

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2018

Chair Ron Pagel called the regular meeting of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 7:01 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Other Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Andrea Lehnertz, Linda Nelson, Matt Wrubel, Student Board Member Anna Sachs, and Superintendent Mike Carolan. Absent: Todd Peterson. Also in attendance were Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Principal Todd Rowekamp, Assistant Principal/Activities Director John Ostrowski, Curriculum Director Assistant Nick Truxal, Business Manager Gary Betcher, Administrative Assistant Chris Berg, Ryan Anderson, Salem Birkholz, Alex Bushman, Tom Flaig, Brad Halverson, Sam Hajek, Dominic Kellen, John Pittenger, Bailey Wallace, Chris Wallace, Kathy Wallace, Kim Ziemer, Owen Ziemer, and Valorie Ziemer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Amended Agenda

Chair Pagel advised of these additions: Compliment, and resignation of Instructional Assistant Linsay Hameister.

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

Visitors to Address the Board

No visitors wished to address the Board.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Wrubel, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to approve the December 11, 2017 School Board Meeting Minutes.

Consent – Approve Regular Bills and Special Bills

A motion was made by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the Regular District Bills totaling \$90,255.14, and the Special District bills totaling \$125,080.18.

Approve the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report with liquid assets totaling \$5,575,284.49 and the December electronic transfers.

RECOGNITIONS

Principal Todd Rowekamp introduced Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership (ExCEL) award nominees Juniors Sam Birkholz and Bailey Wallace. He also presented Seniors Alex Bushman and Valorie Ziemer who were this year's nominees from Dover-Eyota for the Triple 'A' Award. All of these individuals would also be recognized and receive their nomination certificates at the annual DE Academic & Leadership Awards night in May. Winners of the statewide awards would be announced in March. Both the ExCEL and Triple 'A' programs are sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League.

Mr. Rowekamp also recognized Valorie Ziemer for being a "standout in fine arts" as she was selected to the MN Music Educator's Association State Band. Mr. Ryan Anderson explained the selection process, and that nominees must be in top 1% of all the payers. He said, "Valorie is a wonderful leader and role model in our school. Her final performance in February will be at Orchestra Hall."

CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

High School Principal – Mr. Todd Rowekamp shared the following: 1) The middle school redesign conversations had been started by staff. Member Austinson asked when they would hear more about the possible changes in the middle school schedule and the nature of some of the proposed changes. Mr. Rowekamp said he would provide a monthly update on progress and that the priority changes include a reading class for 7th graders and a structured intervention time built into the school day. He also mentioned that they are looking at shorter class periods but other schedule options might work, too. He stated that it is a complicated task to make a middle school schedule that fits with the high school schedule since both schools share teachers; 2) The meeting with the Rochester Community Technical College staff was useful as they learned about possible concurrent enrollment course options through RCTC. He had started meeting with high school teachers currently teaching concurrent enrollment classes, or who were interested in teaching such classes, about the possibility of going back to school to meet the requirements; 2) The Job Shadow program was very successful during first semester. The Anatomy and Physiology and English 11 classes would do job shadows second semester. The 11th grade English teachers feel it would be a good fit with some of their standards.

Assistant Principal/Activities Director – Mr. John Ostrowski shared the following: 1) The busy athletic season was here with 5 of the next 7 large events being held on Saturdays in the high school building; 2) The boys' and girls' basketball schedules for next year were completed and next year's winter wrestling schedule should be done by the end of the next week.

Elementary Principal – Dr. Svobodny shared the following: 1) Talked about the "generous community" when noting the results of the Ten Days of Giving (total of 2,702 nonperishable items with Mr. Asper's fifth grade class contributing 697 items and Mrs. Humbles' fourth grade class collecting 285 items), and the used toy collection for Haiti; 2) The DARE graduation held the previous Friday had gone smoothly. "Mr. Doofus visited and was entertaining. We had a good turnout of parents"; 3) Mrs. Svobodny shared charts that were helping the elementary staff focus on their purposes for the school year.

District Feedback Form

Supt. Carolan shared the compliment received.

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STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Student Board Member Anna Sachs reported on the following: 1) That day, one of the Senior High Knowledge Bowl teams performed in Plainview and won 3 of 4 rounds in the oral competition; 2) The toy drive for Haiti had been completed the previous week; 3) In December, students who had graduated from DE came back to tell the seniors about their college experience; 4) Seven FFA members would be going to Pine Island for a leadership "lock in"; 5) In February, an a Capella group would perform in Osseo, Wisconsin; 5) Snoball was coming soon; 6) Anna noted that it was cold in the high school building. She had to wear several layers of clothing and some students were wearing blankets to keep warm. Mr. Rowekamp explained that it takes until Tuesday for the building to warm up from the weekend. Supt. Carolan felt that the cold building was also associated with the sub-zero weather we had been having, and that some parts of the building were colder than others. He would look into having the heating system reprogrammed to warm up earlier.

REPORT

Tech Nest Possibility

Curriculum Director Assistant Nick Truxal talked about a possible Tech Nest program to begin during second semester or the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. They were exploring the concept where 1 to 3 students would do an independent technology internship with Bryan Berg. The students could solve technology problems for staff, work on editing social media communication for the district, or work on a project in the technology field. The basic purpose was for students to experience a career with a mentor.

Principal Rowekamp advised that the high school already had some independent studies, and the students chosen for Tech Nest would need to be serious about it and it could not affect other parts of their education.

Supt. Carolan talked about fostering other skills for students who were not college bound, and how the process fit in the new Strategic Plan.

The Board agreed with the prospect of creating a Tech Nest program.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and Approval of Policy Changes

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to delete 299 Donation Policy and 511 Fundraising Policy, and approve revisions to 620 Credit for Learning Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Approval of the Student Trip to Washington, DC

Advisor John Pittenger and students Brad Halvorson and Sam Hajek came before the Board. Mr. Pittenger advised that, prior to last year, the Board donated 10% of the cost to the effort. Since such donations were no longer allowed, last year the Board had provided school bus transportation to and from the airport. He asked them to consider providing transportation again, and possibly a donation.

Supt. Carolan would talk with the school district's auditor to see if a monetary contribution of some sort could be made.

A motion was made by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Lehnertz, and carried unanimously to grant tentative approval of the student trip to Washington, DC from February 13-17, 2018 and provide school bus transportation to and from the airport.

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Tentative Approval of the Band Trip to DuPage County, IL

A motion was made by Member Lehnertz, seconded by Member Wrubel, and carried unanimously to grant tentative approval of the student Band trip to DuPage County, IL from June 25-30, 2018.

Terminate Mundo Learning Contract

Supt. Carolan advised that the district wished to terminate the contract with Mundo Learning for virtual Spanish instruction and would receive a 20% refund.

A motion was made by Member Wrubel, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to terminate the contract with Mundo Learning.

Consent – Accept Resignations, Approve New Hires, Accept Donations

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Nelson, and carried unanimously to:

Accepted resignations: Instructional Assistants JESSICA WEBECK and LINSAY HAMEISTER;

Approved new hires: JEREMY DOHRN as Custodian and KELLY SCHLIESMAN as Spanish Instructor;

Accepted donations: Boys' Basketball - \$50 from MARGUERITE UTHKE; Sharing Tree - \$100 from DEB VOSLER, \$30 from WANDA HANSON, \$50 from RURAL ROBBINS, and \$50 from Lendon Riess of ADVANCED HARDWOOD FLOORS; Elementary – 2017 recumbent exercise bike valued at \$220 from AMY HEANEY.

HEARING OF REPORTS

Supt. Carolan relayed the following: 1) Reminded the members of the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Leadership Conference that week; 2) The new handicapped van had been received and the district was fortunate to save additional money. He reminded the Board that the district would get the cost back in six years; 3) Three old vans were being advertised for sale on Craig's list, the district website, and in the *Eagle* newspaper; 4) Mr. Rowekamp and Mr. Truxal had joined him at a CTech meeting with the Rochester Public Schools where they had early conversations about providing culinary and nursing programs to our students. Rochester was eager to partner with us, and the program would align with the district's College & Career Ready Aim and integration strategy; 5) Mr. Carolan would have an article in the next *Eagle* about the Strategic Plan

and the Post Secondary Enrollment Option survey results. The PSEO Task Force would soon start meeting to review the data obtained from over 300 individuals including teachers, students, and parents.

Board of Education Committee Reports & Communication

Andring – Food & Nutrition Director Carrie Frank had shown him the new oven, of which she was very proud. The chicken sample was “really good and juicy.” The old oven had been sold that day. Mr. Andring said, “At least we have heat compared to some buildings out east!” Mr. Andring ended his report by relaying that his wife Gail had been at the DARE graduation and said it was the best she had attended.

Nelson – Mrs. Nelson complimented the students in the schools – both at the elementary and secondary. She added, “They never fail to amaze me. They are talented, positive and generous students.”

Austinson – Member Austinson was looking forward to attending the MSBA Conference.

Wrubel – Mr. Wrubel would attend a Wellness Committee meeting the following week and was also looking forward to the MSBA Conference.

Pagel – He had nothing to report from the last Hiawatha Valley Education District meeting. Mr. Pagel encouraged the principals to send some staff to the upcoming screenings in Stewartville. He was looking forward to attending the MSBA Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Austinson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

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Julie Austinson, Clerk
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