

## WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

### Call to Order:

Board President Gary McAndrew 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 Gary McAndrew, Jeanne Coppola, Mark Tilson, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent was Vice-President Mark Knuth.

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to approve the agenda as published with the following addition. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Out of State Travel
  - b. CHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) to Little Rock, AR

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

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

### Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. August 11, 2014 Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes. Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the minutes. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of August: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Board member Mark Knuth joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

### Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Topics discussed were: School year off to a good start at all buildings; focus on procedures and student assessments; CHS bleachers installed; parent involvement; organization of DMIS PTO this school year; PBIS initiatives; preparations for State site visit and Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) site visit; book purchases with grant monies and fundraising monies; increased school/family connectivity through Facebook; Trimester schedule meetings at the high schools; First Annual Wingfest at Farley Park with proceeds to WDHS Fine Arts Booster Club; Instructional Coaches training; Title I reading services; and bullying prevention activities.
2. Superintendent Report: Superintendent Corkery reported: 1) Second THRIVE meeting was held last week focusing on community support following tragedy. 2) Each of the high schools held two presentations on trimester schedule. Overall feedback has been positive, additional questions are being answered and a schedule recommendation to the Board is planned for January. 3) Staff presentations on bullying and ALICE safety training have taken place. 4) Many positive comments have been received on facility improvements at each of the high schools. 5) WDHS Principal Dave Hoeger and CHS Principal Greg Vander Lugt presented on Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) available to students through NICC and Kirkwood under 28E Agreements. Under PSEO students earn both high school and college credit and may earn up to 23 credits per school year.

3. Tentative Enrollment: Superintendent Corkery reported overall enrollment PK-12 is up 104 students from last year. Official certified enrollment count date is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Varying class sizes has been an issue at the elementary level and solutions to even out class sizes are being considered.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the consent agenda as published with addition noted. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
  - a. Resignations
    1. Cory Davidson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball, DMIS
    2. Tyler Hefel, Freshman Baseball, WDHS
    3. Carol (VanDeest) Recker, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, CHS
  - b. Employment
    1. Melissa Bockenstedt, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, CES, .5 FTE \$15,375.21 for 179 days
    2. Lauren Callahan, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, CHS, \$1,721.10
    3. Brandon Gibbs, Fall Weight Room Supervisor, WDHS \$860.55
    4. Brady Knepper, Kindergarten Teacher, BES, FTE increase from .5 to .6, additional salary of \$3,721.86
    5. Stephania Sauer, Cheerleading Advisor, CHS, \$2,294.80
    6. Angela Zagaros, Kindergarten teacher, DES, \$32,640.10 for 190 days
3. Out of State Travel
  - a. CHS Poms to Orlando, FL
  - b. CHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) to Little Rock, AR
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings: None
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests: None
6. Resolutions: None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Approve Change Order #9 CHS project: Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve change order #9 for CHS project in the amount of \$1,823.00 with the majority of the increase coming from additional lighting for restroom entrance. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Approve Change Order #7 WDHS project: Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve change order #7 for WDHS project in the amount of \$1,654.38 with the majority of the increase coming from installation of fence to separate elevator equipment from access to sump pump/storage room in accordance with state elevator inspection. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Gary McAndrew, Board President, resignation: Board President Gary McAndrew resigned his position due to his relocation to a residence outside of the director district 4 boundary. Superintendent Corkery presented President McAndrew with a plaque and thanked him for his six years of dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to the school district.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm on September 8, 2014.

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Jeni Schindler  
Board Secretary

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Gary McAndrew  
President, Board of Education