

**WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:**

Board President Bob McCabe 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 Vision Statement and Goals.

**Roll Call:**

Present were President Bob McCabe, Vice-President Jeanne Coppola, Gary McAndrew, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent: Mark Knuth.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The following change to the published Agenda was announced:

Consent Agenda – Resignations: Mary Jo Scott – Drexler MS – Special Education Teacher

Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to approve the Agenda with the noted changes.

Motion passed 4-0.

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

Open Forum: No comments were received from the public. Board member Coppola commented that Kay Smudka a former elementary principal for the District (1969-1981) recently passed away.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

- a. October 10, 2011 regular session and October 25, 2011 workshop. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of October: Motion by McAndrew, second by Vaske to approve the bills. Motion passed 4-0.

**Reports:**

- a. Principals Reports: Topics included - family unity events, Veteran's Day celebrations, athletic and activity accomplishments, community day of service by students, technology use – parent meetings, student lead conferences, parent teacher conference attendance, national accreditation visit for the District's Shared Visions Program, American Education Week activities, Turkey Trot, parent volunteers for library work, Halloween Hoot, McElroy Award to purchase GPS units for WDHS FFA, Career Exploration award for elementary Counselor Rose Meisch and Rudy Award consideration for student Matt Riniker. The Rudy Awards celebrates inspirational young athletes who embody the values of character, courage, contribution and commitment through the sport of football.
  
- b. Peosta Elementary Building Highlights: The activities of the Foster Parent Program at Peosta were explained along with eligibility requirements and the benefits to the school. Lynn Blossch known as Grandma Blossch to the students was introduced as a very active volunteer for the program and a student favorite. She commented on the many hours that she has read to students and listened to their readings. She stressed the benefits of the reading and focus on literacy.

c. Superintendent Report: Topics discussed included meetings on the Tri-Rivers Conference realignment, State of Iowa Transportation Citizens Advisory Committee actions and work of the district's School Improvement Advisory Committee on the rewriting of the 5-year Strategic Plan.

d. Health Services Report: Sheila Knapp provided an overview of the various duties and activities of the district nurses. Topics included – role of the nurses, assignments, service statistics, student emergency plans, Medicaid billing, CPR training, common student health issues, keeping students and staff well, professional development and other nurse involvement activities

e. Certified Enrollment: Dave Wegmann presented information on the District's certified enrollment for the 2011-12 school year. Overall the enrollment increased from 2,879 students in 2010-11 to 2,919 students for the 2011-12 school year. Breakdowns were shown for the following categories – open enrolled in and out, special education, attendance centers, shared time, Prek -4yr olds, community college course sharing, English Second Language and non-public school enrollments.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by McAndrew, second by Vaske to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted changes. Resignations from the three coaching positions approved subject to finding a suitable replacement. Teacher - Mary Jo Scott's last contract day to be December 2, 2011 and approved without reservations. Motion passed 4-0.

a. Financial Reports of District

b. Personnel

1. Resignations

- a) Kara Bryte, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball – DMIS
- b) Molly Huff – Sophomore Softball - CHS
- c) Shaun Marden, Assistant 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track – DMIS
- d) Mary Jo Scott – Special Education Teacher – Drexler MS

2. Employment

- a) Nick Blakesley – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball – CHS \$2,179.20
- b) Luke Pisarik – Shop Maintenance – CHS
- c) Heather Scott – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball – CHS \$2,179.20

c. Out of State Travel

Western Dubuque Band - Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas Texas 2012

d. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings

e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests

Donation: Equipment Trailer – Liberty 7' x 16' from WDHS Show Choir Booster Club.  
Purchase price of \$5,000 from Auto Tech, Dyersville.

f. Resolutions

- 1. National Educational Support Professionals
- 2. Resolution for American Education Week Oct. 10-17, 2011

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. Approval of City of Farley/Dubuque County/WDCSD Library Agreement. Motion by Coppola, McAndrew to approve the Agreement as proposed. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Approve School Budget Review Committee Allowable Growth Applications. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to approve the allowable growth applications for Increased Enrollment - \$233,957 and Limited English Program Costs - \$9,145. Motion passed 4-0. Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the allowable growth application for Start-Up Costs of \$762,993 for the new elementary building in Dyersville. Motion passed 4-0.
- c. Approve Construction Change Orders - Dyersville Elementary, Dyersville Safe Room and Drexler Middle School. Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to approve change orders #17 for Dyersville Elementary - \$11,807.10, #8 for Dyersville Safe Room - \$1,494.85 and #10 for Drexler Middle School - \$49,466.88. Motion passed 4-0.
- d. Approve Certificate of Final Completion of Drexler Lighting Upgrade. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the Certificate of Final Completion for the Drexler Lighting Upgrade. Motion passed 4-0.
- e. Appoint representative to Jones County Conference Board. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to appoint Mark Knuth to the Jones County Conference Board. Motion passed 4-0.
- f. First Reading 600 Series Policies (600-603.4), 405.8 Licensed Employee Evaluation, 411.7 Classified Employee Evaluations. Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to approve the First Reading 600 Series Policies (600-603.4), 405.8 Licensed Employee Evaluation, 411.7 Classified Employee Evaluations. Motion passed 4-0.

**Adjournment:** Motion by McAndrew, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on November 14, 2011.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Robert McCabe  
President, Board of Education