

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM
1606 BRADY STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803
MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 2016
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 9th, 2016 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, Julie DeSalvo, Dan Gosa, Linda Hayes, Clyde Mayfield and Jamie Snyder. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present.

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

2. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Lorraine Pereira reported on events happening at Central High School.

3. BOARD REPORTS

Director Clewell recognized student board member, Lorraine Pereira, for being selected as this year's Dooley Scholarship winner in which she receives \$20,000 toward college tuition and expenses. Director Gosa reported on his attendance at a "Stop the Violence Summit" and participating in the Watch Dog program at Fillmore. He also reported that student board member, Andrew DeNoyer received a \$500 scholarship from the Democratic Party. Director DeSalvo reported on the success of the Student Appreciation Event last week and also mentioned how the pictures from the event appeared in Representative Thede's newsletter. Director Hayes reported on the most recent Poverty Committee meeting and how they have developed an action plan.

4. SHOWCASE

4.01 Truman Elementary School

Principal, Mary McMeekin introduced the Showcase and explained they would be highlighting the Student Leadership program called the Leader in Me. She introduced the teachers who conduct the program and the students presented slides and explained the program. Board members commented and asked questions about their activities and complimented their speaking abilities. Dr. Tate explained that the Leader in Me is national program and expressed how pleased he was that Ms. McMeekin brought the program to Truman Elementary.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.01 Upcoming Events and Meetings

- May 11, 2:30-6:30PM, Student Built Home Open House, 7122 Madison St.
- May 16, 5:30PM, Creative Arts Academy Gala, Figue Art Museum
- May 16, 6:15PM, Board Workshop, Credit Island Lodge, 2200 West River Drive, Davenport.
- May 17, 5:30PM, Local School Improvement Advisory Committee, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- May 19, 6:30-8:00PM, Showcase and Sharktank Simulation, Advanced Technology Environmental Center, 201 N. Harrison St.
- Saturday, May 21, 9:00-2:00, Showcase of Learning and Applied Science, Davenport Public Works Center, 1200 E. 46th Street
- May 23, 6:00PM, Regular Board Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- May 25, Last Day of School
- May 25, 7:00PM, MidCity Graduation, St. Ambrose, Galvin Fine Arts Center
- May 30, Memorial Day Holiday, CLOSED
- June 1, Policy Meeting, ASC, Executive Board Room
- Sunday, June 5, Graduation I-Wireless, 11:00AM(North) 1:30PM(West) 4:30PM(Central)
- June 6, 5:30PM, Committee of the Whole, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- June 7, 4:00PM, Legislative Advocacy, ASC, Executive Board Room
- June 13, 6:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- June 27, 6:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room

5.02 Open Forum for Community Input

Tom Hansen, 4122 Warren Street, Davenport-Spoke on the policies being reviewed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Shovlain, James David Associate Principal North High	Effective: July 1, 2016 Salary: TBD
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Williams, Cory Principal Truman Elementary	Effective: July 1, 2016 Salary: TBD
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APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Argo, Thomas Baseball Assistant North High	12% \$3,722.00
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Berg, Alexander Football Assistant Central High	12% \$3,758.00
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Strickland, Jordan Sr High Cheerleader West High	19% \$5,951.00
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Vens, Ramsey	20%
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Girls' Varsity Swimming North High	\$6,264.00
Wachal, Cory Football Assistant North High	12% \$3,758.00

Correction to April 25, 2016 Board Agenda:

Harris, Mary Beth TLCS Mentor Wilson Elementary	\$4,000.00
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Crosley, Lisa Professional Secretary Williams Intermediate	Effective: August 1, 2016 Salary: \$14.80 Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Frisch, Tonya Para Educator Washington Elementary	Effective: May 2, 2016 Salary: \$11.69/hr Hours: 6.50 hrs/day
Hobbs, Albert PC Tech ASC	Effective: May 2, 2016 Salary: \$15.64 Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Osborne, Ann Para Educator West High	Effective: May 3, 2016 Salary: \$13.47/hr Hours: 5.5 hrs/day
Reagan, Joseph PEL Project Team Leader Operations Center	Effective: April 18, 2016 Salary: \$49,130 prorated to \$10,203.84 for 54 days remaining in 2015-16 fiscal year

RESIGNATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Shovlain, James David Assistant Principal (Activities) North High	Effective: June 30, 2016 Years of Service: 7 yrs Reason: Other District Assignment
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Crowder, April Media Specialist Mid City High	Effective: May 27, 2016 Years of Service: 10 mos
Lampo, Sara Special Education SCI JB Young K-8	Effective: May 27, 2016 Years of Service: 2 yrs
Matsuo, Ashley Kindergarten Madison Elementary	Effective: May 27, 2016 Years of Service: 2 yrs 8 mos
Schieberl, Kyle Special Education Madison Elementary	Effective: May 27, 2016 Years of Service: 2 yrs 6 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Macksey, Christopher Para Educator North High	Effective: April 20, 2016 Years of Service: 3 mos
McDevitt, Kelly Para Educator North High	Effective: May 30, 2016 Years of Service: 4 yrs 3 mos
Reagan, Joseph Energy Technician Operations Center	Effective: April 15, 2016 Years of Service: 2 yrs 4 mos Reason: Other District Assignment
Tope, Kelsey Para Educator Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: May 30, 2016 Years of Service: 7 mos

6.02 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

7.01 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 April 21, 2016 through May 4, 2016 with the following voided check:

#337331 Payable to Magnet Street, Inc in the amount of \$623.70 (wrong amount)

Discussion: DeSalvo asked about check #337232 payable to Bettendorf Schools and it was explained that was for open enrollment expenses.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate reported that 108 students in grades 6, 7 and 8 participated in the Music in the Parks Festival at Six Flags Great America in Chicago. Wood Intermediate competed in six different choirs placing first in 4 and placing second in competition. The prestigious sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Wood for a second consecutive year. Tate showed a video of the event to the board. He also reported on the improvement in graduation rates for the Davenport Schools. Tate gave a brief update on changes being made regarding steps being taken to collect overdue fees that include not being able to walk at graduation or not being able to transfer schools if fees are not paid. He said they will work out a payment plan if needed by parents and will give them every chance to pay their fees.

9. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

9.01 –Approval of Commercial Sandwich Bread/Buns

Motion by Director DeSalvo and seconded by Director Snyder the board approved the lowest responsible and responsive bid of \$47,605.00 to Pan-O-Gold for commercial sandwich bread/buns.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.02 Approval of Textbook Fees

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved that textbook fees be established for the 2016-17 school year as follows: Elementary-\$29/semester, Intermediate - \$30/semester, High School-\$33/semester.

Discussion: Johanson asked for the total amount and Tangen estimated it was close to \$450,000. Clewell said it is unfortunate we have to increase fees but that Davenport is still the lowest in the area.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.03 –Approval Change Order for Central

Motion by Director Gosa and seconded by Director Clewell the board approved the change order for the Central Pool and Auditorium Project in the amount of \$187,194.07 with Davenport Electric Contract Company.

Discussion: Board members asked several questions and Maloney provided more details and said there is still \$200,000 in construction contingency and that all documents were reviewed by the CMA.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.04 Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Snyder the board approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Discussion: Clewell asked about frequency of process and Maloney said it is reviewed about every 5 years.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.05 Membership in Iowa Association of School Boards

Motion by Director DeSalvo and seconded by Director Hayes to approve paying the 2016-17 membership dues of \$11,512 for Iowa Association of School Boards.

Discussion: Board members discussed the pros and cons of renewing membership in IASB. DeSalvo asked seasoned board members for their input and Clewell complimented IASB on working with their membership on equality issue but was disappointed they didn't get our newsletter out more and help with the toolkit that was created by the Government Affairs Committee. Snyder expressed disappointment that our main priorities don't seem to be their main priorities. Johanson asked Ms. Tangen about losing investment in ISJET and she said this fund is neither higher nor lower than others that would be available. Johanson stated they have done a good job with SSA but not so good with our focus on equality and equity. He also mentioned that the membership dues are more than what the board budget can afford right now.

Vote: All Nays motion failed.

9.06 Membership in Urban Education Network of Iowa

Motion by Director Snyder and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved paying membership dues of \$8500 to join the Urban Education Network of Iowa for 2016-17 year.

Discussion: DeSalvo expressed how pleased she has been with UEN and Margaret Buckton's involvement with our equity issue and talked about how helpful the organization was even before she was a board member. Snyder agreed that access to Margaret Buckton is of primary importance. Johanson said the district belongs to ISFIS and Margaret is a part of this organization so we could have access to her without membership in the UEN. Tate mentioned how useful the UEN job alike programs have been to the district

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.07 Membership in Rural School Advocates of Iowa

Motion by Director Gosa and seconded by Director DeSalvo the board approved paying the membership dues of \$750 to join the Rural School Advocates of Iowa.

Discussion: Johanson provided more information on this organization and explained that Margaret Buckton works with this organization as well. Johanson also noted how responsive the organization was and how it took only two weeks to get all 63 members on board with our resolution.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9.07 Policy

Motion by Director Snyder and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the following policies:

903.09-Meeting Notice and Posting of Board Meeting Agenda

903.18-Community Requests to Place Item on Agenda

903.15-Public Input at Board Meetings

Discussion: Snyder reviewed the changes to the policies and the board discussed the changes. Gosa asked about reference in 903.18 to how placing items on the agenda is at the discretion of the Agenda Committee and Johanson explained that it is not required that every request be placed on the board agenda.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

Johanson called a 5 minutes recess.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.01 Textbook Adoptions

Julie Staszewski, Director of Curriculum and Instruction reviewed the information concerning textbook adoptions. She explained that total costs for adoptions and additions is \$561,915.61. She also introduced staff members Dawn Kruse, Jennifer Boyd, Alisa Hansel, and Michelle Harvey who were also available for questions from the board. Staszewski also explained the textbook adoption process. Board members asked for clarification on certain adoptions and how much progress they are making with transitioning to electronic books. She explained that almost every adoption has an electronic component to it and that next year the district will be one to one.

10.02 Subcontractors

Gosa explained he requested this discussion item and said he would like to see the list of subcontractors in addition to general contractors. Maloney provided a brief overview of the process of using a CMA and stated that they can't always control who the subcontractors are but can provide the list. Gosa said sometimes the subcontractors do not classify their workers accurately and this concerns him since we are using taxpayer dollars. Snyder said he would also like to see the list of subcontractors and Johanson commented he wanted to make sure the board is not getting into the business of administration. Gosa said just because they are lowest bidder doesn't mean they are the best.

10.03 Transportation Policy

Dr. Tate started the discussion by saying the board has approved very strict policies on providing transportation which requires that he be very strict in not making exceptions except for extreme cases concerning health, safety or security. He and Mr. Maloney receive a multitude of requests for making exceptions and the most requested exception is related to child care. Tate explained the district had paid conditional busing at one time but this had to be eliminated due to the cost. Snyder said there have been discussions about extending walk zones as a cost savings measure but there has not been any other discussion of changing transportation at the policy level. Mayfield expressed his concerns about of the routes the JB students will need to be walking after the school closes and Maloney mentioned the school crossing committee that met and assessed this concern and came to the conclusion that it is not uniquely dangerous compared to other routes students have to walk.

Tate also mentioned that the poverty committee made a decision that the district would buy a van and provide some transportation for low income families. Johanson mentioned the option is available to change the policy if a board member would like to pursue that avenue and submit a board request. He said the policies are established for variety of reasons and the state has established walk zones and they have important reasons for this as well. He said he is in favor of extending walk zones due to the district's need to cut the budget. Eligibility requirements were discussed and Tate stated that when one exception is made then you have to make exceptions for all which would be very expensive for the district. There was a brief discussion about the cost of running bus routes and the issue of empty seats. Maloney explained the district is required by law to save seats for eligible riders whether or not the student shows up to ride the bus. Gosa said it is a waste of money to provide seats for those who don't ride and DeSalvo said the district has to follow the law.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

12. BOARD REQUESTS

The following board members submitted Board Requests:

Director Mayfield:

- 1) The academic report sent to the state each year. 2014-15 and 2015-16 (when ready).
- 2) A listing of all police and fire calls to JB Young and the surrounding area because of the large gathering of young folks together with no supervision.

Director Gosa:

- 1) Discussion on whether or not it is more beneficial to go back to having general contractors who have skin in the game vs. staying with construction manager who get paid no matter how the job turns out or ends up.
- 2) Information on how many seats are filled on the school buses each day throughout the year out of the eligible seats and how many times they are not filled.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Gosa seconded the motion.
By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer