of Education