

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2015 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, Jeanne Coppola, John Lembezeder, Mark Tilson, and Superintendent Rick Colpitts.

Approval of Agenda:

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

VI. Consent Agenda

2. Personnel

b. Employments

1. Monica Steinbrech, .6 FTE Instrumental Music Teacher, CES, \$23,529.60
2. Brooke Hummel, Physical Education Teacher, Elem. District-wide, \$33,987.20

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: Board member Jeanne Coppola introduced Jessica Pape. Ms. Pape is running to fill the Director District 2 seat on the Board being vacated by retiring member Jeanne Coppola. Ms. Pape has two children in public schools within the District and has helped lead the third grade reading incentive at Dyersville Elementary. Ms. Pape indicated she has a passion for education, and is excited to be running for a seat on the Board.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of July 13, 2015 regular meeting. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of July. Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Building Principals reported the following: Buildings are looking great and thanks were extended to Buildings and Grounds Department employees for all their hard work; final hires are taking place; Adam Kedley thanked Superintendent Colpitts and the Board for the opportunity to fill in for Principal VanderLugt; Mr. Colpitts thanked Adam for stepping up to help; successful baseball and softball seasons were noted; locker renovations completed with 'Celebrate My Drive' funds; update to football concessions stand; summer teacher volunteers; finalizing SIP; book study; at-risk programming review underway; 55 students attended seven week summer school program and all showed growth; teachers met with families of special needs students; vocational building progressing on schedule with late October/early November completion anticipated; two CNC machines donated by local industry leaders; installation of football field bleachers delayed.

2. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Rick Colpitts apprised the Board of the following: 1) Final 54 Applications for Educational Transfer have been acted upon and notification letters sent. There has been positive feedback without a lot of backlash. 2) The District currently rents a building in Cascade to Bodensteiner Implement. The building is being appraised and options being considered for the future. 3) Members of District Administrative Team attended the Annual SAI Conference and Principals Dan Butler and Tesha Ruley presented regarding technology, assessment wall, data centers, aligning goals, and continuous improvement. Positive feedback was received and I anticipate other Districts will request a site visit. 4) Superintendent Colpitts invited Board members to the opening celebration at CHS on August 25th at 7:30 a.m. 5) Mr. Colpitts attended an IASB budget workshop and SAI New Superintendents' workshop and made some good connections. 6) District financials were reviewed by IASB leaders and feedback was the District is in good shape and on the right track. 7) Superintendent Colpitts attended a luncheon with parochial principals. 8) Board visits to school buildings to be set.
3. Professional Development calendar and plan for upcoming year: Kelly Simon, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, provided the Board an overview of 2015-16 professional development plans including: continued teacher choice book studies, department/grade level collaboration time, building professional development led by principal and instructional coach, before/after school collaboration; and changes this year: professional development days at mid-term and end of trimester, additional optional TQC funded professional development day, additional Teacher Leadership position at each high school.

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

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Mike Sconsa, Weight Room Supervision, CHS
 - b. Employments
 1. Jennifer Cartee, Freshmen Volleyball, WDHS, \$2,342.40
 2. Jennifer Cartee, 7th Grade Girls Basketball, DMIS, \$2,342.40
 3. Nicholas Elsinger, Business Teacher, WDHS, \$33,987.20
 4. Abby Green, Sophomore Volleyball, CHS \$2,635.20
 5. Ann Kurt, Speech Assistant, CHS, \$1,756.80
 6. Ann Kurt, Mentor/Model Teacher, \$3,000.00
 7. Amber Meyer, Varsity Volleyball Assistant, CHS, \$2,635.20
 8. Amy Ostwinkle, 7th Grade Volleyball, DMIS, \$1,756.80
 9. Rebecca Maher, High School Musical Assistant Director, WDHS, \$1,171.20
 10. Abbey Pollard, Cheerleading Advisor, CHS, \$2,342.40
 11. Vanessa Shipley, Social Studies Teacher, CHS, \$35,294.40
 12. Vanessa Shipley, 7th Grade Volleyball, CJSHS, \$1,756.80
 13. Chloe Vassmer, Speech Assistant half-time, CHS, \$878.40
 14. Michelle Waymire, HS Band Assistant Director, WDHS, \$2,049.60
 15. Grant Wulf, Freshmen Boys Basketball, WDHS, \$3,220.80
 16. Monica Steinbrech, .6 FTE Instrumental Music Teacher, CES, \$23,529.60
 17. Brooke Hummel, Physical Education Teacher, Elem. District-wide, \$33,987.20
3. Out of State Travel
 - a. WDHS Vocal Music Trip to Washington DC and New York City – June 2016
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings - None
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests - None
6. Resolutions – None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approval of Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (IDATP) participation: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Vaske to approve participation in the Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (IDATP) for calendar year 2016. Federal regulations require employers of operators of commercial motor vehicles to provide an approved drug and alcohol testing program. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m. on August 10, 2015.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education