

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 11, 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 in honor of the four boys killed in a motor vehicle accident last week and their families. Mr. McAndrew read 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 Knuth, second by Tilson to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

1. Open Forum: No comments were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of July. Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports: Thank you to DRA and CES PTA for contributions to purchase new playground equipment; CHS and WDHS building addition open houses; Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque supporting Dyersville area summer reading program with grant monies; successful summer staff professional development training; thank you to staff for preparations for new school year; grief counseling opportunities.
2. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Corkery reported: 1) Local school and civic leaders met with representatives of the Mt. Vernon CSD Community Resilience Institute to collaborate ideas for moving forward following a tragedy. 2) Open Houses for school building additions will be held August 17, 2014 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at CHS and 3:00 p.m. at WDHS. 3) Superintendent Corkery acknowledged donations to Western Dubuque CSD by Shopko Stores. 4) Superintendent Corkery was invited by the Iowa High School Athletic Association to serve on the classification committee and has agreed to do so.
3. Education Reform Update: Kelly Simon, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, will provide an update at a future meeting.
4. Trimester Presentation: A 25 member committee made up of teachers, counselors, administrators and chaired by Mike Williams, former principal at Dike-New Hartford, was formed in June 2013 to study pros and cons of a trimester schedule versus block schedule. WDHS Building Principal Dave Hoeger and CHS Building Principal Greg Vander Lugt presented the committee's findings with 75% of the committee favoring a trimester schedule. Presentations on the findings will take place at CHS and WDHS on August 27 and September 3 and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions following. A schedule recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval at the September Board meeting.

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

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Ryan Altieri, 8th Grade Football, CHS
 2. Tom Danner, Freshmen Football, WDHS
 3. Cory Davidson, 8th Grade Football Assistant, DMIS
 4. Tom Jasper, Varsity Football Assistant, WDHS
 5. Matt Manning, 7th Football Assistant, DMIS
 6. John Nickol, Jr., Freshmen Football Assistant, WDHS
 7. Alex Ressler, 9th/10th Football Assistant, CHS
 8. Ben Ressler, Sophomore Football Assistant, WDHS
 - b. Employment
 1. Ryan Altieri, 9th/10th Football Assistant, CHS, \$3,250.01
 2. Kathryn Balster, .6 fte Pre-kindergarten Teacher, CES, \$21,561.12
 3. Emily Brehm, .8 fte Pre-kindergarten Teacher, PES, \$26,800.00
 4. Rachael Bries, Newspaper Advisor, CHS, \$1,721.10
 5. Clifton Cameron, Food Services Director, \$50,000.00 for 230 days
 6. Alyssa Dalsing, .8 fte Pre-kindergarten Teacher, BES, \$26,800.00
 7. Tom Danner, Head Sophomore Football, WDHS, \$3,442.20
 8. Cory Davidson, Varsity Football Assistant, WDHS, \$3,442.20
 9. Colleen Foust, Mentor/Model Teacher, BES, \$3,000.00
 10. Robert Hoerner, Sophomore Football Assistant, WDHS, \$3,155.35
 11. Tyler Hoerner, Freshmen Football Assistant, WDHS, \$2,868.50
 12. Casey Honkomp, Varsity Football Assistant, CHS, \$3,442.20
 13. Brady Knepper, .5 fte Kindergarten Teacher, BES, \$18,609.30
 14. Matt Manning, Freshmen Football Assistant, WDHS, \$2,868.50
 15. Amber Meyer, Sophomore Volleyball, CHS, \$2,581.65
 16. Nathan Meyer, Elementary Teacher, CES, \$33,500.00
 17. John Nickol, Jr., Head Freshmen Football, WDHS, \$3,155.35
 18. Justin Penner, MS Boys Track, DMIS, \$1,721.10
 19. Emily Pisarik, .6 fte Art Teacher, CES, EES, FES, \$20,100.00
 20. Alex Ressler, 8th Grade Football, CHS, \$2,294.80
 21. Gerald Ross, Varsity Football Assistant, WDHS, \$3,442.20
 22. Chloe Vassmer, HS Vocal Musical Assistant, CHS \$1,147.40
 23. Chloe Vassmer, 1/3 Jr. High Drama, CHS, \$573.70
 24. Michelle Waymire, 5th/6th Instrumental Music Teacher, DMIS, \$33,500.00
 25. Michelle Waymire, Asst. MS Band Director, DMIS, \$573.70
 26. Michelle Waymire, 15 Days Summer Band, DMIS, \$2,151.38
 27. Nicholas Weidenbacher, 7th Football Assistant, DMIS, \$1,721.10
 28. Grant Wulf, 8th Football Assistant, DMIS, \$1,721.10
3. Out of State Travel - None
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings - None
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
 - a. Approval of Charitable Donation – Pole mounted speakers for WDHS Buchman Field by WD Athletic Booster Club at an estimated cost of \$36,950
6. Resolutions - None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approve Level 1 Investigators: Motion by Coppola, second by Tilson to name Sheila Knapp and Cory Sauser Level 1 Investigators for the District. Motion passed 5-0. A Level 1 investigator is a person who initially investigates general allegations that a school employee may have abused a child in the course of that individual's employment. In 1989 the Iowa Legislature required all schools in the State to adopt a uniform procedure for investigating such allegations.
2. Approve Change Order #6 WDHS project: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve change order #6 for WDHS project in the amount of \$13,117.80 with the majority of the increase coming from additional parking lot removal in order to locate water main. Bob Hingtgen, Director of Maintenance and Transportation reported we are well within contingency budget for the project. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Approve Change Order #8 CHS project: Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve change order #8 for CHS project in the amount of \$8,077.08 with the majority of the increase coming from weight room floor leveling and construction of concrete swale to connect new lot to existing street. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Gary McAndrew, Board President, resignation: Mr. McAndrew will be moving to a new residence located outside the director district 4 boundary. When a board member ceases to be a resident of their director district, a vacancy occurs. Iowa Code section 279.6 requires that when a vacancy occurs on the board, the other board members appoint a successor to serve until a replacement is elected and qualified in accordance with Section 69.12. The appointment must be made within thirty days of the vacancy and the appointee will serve until the next election, which occurs in September 2015. Mr. McAndrew has indicated he will resign his Board position in September and John Lembezeder is anticipated to fill the vacancy.

Adjournment: Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. on August 11, 2014.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Gary McAndrew
President, Board of Education