

**WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:**

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:10 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, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent: Gary McAndrew

**Approval of Agenda:**

The following changes to the Agenda were announced:

Consent Agenda: Resignation: Julie Krapfl – Instructor Cascade HS; Construction Change Order: Drexler MS - \$2,306.59

Motion by Knuth, 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.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

- a. February 13, 2012 regular session. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of February: Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve the bills. Motion passed 4-0.

**Reports:**

Principals Reports: Topics included – Dubuque Area Leadership Conference – Cascade HS enrollees; speech performances – state awards; Quiz bowl; Drexler MS - large student track numbers; career education with local businesses; PTO Dance at Dyersville Elementary attended by students from Dyersville El and Xavier for the benefit of Xavier student Ryan Burchard; PBIS Planning; 2012-13 student registrations; WDHS Boys Basketball – State Tournament – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Finish; public session on alcohol and technology abuse – March 13<sup>th</sup> at WDHS; Kids Expo – March 24<sup>th</sup> at WDHS.

Western Dubuque High School Building Highlights: Instructors Julie Westercamp and Cyndi McAndrew explained the unique and popular Personal Wellness Program offered to all students as part of the physical education program at the school. Female students from the school are especially appreciative of the program that provides a number of course topics that focus on women’s health and related issues. Maloree Cummer and Jamie Greve provided a positive student perspective on the program.

Social Studies Curriculum Adoption: Instructors Shelly Hargraven and Paul Cleary reviewed the work involved in selecting the vendors for the new Social Studies books and curriculum. Topics included committee members, the adoption process and the criteria used for the committee's recommendation. The recommended vendor for grades 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> is TCI a K-12 publishing company that specializes in social studies curriculum. For grades 9-12 Holt McDougal Company is the recommended vendor.

Superintendent Report: State Legislation Activity - No significant new laws affecting schools have passed to-date; Education reform legislation is still active but many unresolved issues; registration numbers for next year are expected to be comparable to the current enrollment; town hall meeting at Cascade concerning the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Bond Issue/PPEL vote was attended by about 35 people – questions and responses will be posted on the District's web page. Board President McCabe requested that if the schedule allows that Mr. Corkery look into the possibility of also having a town hall meeting in Dyersville. Mr. Corkery congratulated the WDHS boys basketball team, students and parents for the good behavior and enthusiasm exhibited at the state tournament.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted changes. Motion passed 4-0. Board member Coppola offered her thanks to the retiring teachers and noted that they will be missed.

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel
  1. Resignations
    - a) Robin Bauer – HS English Teacher - CHS
    - b) Junelle Benter – Asst. HS Vocal Musical Director – CHS
    - c) Junelle Benter – SBYSP Teacher – CJSHS
    - d) Jane Knepper – FCS Teacher – CHS
    - e) Sue Ward – Elementary Teacher – FES
    - f) Julia Krapfl – Teacher CHS
  2. Employment
- c. Out of State Travel
- d. Policy Revisions 1st and 2nd Readings
  1. 2nd Reading 501.5A
  2. 2nd Reading 704.2R Post-Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt Bonds
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
  1. DRA Grant Applications
  2. Social Studies Textbooks, Materials and Curriculum
- f. Resolutions
  1. Resolution recognizing National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- g. Construction Change Order: Drexler MS Project - \$2,306.59

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

a. Budget estimates for the 2012-13 fiscal year were presented that reflected a 36 cent reduction in the property tax rate. Estimated expenditures are:

Instruction:	\$21,544,789
Support Services:	\$10,152,626
Non-instructional Programs:	\$1,881,712
Other Expenditures:	\$3,866,142

b. The following were presented as amendments to the current year 2011-12 budget.

Support Services	from \$9,378,287 to \$9,916,565
Non-Instructional	from \$1,679,823 to \$1,796,638
Other	from \$5,707,818 to \$6,682,563

c. Publishing of Amendment and Setting of Public Hearing Date for the 2011-12 Budget: Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve the publishing of the amendments to the 2011-12 budget and to set the public hearing date for April 9, 2012. Motion passed 4-0.

d. Publishing of Estimates and Settings of Public Hearing Date for the 2012-13 Budget: Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to approve the publishing of the 2012-13 budget estimates and to set the public hearing date for April 9, 2012. Motion passed 4-0.

e. Change date of Board meeting in June. Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to move the June Board meeting from June 11<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

f. Revision of 2012-13 Lunch Prices: Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve the following lunch prices for the 2012-13 school year. Motion passed 4-0. This is a revision of the prices approved at the February meeting.

Elementary – grades Pk – 6	\$2.15
Middle School – grades 6-8	\$2.30
High School – grades 9-12	\$2.40

**Adjournment:** Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on March 12, 2012.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Robert McCabe  
President, Board of Education