

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

December 9, 2013 - 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board President Gary McAndrew called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Jeanne Coppola, Mark Tilson, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent was Vice-President Mark Knuth.

Approval of Agenda:

The following changes to the published agenda were presented:

Personnel:

Resignations: Carrie Edgin – Head Varsity Volleyball – WDHS

Employment: Steven Koos – Asst. Network Administrator \$20,314.85 for 139 days

Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the agenda as published with the changes noted. Motion passed 4-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of November 11, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the minutes. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Bills and Claims for the month of November. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Reports:

1. Principals' Reports:

Topics discussed were: BES, CES supper with Santa, fundraising for families in need, Angel Tree donations, Grade-A-Like meetings, CHS coaches recognition, CHS Dance Team State Champions in Hip Hop, DES first annual vendor fair success, DES milk and cookies with Santa, music programs, restructuring of EES PTO, PTO preparations for EES walk-a-thon and FES Spring Carnival, Response to Intervention (RTI) success, WDHS food drive, shipment of 150 packages to deployed servicemen and women by WDHS, \$100,000 award to WDHS for Celebrate My Drive contest, student lesson plans by PES media dept., work on Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) grant by committee members Kelly Simon, Jeff Corkery, Olin Skattum, Dan Butler, Tiffany Shekleton and Megan Birt.

2. Superintendent Report:

- Superintendent Corkery presented Board members a brochure profiling services provided to Western Dubuque by Keystone Area Education Agency during the 2012-2013 school year.
- The District will need to make a decision in the next several months on whether to continue with the existing school calendar based on 180 days of school or to switch to a calendar based on 1,080 hours of instruction. New legislation will require all schools to have a minimum of 6 hours of instruction per day if they continue with the 180 day calendar concept. Days on which there is a late start or early dismissal would still need to have a minimum of 6 hours of instruction to be counted as a day of school for School Districts that select the 180 day calendar option.
- Trimester study committee is planning a proposal based on their research.
- Superintendent Corkery commented on the State's inadequate allowable growth funding for schools, particularly the transportation shortfall.

3. Health Services Report:

Farley Elementary/Drexler Middle-Intermediate School Nurse Sheila Knapp presented an overview of nursing services provided students including: administration of medication, vision, hearing and height/weight/BMI screenings, individualized health plans, CPR instruction, health classes, and shot clinics through the VNA and Tri-State Occupational Health. It was noted there has been a considerable increase in school health mandates by the State in the last five years including Medicaid billing requirements and collection of proof of required dental screenings.

4. Buildings and Grounds Department Report:

Director of Buildings and Grounds Bob Hingtgen presented an update on the status of building projects in the District. At Cascade Jr./Sr. High School the office and music room additions are under roof and the interior rough-in is ongoing. The gym and wrestling addition is underway. At Western Dubuque High School the office addition is under roof and the interior rough-in is ongoing; auditorium and music additions are underway. All building projects at CHS and WDHS are on schedule and on-budget with completion anticipated August 1, 2014. Upcoming building projects include: PES addition, CES addition, WDHS Vocational Building, and DMIS addition.

5. Review Summer Projects:

Director of Buildings and Grounds Bob Hingtgen updated the Board on the current status of summer projects. Almost all projects have been completed including the WDHS boiler replacement. District-wide security upgrades are currently in progress.

6. DMIS Highlights:

DMIS Principal Mary Jane Maher presented an overview of the building's Talented and Gifted (TAG) program headed by instructor Peggy Keegan. TAG services are provided for 45 students in grades 5-8 at Drexler Middle-Intermediate School. Companies including John Deere, Rockwell Collins and IBM partner with the school by providing grants and mentoring focusing on the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Consent Agenda: Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

1. Financial Reports of District

2. Personnel

a. Resignations

1. Jodi Boge – 7th Grade Volleyball – DMIS
2. Kay Heiberger – Asst. Varsity Bowling – WDHS
3. Carrie Edgin – Head Varsity Volleyball - WDHS

b. Employment

1. Kay Heiberger – Girls Varsity Bowling – WDHS \$2,820.00
2. Tyler Hoerner – Freshman Wrestling – WDHS \$3,102.00
3. Tom Jasper – Winter Weight Room Supervision – WDHS \$846.00
4. Steven Koos – Asst. Network Administrator - \$20,314.85 for 139 days

3. Out of State Travel: None

4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings: None

5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests: None

6. Resolutions: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approve School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Allowable Growth Application

- a. At Risk: Business Manager David Wegmann reviewed the State formula for At-Risk funding, provided an overview of the at-risk budget, and new and existing District at-risk program areas. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the District's request to the SBRC for increased allowable growth in the amount of \$746,886.00. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Construction Change Orders: Motion by Vaske, second by Tilson to approve Cascade Jr./Sr. High School change order #3 in the amount of \$68,372.00 for over-excavation costs; and approve WDHS change order #1 resulting in a credit of \$14,064.34 for over-excavation planned and not needed. Director of Buildings and Grounds Bob Hingtgen noted that these change orders were anticipated and within the District's budget for the projects. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on December 9, 2013.

David A. Wegmann
Board Secretary

Gary McAndrew
President, Board of Education