

## WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 13, 2015 6:00 P.M.

### Call to Order:

Board President Mark Knuth called the meeting to order at 5:59 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 Mark Knuth, Vice-President Chad Vaske, Jeanne Coppola, John Lembezeder, Mark Tilson and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

### Approval of Agenda:

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

- VI. Consent Agenda
  - 2. Personnel
    - a. Resignations
      - 2. Rachael Bries, English Teacher, CHS

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

1. Open Forum: Former School Board member Gary McAndrew thanked Superintendent Corkery for his service to the District. Mr. McAndrew acknowledged the improvements in facilities, District unity, and staffing under Mr. Corkery's leadership and wished Mr. Corkery a long and happy retirement. Superintendent Corkery thanked Mr. McAndrew for his comments.

### Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of March 5, 2015 work session, March 9, 2015 regular meeting, and March 16, 2015 special session were presented for approval. Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of March. Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

### Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: writing visit to Cedar Falls, Family Night, Reading Run, excellent parent-teacher conference turnout, Celebrate My Drive Awards Day, Al Marshall national coaching award candidate, Ray Kurt Stars Over Iowa candidate, Cougar Pride Day, National College and Career Readiness Test, students and staff mourning the loss of CHS student Cole Haan, PTO meeting, Quiz Bowl success, Bobcat Allies collecting pledges against bullying, TAG Math Counts gold level status, three schools visited DMIS to review PBIS initiatives, DES summer program registration, DES and Xavier joint presentation to Dyersville business leaders on student college and career readiness, Open Houses, EES walkathon, PES music program at WDHS auditorium, WDHS *Oklahoma* musical, WDHS student Nathan Maiers invited to speak at national student council event, trimester preparations, nine Districts contacted Western Dubuque for TLC assistance, end of school year services for qualifying special needs students, Iowa Child Welfare Decategorization Board meeting, Campus and Tableau software, E-rate.

2. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Corkery reported: 1) Communication between Versatrans transportation software and Campus student software systems will assist in determining resident school based on student address, 2) Approximately forty-five Applications for Educational Transfer have been received to date, 3) Site Visit report from the Iowa Department of Education indicated no corrective plan and was most complimentary report received by Superintendent Corkery in his years in educational administration, 4) Last day of school for students this school year is May 22 with no early dismissal; May 26 and May 27 are teacher professional development days, 5) Legislature has still not set school funding leaving uncertainty for schools regarding budget; GOP is recommending 1.25% while Democrats are at 2.625%, down from original request of 4%, and still no consensus.
3. Cascade Junior/Senior High School Building Highlights: Instructor Lacey Downey and students Gavin Foust-Wollenborg and Alexis Shaffer provided the Board a presentation of their favorite events and instructional highlights this school year. Ms. Downey thanked Principal VanderLugt and mentor teachers for a great school year.

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

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
  - a. Resignations
    1. Tony Ball, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball, DMIS
    2. Rachael Bries, English Teacher, CHS
    3. Alysia Jensen, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher, DMIS
    4. Matt Lansing, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, WDHS
    5. Matt Lansing, FFA Director, WDHS
    6. Matt Lansing, Summer Voc. Ag., WDHS
    7. Matt Lansing, MS Wrestling, DMIS
    8. Kelly McAllister, Poms/Dance Coach, WDHS
    9. Stephania Sauer, Special Education Teacher, CHS
    10. Stephania Sauer, Cheerleading Advisor, CHS
    11. Cory Sauser, AD/Dean, CHS
  - b. Employment
    1. Teaching Lanes and Steps for 2015-16
    2. Tony Butterworth, 1/3 HS Instrumental Musical Asst., CHS, \$382.46
    3. Abigail Jaeger, Poms/Dance Coach, CHS, 10% of 2015-16 Base Salary
    4. Kendra Kirk, Asst. MS Girls Track, DMIS, \$1,147.40
    5. James Knepper, 1/3 HS Instrumental Musical Asst., CHS, \$382.46
    6. Charles Oldenkamp, Show Choir Competition Asst, WDHS, \$2,007.95
    7. Garret Simon, 1/3 HS Instrumental Musical Asst., CHS, \$382.46
    8. Katelyn Till, K-12 Art Teacher, BES, CHS, BA, Step 1 of 2015-16 Teacher Salary Schedule
    9. Hunter Westhoff, Asst. Freshmen Baseball Coach, WDHS, \$1,721.10
3. Out of State Travel - None
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
  - a. Policy 606.1 Class Size Class Grouping Equalization
  - b. Policy 606.1R1 Class Size Class Grouping Equalization Regulation
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests - None
6. Resolutions - None

**Old Business:**

1. Hearing for 2015-16 Calendar: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to open the hearing for the 2015-16 Calendar. Motion passed 5-0. No public comments were received. Superintendent Corkery provided an overview of the two calendar options being considered and indicated feedback received on the two options indicated about half were in favor of starting August 24 and half in favor of starting August 27. Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the 2015-16 Calendar with August 27 as the start date and June 3, 2016 as anticipated last day. Motion passed 5-0.

**New Business:**

1. Hearing for sale or disposal of residential property located at 201 Harrison St. SE, Cascade: Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to open the hearing for sale or disposal of residential property located at 201 Harrison St. SE, Cascade. Motion passed 5-0. No public comments were received. Business Manager Mark Frasher indicated no bids were received to purchase the property so the District will dispose of the property at an estimated cost of \$5,000. Plans are to grade and seed the lot at this time and in the future install a parking lot. Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Coppola, second by Lembezeder to approve disposal of residential property located at 201 Harrison St. SE, Cascade. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Hearing for sale or disposal of residential property located at 310 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. E., Cascade: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to open the hearing for sale or disposal of residential property located at 310 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. E., Cascade. Motion passed 5-0. No public comments were received. Business Manager Mark Frasher indicated no bids were received to purchase the property so the District will dispose of the property at an estimated cost of \$15,000-\$20,000 with plans to install a parking lot. Director of Maintenance and Transportation Bob Hingtgen indicated he was approached by the Cascade Fire Department to use the property for training drills before demolition. Board members inquired if the fire department could schedule a controlled burn but it's not allowed since the property is within city limits. Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Lembezeder, second by Coppola to approve disposal of residential property located at 310 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. E., Cascade. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Public Hearing Date for 2014-15 Budget Amendment: Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to open the public hearing for the 2014-15 Budget Amendment. Motion passed 5-0. No public comments were received. Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to approve 2014-15 Budget Amendment of Instruction from \$23,905,554 to \$24,261,884 and Other Expenditures from \$5,602,511 to \$6,702,792. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Public Hearing Date for 2015-16 Budget: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to open the public hearing for the following proposed 2015-16 Budget. Motion passed 5-0. No public comments were received. Business Manager Mark Frasher indicated the tax rate could go up or down a few cents depending upon what the Legislature and Governor agree to in the current session. Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the proposed 2015-16 budget. Motion passed 5-0.

**2015-16 Proposed Budget**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Instruction	\$24,909,464
Total Support Services	\$11,789,326
Non-Instructional Programs	\$2,085,719
Total Other Expenditures	<u>\$4,317,339</u>
Total All Expenses	\$43,101,848

5. Approve Change Order #1 WDHS Vocational Building Project: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve Change Order #1 WDHS Vocational Building Project moving the cost of electronic submittal exchange from an architect expense to a contractor expense. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Setting of Hearing for Child Internet and Protection Act (CIPA) document: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to set the Hearing for the Child Internet and Protection Act (CIPA) document for the May 11, 2015 Board meeting. Superintendent Corkery indicated that holding of a hearing and having a Board policy in place for District monitoring and filtering of District Internet activity is a requirement for participation in the E-Rate program. Motion passed 5-0.
7. First Reading Board Policies 408.1-414.9: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to approve the first reading of Board policies 408.1-414.9. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Deletion of Board Policy 501.5A Assignment of Students to Schools: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve deletion of Board policy 501.5A Assignment of Students to Schools. This policy is no longer needed as Assignment of Students to Schools is covered in new Board policies 606.1 and 606.1R1. Motion passed 5-0.
9. First Reading Board Policy 605.9 Child Internet and Protection Act: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to table the first reading of Board Policy 605.9 Child Internet and Protection Act until after the hearing for the CIPA document at the May 11, 2015 Board meeting. Motion passed 5-0.
10. First Reading Board Policy 804.5 Surveillance Systems. Superintendent Corkery indicated the policy covers the use of surveillance systems, notice that surveillance systems are in place, purpose of surveillance, and access to surveillance recordings. Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve first reading of Board Policy 804.5 Surveillance Systems. Motion passed 5-0.
11. First Reading Board Policy 804.6 Videotaping and/or Photographing of Students: Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to approve first reading of Board Policy 804.6 Videotaping and/or Photographing of Students. Motion passed 5-0.
12. First Reading Board Policy 804.6E1 Videotaping and/or Photographing of Students Consent Form: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to approve first reading of Board Policy 804.6E1 Videotaping and/or Photographing of Students Consent Form. Motion passed 5-0.
13. Closed Session: Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussion of collective bargaining issues. Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to enter into Closed Session for discussion of collective bargaining issues as authorized by section 20.17(3) of the Iowa Code. Roll call vote: Coppola-yes; Vaske-yes; Knuth-yes; Tilson-yes; Lembezeder-yes. Motion passed 5-0. The board entered into closed session at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 8:19 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Tilson, second by Coppola to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on April 13, 2015.

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Jeni Schindler  
Board Secretary

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Mark Knuth  
President, Board of Education