

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 11, 2015 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board President Mark Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:07 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, Mark Tilson and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

Approval of Agenda:

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

- VI. Consent Agenda
 - 2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 - 3. Sarah Oldenkamp, Library, WDHS

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: Instructor Tera Sheehy thanked Superintendent Corkery and School Board members for their service to the District. WDHS students Anne Greenwood and Kayla Horsfield, thanked Superintendent Corkery for his accomplishments, specifically: DMIS gymnasium, CJSHS gymnasium, WDHS auditorium, and Dyersville Elementary School. The students noted the District is more united and thanked Mr. Corkery for his leadership and wisdom and wished him happiness throughout his retirement. CHS students Nathan Tittle, Austin Waller, and Ben Butler thanked Superintendent Corkery for his nine years of service to the District and acknowledged the improvements in technology under his leadership. Board President Mark Knuth presented Mr. Corkery a plaque and token gift on behalf of the Board and thanked him for his service to the District, staff, and community, and expressed deep appreciation for all he has done for the Western Dubuque School District. Board member Coppola expressed Mr. Corkery has given of his time above and beyond what is expected and that doesn't occur without the support of family. Mr. Corkery thanked the Board and indicated he was happy to be a part of the accomplishments and couldn't have done it without a supportive Board, administrative team and the support of his wife.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of April 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 April. Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Topics discussed were: Academic Family Night attendance, Read and Run, installation of Literacy Garden at CES, pending agreement between Dubuque County and WDCSD to hire a joint staff person for library at DMIS location, Drake Relays success, Cougar Pride Day, senior banquet, upcoming graduation ceremonies, ACT scores, Pennies for Patients fundraiser, field trips, DMIS camp, student reading accomplishments, thank you to parent volunteers, thank you to School Board, walkathon raised \$13,000, track and field meet, WDHS received grants providing \$20,000 for computer science program, survey results overwhelmingly positive regarding professional development activities, mentoring, and instructional coaching services, thank you to Transportation Department.
2. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Corkery reported: 1) The legislature is nearing a decision on school funding, 2) Board is asked to complete a survey regarding legislative priorities, 3) District representatives asked to present at other school districts in regard to Teacher Leadership program; the program has been more beneficial to staff than anticipated.
3. Technology Plan Update: Director of Technology Systems and Supervisor of IT, Nathan Corbin, provided the Board an overview of technology in regard to: staffing, turnaround time on requests, Office 365, phone upgrades, purchasing arrangement with Dubuque CSD, and the technology fleet. Director of Instructional Technology and Student Reporting, Jim Roberts, reported on: Campus software roles, entering of student grades, Campus administrator monthly meetings, Schools (Student) Interoperability Framework (SIF) established with Iowa Department of Education to share Campus data, middle and high school online course registration, and the creation of student Portal accounts.
4. SIAC Report: Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Kelly Simon, provided the Board an overview of topics discussed at the April SIAC meeting including: Trimester review, Early Literacy Initiative, Attendance Center Ranking and the District Scorecard.
5. School Board Recognition Month: Superintendent Corkery presented Board members a certificate of appreciation and cards from students and staff thanking them for all they do for the Western Dubuque School District indicating it takes outstanding school board members to accomplish District goals.

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

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Kori Kremer, Asst. Girls Soccer Coach, WDHS
 2. Madeline McDonald, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, DMIS
 3. Sarah Oldenkamp, Library, WDHS
 4. Robert (Doug) Rolwes, Vocational Business Instructor, WDHS
 5. Robert (Doug) Rolwes, FBLA Co-Sponsor, WDHS
 6. Susan Turner, Asst. Speech Director, CHS
 - b. Employment
 1. Paul Cleary, Spring Weight Room Supervisor, WDHS, \$860.55
 2. Chris Johnson, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, DMIS, Salary to be determined, 8% of 2015-2016 Teacher Salary Schedule B.A. Base
 3. Luke Rauen, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, WDHS, Salary to be determined, Lane: B.A., Step: 2 of 2015-2016 Teacher Salary Schedule
 4. Luke Rauen, Vocational Agriculture Director, WDHS, Salary to be determined, 20% of 2015-2016 Teacher Salary Schedule B.A. Base
 5. Luke Rauen, Future Farmers of America Director, WDHS, Salary to be determined, 12% of 2015-2016 Teacher Salary Schedule B.A. Base
 6. Ashley Schulte, 8th Grade Math/Lit-Lang. Teacher, DMIS, Salary to be determined, Lane: B.A., Step: 2 of 2015-2016 Teacher Salary Schedule

3. Out of State Travel - None
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
 - a. Board Policies 408.1-414.9
 - b. Deletion of Board Policy 501.5A Assignment of Students to Schools
 - c. Board Policy 804.5 Surveillance Systems
 - d. Board Policy 804.6 Videotaping and/or Photographing of Students
 - e. Board Policy 804.6E1 Videotaping and/or Photographing of Students Consent Form
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
 - a. Summer Projects
 - b. Approve bids for DMIS bleachers
6. Resolutions
 - a. Resolution recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week
 - b. Resolution recognizing School Board Recognition Month
 - c. Resolution recognizing National Nurse's Day
 - d. Resolution recognizing Child Nutrition Employee Recognition Week

Old Business:

1. Hearing for the Child Internet and Protection Act: Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to open the hearing for the Child Internet and Protection Act. Motion passed 5-0. No public comments were received. Superintendent Corkery indicated we need a CIPA hearing to be eligible for E-rate funding reimbursement. Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

1. Approve Building Handbooks: Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve the following handbooks as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
 - a. High School
 - b. DMIS
 - c. Elementary
 - d. Athletic
 - e. Parent Handbook
2. First Reading Board Policy 605.9 Child Internet and Protection Act: Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve the first reading of Board Policy 605.9 Child Internet and Protection Act. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Approve Bids for WDHS Bleachers: Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to award the bid for WDHS football field bleachers to Seating and Athletic Facility Enterprises, LLC (SAAFE) in the amount of \$71,490, or \$63,290 less the new north handicapped ramp. The District has agreed to contribute \$25,000 towards the project with the remainder being donated by the WD Athletic Boosters. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Approve Change Order #2 WDHS Vocational Building Project: Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve change order #2 for the WDHS Vocational Building Project, a deduct of \$5,800, for changes to the roof fastening system. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Set a public hearing date for the disposal of the old warehouse building: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Vaske to set the hearing for the disposal of the Drexler Middle School warehouse building for the June 8, 2015 Board meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Consideration of Recommendation of Superintendent for Termination of Teacher Contract for Budgetary Reasons: Superintendent Corkery recommended to the Board that the contract for Brittney Sullivan be terminated at the end of the current school year due to budgetary reasons; there is a good possibility Ms. Sullivan could be recalled on a part-time basis and likely full-time. After due consideration it was moved by Tilson and seconded by Coppola to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate the contract of Brittney Sullivan effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Closed Session: Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussion of collective bargaining issues. Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to enter into Closed Session for discussion of collective bargaining issues as authorized by section 20.17(3) of the Iowa Code. Roll call vote: Coppola-yes; Vaske-yes; Knuth-yes; Tilson-yes; Lembezeder-yes. Motion passed 5-0. The board entered into closed session at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 7:30 p.m.
8. Approval of Teacher Master Contract for 2015-16 school year: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to approve the Teacher Master Contract agreement with the WDEA for the 2015-16 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Approval of 2015-16 Administration, Supervisory and Non-Union Wages: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve the Administration, Supervisory and Non-Union Wages as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
10. Closed Session: Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) – Superintendent Evaluation: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to enter into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote: Knuth-yes, Vaske-yes, Coppola-yes, Lembezeder-yes, Tilson-yes. Motion passed 5-0. The Board entered into closed session at 7:37 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 8:29 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on May 11, 2015.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education