

# WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

December 12, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

### Call to Order:

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence and reading of the District Vision Statement and Goals.

### Roll Call:

Present were President Bob McCabe, Vice-President Jeanne Coppola, Mark Knuth, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent: Gary McAndrew.

### Approval of Agenda:

The following change to the Agenda was announced:

Consent Agenda – Resignations: Brett Gioimo – Assistant Boys' Soccer - WDHS

Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the Agenda with the noted change. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Open Forum: No comments were received from the public.

### Approval of Minutes and Bills:

- a. November 14, 2011 workshop and regular sessions. Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of November: Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve the bills. Motion passed 4-0.

### Reports:

Principals Reports: Topics included – Supper with Santa fundraiser, professional development-building goals, common area expectations, athletic and activity achievements, book study groups – achievements and goals, Anderson Weber Teacher of the month award to instructor Kelly Simon, parent teacher organization events, student/parent writing of letters to Santa, heating problems at Dyersville Elementary, successful five-year federal compliance review of Shared Visions Program at Epworth Elementary, analysis of student achievement data, 87% proficiency score in Math for Farley Elementary, Spring Carnival planning, reading achievement awards – movie in Dubuque and Saturday morning academic assistance at WDHS.

It was also announced that Mathew Riniker – sophomore at WDHS has been selected as one of the twelve semi-finalists for the National Rudy Awards. The High School Football Rudy Awards recognizes the most inspirational High School football players in America.

Epworth Elementary Building Highlights: Instructors Tammy Van Cleve, Carmen Besler, Susan Wernimont and Tiffany Sheklelton provided an overview of the Full Option Science System (FOSS) program used by grades 3-5 throughout the District. The instructors reviewed teacher training for the program and the various modules that are used in each grade unit. They reported that students are very engaged and enthused with the program and the hands-on experiences that have resulted.

**Superintendent Report:** The District's School Improvement Advisory Committee is getting closer to finalizing identified goals and achievements for the District's new five-year Strategic Plan.

Mr. Corkery announced that discussions on needed building improvements at recent School Board Workshop meetings have progressed enough that he will be seeking input from District parent organizations, booster clubs, foundations and other support groups at informal meetings to be held in January. The meetings will discuss the scope of the projects, timetables, gauge the feelings and support from the attendees and whether the District should move forward with planning. Projects improvements at the high schools could include locker rooms, office areas, security, lunch room, gymnasium, auditorium and other needs.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted changes. Motion passed 4-0.

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel
  1. Resignations: Brett Gioimo – Assist. Boys' Soccer WDHS
  2. Employment:
    1. Jamie Bahl – Varsity Wrestling Assistant – WDHS \$3,268.80
    2. Brett Gioimo – Head Varsity Soccer – WDHS \$2,724.00
    3. Susan Turner – Half-Time Speech Assistant – CHS \$817.20
    4. Alec Amosson – Music Director – WDHS \$2,315.40
- c. Out of State Travel
  1. DMIS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Milwaukee
- d. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
  1. Second Reading 600 Series Policies (600-603.4), 405.8 Licensed Employee Evaluation, 411.7 Classified Employee Evaluation
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests: None
- f. Resolutions: None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. Approve School Budget Review Committee Allowable Growth Application – Dropout/At-Risk: Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve the modified allowable growth application for the 2012-13 school year in the amount of \$655,505. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Vote for Iowa Association of School Board District #6B Board member. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to cast the District vote for Keith Westercamp from the Cedar Rapids School District for a three-year term on the IASB Board of Directors commencing January 2012.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on December 12, 2011.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Robert McCabe  
President, Board of Education