

Dover-Eyota Public Schools School Board #533

Regular Meeting 3.18.2024 6:00pm

The Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center.
Board Members Present: James Johnson, Shawna Seaquist, Riley Hammel, Ron Pagel, Heather Duellman and Sara Halvorson

Absent: Tamara DeMuth

Staff: Superintendent Jeremy Frie, Chelsie Dinges, Sarah Carlson, Ben Midge and John Ostrowski

Call to order at 6:03pm by Board Chair Johnson with the Pledge of Allegiance

Approve the Agenda

A motion was made by Member Duellman, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Visitor Communication

None

Consent – Approve Board Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting 2.26.2024

A motion was made by Member Seaquist, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes on 2.26.2024

Consent – Approve Regular District Bills

With Member Halvorson Abstaining

A motion was made by Member Pagel, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$442,884.57.

Approve the Business Manager's Report

A motion was made by Member Pagel, seconded by Member Hammel, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$1,530,448.72 and the February electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Principal Carlson recognized Mr. Pittenger with bringing in a speaker to the school, a powerful experience for our kids.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve: SACC Handbook Changes

Susan Keller-Schaffer presented current updates in the handbook. She shared they are looking at piloting some options in the near future. Discussed options if we were offered SACC as a wrap around and have the program for staff to use has child care all day instead of just before and after school.

A motion was made by Member Seaquist and seconded by Member Duellman and carried unanimously to approve the SACC Handbook changes.

Consider/Approve Bids for Trash Removal Contract

A motion was made by Member Pagel and seconded by Member Hammel, and majority of board members carried approval vote to move forward with Waste Management Contract, Member Halvorson abstained.

Discussion Item: Finance Committee Recommendation, Operating Referendum, Nexus

Superintendent Frie shared options if we did an operating referendum. Member Johnson shared that this comes down to a community decision. Member Seaquist shared that they felt the lower dollar amounts wouldn't be on the table. By 2028 we are dipping in the red and below our 10%. We would like to offer above average for our kids and teachers. Member Johnson mentioned the community admonished the board for failing to see and share what had come and had to cut a million dollars that was very difficult.

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The community ask why we didn't take action. There are also two state mandates, unemployment for non teaching positions will be required to be paid by the district and leave absences will also be required to be paid by the district. Member Halvorson asked what happens if we do nothing. Options could be SOD and the state takes over monitoring. They discussed what other districts are going through and their options.

Coach Lehnertz was requested in the previous meeting to join and discuss his ideas on question 2.. Lehnertz introduced himself as the wrestling coach and how it's growing, they went from 22 to 44 and will be offering girls wrestlers this next year. It has been a fast growing sport. The multi-purpose room is too small for 44 kids and he is forced to split his practice at different times. He shared that the community is frustrated with not having access to the fitness center and Lehnertz talked about growing the fitness center and having the public use for them with a small fee and the new wrestling room could go on the top of the fitness center. He offered up some year round options that could get the use out of it along with sharing with our Community Ed program. Member Duellman asked what the difference between building the fitness center vs building a field house.

Member Hammel mentioned looking into the city and seeing if they can assist with field house options. Finance committee discussed the Fall season for a timeline on the decision.

Member Johnson asked if we want to partner with Nexus for draw up and prep. Superintendent Frie asked if he should ask for renderings and invite them for the next meeting. Member Pagel noted no need to get BIDS for professional services. He is concerned about two different building projects going on with possibly two different companies. Member Duellman asked if we are locked in if we ask Nexus to draw something up.

Superintendent Frie requested if this is the time we start scheduling work sessions in order to get moving. Currently pending a date for the work session to be set.

Consent - Accept Resignations, Hires and Donations

A motion was made by Member Hammel and seconded by Member Duellman and carried unanimously to accept resignations, hires, donations and fundraising.

1) Accept Resignations:

Reed Hammel	SACC Staff
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2) Accept New Hires:

John Loney	High School Special Education Teacher
Kirsten Bakke	Elementary Special Education (Step 10MA)
Tyffanie Heublein	High School Agriculture Teacher, FFA Adviser
Jean Mulholand	Trip Bus Driver
Ryan Skow	JV Baseball Coach
Emily Jacobson	High School Special Education Teacher

3) Donations:

Creekwood Construction	\$250.00	Prom Junior Account
DEMA Donation for Tuba	10845	Tuba Purchase

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4) Fundraising:

Dover-Eyota Women	Selling Caramel Apple Pop Suckers
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CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

1. High School Principal ([Report](#))
2. Athletic Director ([Report](#))
3. Middle School Principal ([Report](#))
4. Elementary School Principal ([Report](#))

Student Board Member Communication

Aiden Gasper noted both Damon Bye and Hailey McMahan signed for colleges recently Food drive is currently happening at the school, Student Council is electing roles for next school year, senior day event is set and able to add on advantage pack, and shared updates on prom and the three food trucks they will be able to take advantage of.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Superintendent Frie shared a busy few weeks, budget folders are shared to teachers. Kudos to principles for hiring, John, Leo and Brian as the stress starts to begin with moving out. Principal Ostrowski is the point person for the move out and move in. Renee in the district office is hard at work getting rid of things that are no longer needed. Elementary promo video should be shared soon. Currently looking for custodial options and hiring on our own. Finance committee sent a notice from the principles for negotiations for a contract. We are 144 days away from the open house, August 29th.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Halvorson - Wellness committee will be meeting on Wednesday. Foundation Auction was a success and it was phenomenal, and raised about \$30,000.

Hammel - nothing to report

Pagel - Closing date is set for April 16 for the HVED mall, asked about late starts possibly going away.

Seaquist - nothing to report

Duellman - nothing to report

Johnson - forwarding on financial email that may have an impact if it passes

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Pagel, seconded by Member Seaquist, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.

Shawwna Seaquist, Clerk

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