

BOARD MINI-RETREAT MINUTES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Chair Ron Pagel called the Mini-Retreat of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 5:59 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, James Johnson, Jessica McFarlan, Linda Nelson, Matt Wrubel, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: none. Also in attendance were High School Principal Todd Rowekamp, Elementary Principal Dr. Jeanne Svobodny, Activities Director/Assistant Principal John Ostrowski, Teaching & Learning Director Nick Truxal, Business Manager Gary Betcher, and Administrative Assistant Tara Dabelstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

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

Reports/Discussion Items

Food Service Program – Food & Nutrition Director, Mrs. Carrie Frank, introduced herself sharing with the Board that she has been with Dover-Eyota for 13 years. Mrs. Frank started by saying that this year the Food & Nutrition's software went web based, which is wonderful because it communicates with the Student Record Management Software, JMC. This was one of her goals from the beginning along with being able to send low balance reminders electronically by e-mail or text; which she was able to implement this year. Mrs. Frank shared that they had a bumper crop of apples this year, which allowed Food & Nutrition workers to serve homemade apple sauce on a daily basis. Mrs. Frank also shared that the pears are producing fruit. Mrs. Frank shared that three of her most often used local suppliers are, Produce Plus (The Blattner farm), Burt's Meat and St. Charles bakery. The first Thursday of each month is build your own burger bar with meat patties from Burt's Meat and buns from St. Charles Bakery. She is in contact with the Blattner farm on a weekly basis to order fresh produce. October is Farm to School month, and Dover-Eyota's Food & Nutrition were honored to host lunch for some of Minnesota's legislators. Mrs. Frank shared that she is part of a School Nutrition Advisory Group and that she is the Minnesota School Nutrition, (MSN) President Elect, which is a 4 year term. She also shared that Dover-Eyota was chosen to be part of a best practice group and closed by saying, "It's a joy serving our kids". Board Members thanked Carrie for her service and presentation during the meeting.

Review Strategic Plan – Mike shared a PowerPoint that went through each Strategic AIM and showed what Dover-Eyota has accomplished in each AIM, and what Dover-Eyota is still working on. AIM 1 was concluded to be at about 80% completed. AIM 2 was concluded to be at about 60% completed. AIM 3 was concluded to be at about 60% completed, and AIM 4 was at about 80% completed.

Member Austinson asked Supt. Carolan about Marzano and how it was working for the District. Dr. Svobodny shared that parts of it are being used, and Supt. Carolan stated that he would like to re-evaluate this assessment practice by bringing in a group of teachers to see how it has been working. It was agreed that learning how this process has been working is valuable for Board Members and community members alike.

Baseball/Softball Fields – It was brought to the Boards attention that there was a misunderstanding involving the baseball and softball field projects. Supt. Carolan had suggested that if the funds were available, after the bus garage project numbers were known, that the district move forward with renovation on the softball fields this year, with the intent to than renovate the baseball fields next year. The softball fields were suggested as the first renovation because they are smaller and would cost less while still laying the infrastructure for the future baseball field renovations. Supt. Carolan's thoughts behind this suggestion was to offer the idea of potentially getting some of the project done versus none of it.

The Board Members discussed in length the misunderstanding and it was decided that no decisions can be or will be made regarding any field updates until after the June 11, 2019 bus garage bid opening. The bus garage has always been the top priority and until the Board knows how much that project will cost, no educated decisions can be made regarding any other projects. The Board will hold a Special Board

Meeting in June, after the bid opening, to discuss the field projects and the possibilities for moving forward with all, some, or none of the recommendations for field updates.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Wrubel, seconded by Member McFarlen, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Tour of the Softball/Baseball Fields

The Board Members who were interested and available went with Supt. Carolan to walk the baseball and softball fields.

Julie Austinson, Clerk
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