

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM
1606 BRADY STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6:00 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, May 11, 2015 for their Regular Meeting. The meeting was held at the Achievement Service Center, 1606 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Johanson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 On roll call the following board members were present: Directors: Ralph Johanson, Rich Clewell, Nikki DeFauw, Jamie Snyder, Ken Krumwiede, Maria Dickmann and Linda Hayes. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present.

1.02 Director Krumwiede read the board priorities and Director Snyder read the mission and vision statements.

2. STUDENT BOARD

2.01 Student Board Recognition

Student Board Members were recognized for their service for the 2014-15 school year. Bennett Robertson from North High School did a presentation for the board. Rachel Garlock, also from North, and Mitchell Dunn from West High School shared what they learned from serving as a student board member. Mitchell also read a statement from Olivia Grubbs who could not attend. Luke Eure from Central also sent his regrets. The students were presented with certificates of recognition. Board members thanked them for their dedication and service and asked them to come back anytime to report on their activities.

2.02 Student Board Reports

Student board members reported on activities going on at their schools.

3. SHOWCASES

3.01 Buchanan Elementary

Rachel Ivory, Principal at Buchanan Elementary shared the school vision and introduced Mrs. Tora Cox, school librarian. Mrs. Cox reported on teaching computer coding to second and third grade students using a free website called code.org. She discussed the importance of teaching elementary students computer science. Board members shared how impressed they were with this program and student board members encouraged her to start as early as first grade.

3.02 Smart Intermediate

Kamie Montoya, Principal of Smart Intermediate, introduced Ms. Kelli Menes, the School Within a School (SWS) teacher and she provided an overview of the program. Currently 22 students are in the SWS program which provides more one on one instruction for students who have been referred because they were not reaching their potential in a traditional classroom setting. She invited six

students to share stories and poems. Each student read their individual speeches about how the SWS program has changed their lives, increased their desire to learn, helped them focus on school work and in some cases helped them go from F's to A's and B's. Board members complimented students on their speeches and made a point to tell them how articulate they all were. President Johanson requested copies of the speeches and poems.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.01 Upcoming Events and Meetings

1. May 18, 5PM, Special Call Open Session-Joint Meeting with City of Davenport, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
2. May 25 HOLIDAY Closed
3. May 26, (Tuesday) 6PM, Regular Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, ASC
4. May 27, Wednesday, 7PM, , Mid City Graduation Ceremony, Galvin Fine Arts Center, St. Ambrose
5. May 31, Sunday, Graduation Ceremonies: 11AM-West; 2PM-Central; 4:30PM-North; I Wireless Center
6. June 1, 5:30PM, Committee of the Whole, Jim Hester Board Room, ASC
7. June 2, 10AM, Groundbreaking at Central High School
8. June 2, 3PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
9. June 3, 4PM, Policy Meeting, ASC, Executive Board Room
10. June 8, 6PM Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
11. June 16, 5:30PM, LSIAC, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
12. June 22, 6PM, Regular Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room

4.02 Open Forum for Community Input

Larry Roberson, 1559 W. 67th St. Davenport - He shared his personal experience with growing up poor.

Sarah DeLaere, 2866 Forest Rd. Davenport- Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program.

Micah Mosher, 1717 E. 31st, Davenport – Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program.

Jill Pepper, 2325 E. 29th St., Davenport-Spoke against cutting nurse positions.

Amanda Baxter, 3523 W. Lombard St, Davenport – Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program.

Angela Brooks, 106 W. 35th St., Davenport – Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program

Beth Swanson, 2235 E. 32nd St., Davenport – Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program

Julie Kalkwarf, 1528 Robeson Ave., Bettendorf- Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program.

Cathy Bartlesen, 323 Oak St., Buffalo - Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program.

Melyna Mosher, 1717 E. 31st St., Davenport- Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program.

Brad Kempnich, 3024 Tremont Avenue, Davenport- Spoke against discontinuing birth-2 program.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6.01 Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, Etc.

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Anderson, Jessica TLCS Lead Teacher Young K-8 | \$6,000.00 |
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| Denger, Amanda TLCS Lead Teacher Fillmore Elementary | \$6,000.00 |
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| Gray, Christine TLCS Lead Teacher West High | \$6,000.00 |
| Hunter, Erin TLCS Lead Teacher Truman Elementary | \$6,000.00 |
| Jasper, Patricia TLCS Lead Teacher Central High | \$6,000.00 |
| *Jimenez, Eusebio Assistant Cheerleading West High *pending | 12% \$3,722.00 |
| Lehn, Andrew TLCS Lead Teacher West High | \$6,000.00 |
| Staber, Angela TLCS Lead Teacher West High | \$6,000.00 |
| Toft, Christine TLCS Lead Teacher Wood Intermediate | \$6,000.00 |
| Wells, Michael TLCS Lead Teacher West High | \$6,000.00 |

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

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| Carrillo, Bianca Para Educator Children's Village Hoover | Effective: May 4, 2015 Salary: \$11.66/hr Hours: 6.50 hrs/day |
| Fall, Jacqueline Para Educator Smart Intermediate | Effective: May 7, 2015 Salary: \$10.59/hr Hours: 6.50 hrs/day |
| Fiala, Hal Para Educator DLC-Keystone Academy | Effective: April 27, 2015 Salary: \$15.35/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day |
| Henry, Bronisha Para Educator DLC-Keystone Academy | Effective: April 27, 2015 Salary: \$15.00/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

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| Jorth, Mackenzie Science North High | Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 6 mos |
| Montenguisse, Kristine Special Education Garfield Elementary | Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 5 yrs 9 mos |

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| Pitts, Kayla Special Education North High | Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 9 mos |
| Price-Brenner, Kevin Instrumental Music (Orchestra) Central High | Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 2 yrs 9 mos |
| Sadecky, Madison Grade 4 Jefferson Elementary | Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 1 yr 9 mos |
| Zertuche, Abel School Administrative Manager Jefferson Elementary | Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 9 yrs 9 mos |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Brus, Michael Assistant Swim North High | 12% \$3,722.00 |
| Craig, Ellen Newspaper Advisor Central High | 14% \$4,189.00 |
| Denger, Amanda TLCS Model Fillmore Elementary | \$1,500.00 |
| Eagle, Richard Assistant Sophomore Girls' Basketball Central High | 12% \$3,722.00 |
| Fairman, Carissa TLCS Mentor Walcott Intermediate | \$4,000.00 |
| Gray, Christine TLCS Model West High | \$1,500.00 |
| Hunter, Erin TLCS Model Truman Elementary | \$1,500.00 |
| Johnson, Carol TLCS Mentor Madison Elementary | \$4,000.00 |
| Lotspeich, Margaret TLCS Mentor Wilson Elementary | \$4,000.00 |
| McCleery, Thomas Assistant Football North High | 12% \$3,722.00 |

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| Moylan, Aimee Assistant Girls' Swimming/Diving District Wide | 10% \$3,102.00 |
| Pitts, Kayla Assistant Volleyball West High | 12% \$3,722.00 |
| Price-Brenner, Kevin Orchestra Sr. High Central High | 12% \$3,590.00 |
| Price-Brenner, Kevin TLCS Mentor Central High | \$4,000.00 |
| Roering, Mark Strength & Conditioning Central High | 5% \$1,551.00 |
| Samuelson, Shawn Assistant 9 th Grade Girls' Basketball Central High | 12% \$3,722.00 |
| Staber, Angela TLCS Model West High | \$1,500.00 |
| Tangen, Morgan Assistant Sophomore Girls' Basketball Central High | 12% \$3,722.00 |
| Toft, Christine TLCS Mentor Wood Intermediate | \$4,000.00 |
| Voss, Candace Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Central High | 12% \$3,722.00 |
| Wurdinger, Craig Assistant Girls' Golf Central High | 10% \$3,102.00 |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

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| Schneckloth, Dawn Food Service- Head Cook North High | Effective: April 28, 2015 Years of Service: 6 yrs 2 mos |
| Sissel, Caitlin Para Educator Children's Village Hoover | Effective: May 29, 2015 Years of Service: 2 yrs, 8 mos |
| Wilkins, Michael PC Technician ASC | Effective: May 8, 2015 Years of Service: 4 yrs 10 mos |

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Lorentzen, Christina
Para Educator
Truman Elementary

Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: May 1, 2015 – June 1, 2015

Motion by Director Krumwiede seconded by Director Dickmann the board approved the consent agenda as presented.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS

6.01 Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the following resolution for the payment of bills and salaries: Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, reviewed by the administration and board members, and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts. Further Resolved, the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented for the period of April 23, 2015 through May 6, 2015.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate reported on the following: He showed a marketing video entitled “We are Here for You” which promotes the Graduation Destination program; Wood Intermediate Choirs earned 8 awards at the Great American Music in the Park competition; May 18th is the Open House for the Student Built Home; and on Saturday 5/15 there will be a Student Showcase at Davenport Public Works at 10AM.

He also provided a legislative update on school funding. He noted that due to the diligent efforts of students, parents, and the board, the district has received attention nationwide for our efforts to create equality in funding. They thought the legislation was dead, but learned this afternoon there is still a chance it could move forward. Board members made comments on how positive it has been to know they have the attention of the legislature and they thanked Dr. Tate for all his work on this issue. They also shared how it is worth celebrating our accomplishments up to this point. President Johanson thanked parents, students, and all community members for their support.

8. BOARD REPORTS

Director Dickmann reported her participation in the Stamp Out Hunger efforts and encouraged others to get involved. Director Hayes reported on her visit to Generations Days at Garfield Elementary and Director Clewell reported on his attendance at the McKinley Elementary 75th Anniversary Celebration. President Johanson announced the appointment of Director Dickmann as the professional development contact for the board. Johanson also reported that he attended the Main Street Iowa Awards on May 1st in Des Moines where Vera Kelly and Rosie Terrell were recognized for their involvement in the Hilltop Campus Village District. Mrs. Kelly and Ms. Terrell serve on the Organization Committee and regularly plan their Annual Meeting.

9. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

9.01 – Approval of Textbook Adoptions

Motion by Director Snyder and seconded by Director Clewell the board approved the textbook adoption for Elementary Math and 6th Grade Language Arts.

Discussion: Ms. Staszewski provided an overview of the two adoptions. Director DeFauw asked about revisiting the German textbook adoption and the materials for Honors Algebra II. Ms. Staszewski said the German textbooks would be on the calendar next year and they will be using the current textbook for the honors class. DeFauw requested a follow up conversation about the book for Algebra II sometime in August.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.02 – Approval to Discontinue Birth-2 Program

Motion: Director Clewell made a motion to approve the discontinuation of the Birth-2 program effective the 2016-17 school year at Children's Villages and adopt the following priority list/at risk selection criteria for preschool:

1. All SpEd students
2. At-risk 4 yr. olds
3. All other 4 yr. olds
4. At-risk 3 yr. olds
5. All other 3 yr. olds

Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Krumwiede requested more information. Ms. Conrad and Dr. Owoh provided information on funding and Mr. Schneden reviewed how they are working with community partners such as Head Start who are rewriting their grants to focus more on the birth-2 age group. He discussed how this will help fill the gap if the board votes to discontinue the district's program. They discussed the great need for kindergarten readiness. Krumwiede emphasized his concern noting that 50% of children in our area are not getting to preschool. Dickmann talked about how she struggled with this decision but eventually decided the district needs to focus on kindergarten readiness and how other programs such as Head Start are preparing to fill the gap. It was noted there are 46 students in the Birth – 2 program and Director DeFauw said that with the district's current financial situation the board has to look at where our resources will make the most impact. Director Clewell reassured parents involved in the Birth-2 program that the board hears their concerns, but that Head Start is planning to pick up the slack reiterating that the board has to make decisions based on the interests of all students. Director Hayes expressed her reluctance to eliminate the program but also stated other programs are and will be available for this age group. President Johanson asked about the wording of the selection criteria and asked if #1 should be amended to include age groups.

Amendment: Director Krumwiede made a friendly amendment to #1 in the selection criteria to say: All SpEd Students ages 3-5. Director Clewell accepted the amendment.

Discussion: DeFauw asked if the amendment should say IEP students 3-5yrs old and Ms. Conrad said she didn't think that was necessary.

Vote with amendment: All Ayes motion carried.

9.03 – Approval of Bid for Adams Traffic Safety Improvements

Motion by Director DeFauw and seconded by Director Dickmann the board approved the lowest, responsible and responsive bid of \$228,700 to Centennial Contractors of Moline, Illinois for the Traffic Safety Improvements at Adams Elementary.

Discussion: Several board members asked for clarification on how this may affect future plans and Mr. Maloney provided more details.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.04 – Approval of West Traffic Safety Improvements

Motion by Director Snyder and seconded by Director Dickmann the board approved the lowest, responsible, responsive bid of \$454,290 which includes all 3 alternates to Valley Construction Company of Rock Island, Illinois for the Traffic Safety Improvements at West High School.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.05– Approval of Brady Street South Entry and ADA Improvements

Motion by Director DeFauw and seconded by Director Krumwiede the board approved the lowest, responsible, responsive bid of \$615,000 to Swanson Construction of Bettendorf, Iowa for the Brady Street Stadium South Entry and ADA Improvements Project.

Discussion: Director DeFauw asked about additional washroom upgrades and requested, once again, that diaper changing stations be installed in the restrooms at the stadium and Mr. Maloney said he would make sure this is taken care of. There was more discussion about current ADA improvements and Johanson also requested the diaper changing stations. Johanson also mentioned putting accessible seating not just in the end zones but also consider the mid field area. Mr. Maloney said they will look into these suggestions for the current project.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.06– Approval of Madison Traffic Safety Improvements

Motion by Director Krumwiede and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the lowest, responsible, responsive bid of \$183,700 that includes alternate #1 to Centennial Contractors of Moline, Illinois for Traffic Safety Improvements at Madison Elementary.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.07– Approval Change Order for TriCon General Construction

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Krumwiede the board approved the change order to TriCon General Construction in the amount of \$210,322.60 for the described work at Fillmore Elementary

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.01 Board Self-Evaluation – Director Snyder reluctantly requested to postpone this agenda item since the meeting is into the 3 hour mark and this item will require extended discussion. Director’s Dickmann and DeFauw suggested breaking it down into more manageable pieces and to plan ahead for each topic. Johanson agreed and said the agenda committee will review this and provide an appropriate schedule.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

12. BOARD REQUESTS

None.

Additional board reports:

Director DeFauw announced this Saturday May 16th Dahl Ford is sponsoring “A Drive One For Your School” event where for every test drive they will give \$20 to benefit all four Booster Clubs at North High School.

Director Clewell reported that the UEN (Urban Education Network) steering committee is in the process of considering full membership for who are currently associate members.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer