

## WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 10, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.

### Call to Order:

Board President Gary McAndrew called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence and reading of the District Mission and Core Values.

### Roll Call:

Present were President Gary McAndrew, Vice-President Mark Knuth, Jeanne Coppola, Mark Tilson, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

### Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

### Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of January. Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

### Reports:

#### 1. Principals' Reports:

Topics discussed were: CHS Boys and Girls Basketball success, upcoming FFA scholarship dinner, \$1,500 raised for cancer research, student advancement to regional spelling bee, DES partnering with Ellen Kennedy Living Center as students read with residents, DMIS winter Map test results show reading and math growth, 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising for visits to Mines of Spain and National Mississippi River Museum, PBIS SET success at FES, EES, and PES, SIP progress, FES movie night, PES Grade Alike meetings, AIMSWEB score review, thank you to Peosta Rec Center for student use of gym, instructor training on Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA), WDHS' Molly Lembezeder finalist for Wayne E. Cooley scholarship, WDHS large group speech success, WDHS hosting District wrestling, grant writing for Early Literacy and Monsanto.

#### 2. Superintendent Report:

- Superintendent Jeff Corkery reported that if received, the Literacy grant being written at this time would fund summer school for third graders not at grade level for reading.
- Superintendent Jeff Corkery reported that the Technology Director position vacated by Coby Culbertson is being split into two positions. Nathan Corbin will fill the Director of Technology Systems and Supervisor of IT portion and James Roberts will assume the role of Director of Instructional Technology and Student Reporting.
- Superintendent Corkery reported five days of school missed to date this school year due to inclement weather.

3. Cascade/Bernard Elementary Building Highlight:

Bernard/Cascade Elementary School Principal Tesha Ruley and ELL instructor Sarah Palmer provided the Board with an overview of recent activities focused on creating family involvement in the schools. 17 family members attended November Reading and almost 200 students and family members attended Academic Family Night; Academic Family Night included a meal, presentations, and free books for students. The presentations were available in English and Spanish to accommodate the ELL population. Feedback from families indicated the events were well received and planning is underway for an Academic Family Breakfast and National Fairy Tale Day event.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Knuth, second by Tilson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
  - a. Resignations
    1. Lois Andrews – Special Education – CES
    2. Jen Galle – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball – DMIS
    3. Stephanie Heinrichs – MS Newspaper – DMIS
    4. Justin Smith – Varsity Assistant Tennis - WDHS
    5. Nora Zerante – Freshman Softball - WDHS
  - b. Employment
    1. Keith Nielsen – Head Varsity Boys Soccer - WDHS
3. Out of State Travel - none
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
  - a. Second Reading 200 Series Policies Board of Directors
  - b. Second Reading Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity
  - c. Second Reading Policy 102.E1 Section 504 Notice of Nondiscrimination
  - d. Second Reading Policy 102.R1 Grievance Procedure
  - e. Second Reading Policy 104 Anti-bullying/Harassment
  - f. Second Reading Policy 104.E1 Harassment/Bullying Complaint Form
  - g. Second Reading Policy 104.E3 Disposition of Anti-bullying/Harassment Complaint Form
  - h. Second Reading Policy 401.1 Equal Employment Opportunity
  - i. Second Reading Policy 500 Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students
  - j. Second Reading Policy 501.3 Compulsory Attendance
  - k. Second Reading Policy 501.9 Student Absences – Excused
  - l. Second Reading Policy 501.10R1 Truancy – Unexcused Absences Regulation
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
  - a. Respray/Restripe & Maintenance Coat for Cascade Track
6. Resolutions - none

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

1. Setting of hearing for 2014-15 Calendar. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to table setting of the hearing for 2014-15 Calendar due to uncertainty with legislation. Motion passed 5-0. Expected significant dates in regard to the 2014-15 Calendar are:
  - August 18: First day of school
  - November 27-28: Thanksgiving break
  - December 24-January 2: Winter break
  - April 3-6: Easter break
  - Week of May 18: Last day of school

2. Approval for 2014-15 School Fees. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the 2014-2015 school fees as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Approve Audit Services for 2013-14 through 2015-16. Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to approve the proposal from O'Connor, Brooks & Co., P.C. for audit services for fiscal years July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Approve Change order #2 for WDHS project. Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve Change order #2 in the amount of \$30,103.66 for WDHS project with the majority of the increase coming from the addition of a new intercom system. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Approve Change order #4 for CHS project. Motion by Vaske, second by Knuth to approve Change order #4 resulting in a credit of \$22,047.80 with the majority of the credit coming from a change in the bleacher system. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Closed Session: Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussion of collective bargaining issues. Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to hold a closed session as authorized by section 20.17(3) of the Iowa Code to discuss collective bargaining issues. Roll call vote: McAndrew-yes; Knuth-yes; Coppola-yes; Tilson-yes; Vaske-yes. Motion passed 5-0. The board entered into closed session at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 7:50 p.m.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on February 10, 2014.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Gary McAndrew  
President, Board of Education