

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 12, 2015 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board President Mark Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, John Lembezeder, Jessica Pape, Mark Tilson, and Superintendent Rick Colpitts.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of September 14, 2015 regular, organizational and work session meetings. Motion by Lembezeder, second by Pape to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of September. Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Leon Logothetis, author of *The Kindness Diaries*, presented at EES and FES, with a message of humanity, kindness, and the human connection; Mr. Butler credited teachers and support staff for a great start to the school year; FES hosted a Color Run and local businesses donated \$5,000 and students raised \$8,000 for the school; Superintendent Colpitts read to FES students; PES parent group organizing a fall activity with games, and a photo booth in an effort to welcome and connect with new families; positive feedback received from law enforcement on student behavior during lockdown/evacuation drill; PD plans; installation of gaga ball pit at PES; CHS practice ACT; CHS homecoming activities well attended and students well behaved; upcoming fall play, *Inherit the Wind*, at CHS; Celebrate My Drive beginning; Thank you to Jim Roberts and Barb Pline for assistance in implementing assistive technology for special needs students eligible at each of the schools; this is the first year the District was required to apply for Shared Visions programming; a parent advisory committee has been developed to provide feedback on how we are meeting the needs of students.
2. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Rick Colpitts apprised the Board of the following: 1) Student enrollment is up again this year. Certified Enrollment Report to the Department of Education is due the 15th and there will be a report to the Board on enrollment at the November meeting; 2) Western Dubuque was named the sixth best workplace in the State of Iowa in the large employer category from results of an employee feedback survey conducted by Workplace Dynamics; 3) the first 2015-16 school year meeting of the SIAC committee will occur in November; 4) Superintendent Colpitts attended a meeting of the Rural School Advocates of Iowa. The group of representatives from approximately 40 Iowa school districts formed two years ago with transportation equity as an agenda item; 5) Iowa Department of Education Director Dr. Ryan Wise will tour the District on November 5th by invitation.

3. Peosta Elementary Building Highlights: Physical Education Instructor Tony Ball and Thunder Hills Country Club Golf Pro Brian Wilson demonstrated to the Board Snag Golf. Snag Golf effectively teaches the game of golf to people of all ages and ability levels and is being used in the District for golf instruction at the kindergarten through eighth grade levels. Mr. Ball thanked Mr. Wilson and other THCC staff for volunteering their time to assist with student instruction.
4. Recap of 2014-15 Financials/Certified Annual Report–Mark Frasher: Business Manager Mark Frasher presented information from the District’s 2014-15 Certified Financial Report to the Department of Education, including revenue and expense summaries, wages and benefits information, a review of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenses, unreserved fund balance, solvency ratio, and spending authority.
5. AYP-Kelly Simon: To be presented at November Board meeting.

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

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Chris Johnson, 7th Grade Football Assistant, DMIS
 - b. Employment
 1. Eric DeSousa, Special Education Teacher, .5 FTE, 174 days, CES, \$15,164.10
3. Out of State Travel
 - a. CHS Band and Choir Biennial Music Trip, Nashville, TN, June 2016
 - b. WDHS FFA, National FFA Convention & Leadership Conference, Louisville, KY, October 2015
 - c. WDHS National Park Trip, Copper Harbor, MI, June 2016
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
 - a. Board Policy 804.6 Photographs, Videos, and/or Audio Files of Students
 - b. Board Policy 804.6E1 Media Consent Form for Photographs, Videos, and/or Audio Files of Students
 - c. Board Policy 804.6E2 Annual Media Consent Form for Photographs, Videos, and/or Audio Files of Students
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
 - a. Purchase Agreement 2 District Minivans
 - b. WDHS Auto Shop Lifts
6. Resolutions
 - a. National School Bus Safety Week
 - b. Custodian Appreciation Day
 - c. National Principals Month

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. MSA Request to SBRC for 2014-15 LEP Excess Costs: Motion by Vaske, second by Pape to approve District request to SBRC for Excess LEP Costs in the amount of \$202,060.22 incurred during the 2014-2015 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Awarding of Bid – Cascade Elementary Parking Lot: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to award the bid for the asphalt parking lot at Cascade Elementary to Gravel Excavating at a cost of \$44,591.50. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Sanitary Sewer Easement – Epworth Elementary: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve a sanitary sewer easement at Epworth Elementary. The approval will grant access to a homeowner building to the east of the school to tie into a sewer line on District property. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Vaske, second by Pape to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. on October 12, 2015.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education