

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

December 10, 2012 – 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, Mark Knuth, Gary McAndrew, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

Approval of Agenda:

The following change to the published Agenda was presented.

Consent Agenda: Resignation – Samantha Reimer – Softball Varsity Assist. - WDHS

Motion by Knuth, second by McAndrew to approve the Agenda with the noted change. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

- a. November 12, 2012 Regular Meeting and November 26, 2012 Workshop Meeting. Motion by Coppola second by McAndrew to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of November: Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

Principal Reports:

Topics discussed were: State Dance Team contest awards; Tim Frake – Cascade HS named Track Coach of the year; Bob Davidshover – Cascade HS named Cross Country Regional Coach of the year; Fall Cleanup Program; Cancer Fundraiser; Response to Intervention; PBIS – traveling trophy; Bobcat Book Club; electronic communications with parents versus paper; food drives; IPAD usage; Bullying Summit – Des Moines; Matt Lansing FFA instructor from WDHS was awarded a STEM assignment to work on curriculum development in alternative energies at the University of Arkansas during the summer of 2013; new Fine Arts Booster Club organizing at WDHS; creative writing class activities, National Education Week activities; DARE Program and Co-Teaching training.

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Corkery announced that Board President Robert McCabe has been awarded the Better Boardmanship Award from the Iowa Association of School Boards for the 8th year in a row. Sixty-one (61) school board members out of field of approximately 2,400 received the award for the 2011-12 school year. A minimum of 65 training credits are required for the Better Boardmanship Award. At least 40 of these credits must be obtained under the Formal Learning category listing as required by IASB.

Construction Report: Superintendent Corkery announced that after numerous meetings with the Construction Manager – Conlon Construction and Neumann Monson Architects that plans for the Cascade HS and WDHS projects are taking final shape. Preliminary plan designs were reviewed with the Facility Planning Committees on November 28th and received their approval. The Cascade HS project will consist of a new gymnasium, locker rooms, wrestling room, music rooms, and renovations for weight room area and new office additions for security. The WDHS project will include a new fine arts arena, music rooms and office additions for security. A vocational building shell will be included in the first construction phase; but, the interior design and programming will be done at a later date.

Drexler Middle/Intermediate School Building Highlights:

Principal – Mary Jane Maher provided the Board with an overview of how the Drexler Middle/Intermediate School is responding to its designation as a School In Need of Assistance (SINA) as defined by the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. The presentation included the following topics. What is SINA and what needs to be worked on; why is the school on the list; what are the plans to remedy the identified problem areas; interventions and strategies; progress monitoring and assessments; use of student data notebooks; teacher training and use of the “Model Classrooms Project” method for improving student achievement.

Consent Agenda: Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the change as noted. Motion passed 5-0.

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel
 1. Resignations
 - a) Rachel Brindle – Assistant Varsity Volleyball – CHS
 - b) Samantha Reimer – Softball Varsity Assist. - WDHS
 2. Employment
 - a) David Anderson – Instrumental Assistant Spring Play – CHS
\$1,109.20
 - b) Casey Redmond – Boys Freshman Basketball Asst. – WDHS
\$2,218.40
- c. Out of State Travel: No Requests
- d. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
 1. 401.13 Staff Technology Use/Social Networking
 2. 401.13R1 Staff Technology Use Regulation
 3. 507.9 Wellness
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests: None
- f. Resolutions: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Approval of District request to SBRC for At Risk Allowable Growth. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to approve the District's 2013-14 application to the School Budget Review Committee for additional allowable growth for the District's Dropout At-Risk Program in the amount of \$739,227. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Vote for Iowa Association of School Board District Board Member. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to approve the vote for David Law school board member from the Marion School District to the Iowa Association of School Boards Board of Directors. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. Amendment of District HRA Plan. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to amend the District's Health Reimbursement Arrangement with its 3rd party administrator to allow benefit eligibility for employees with a least 10 years of service with the school district. Motion passed 5-0.
- d. Closed Session: Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) - Superintendent Evaluation. Motion by Knuth, second by McAndrew to enter in closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i) to conduct and evaluation of the Superintendent. Roll call vote: McCabe – yes, Coppola – yes, Knuth – yes, McAndrew- yes and Vaske – yes. Motion passed 5-0. The Board entered into closed session at 7:28 pm and returned to open session at 7:55 pm.

Adjournment: Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on December 11, 2012.

David A. Wegmann
Board Secretary

Robert McCabe
President, Board of Education