

# WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2013 – 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 the 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:**

Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to approve the Agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

### **Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

- a. March 11, 2013 Regular Meeting and March 25, 2013 Workshop. Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of March: Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Reports:**

#### Principal Reports:

Topics discussed were: Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council – student award winners, Parent Teacher Conference attendance, book donations, field trip plans, athletic and activity awards, Quiz Bowl, middle school track participation, 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls engineering workshop at John Deere, PBIS activities, Movie Night, channel 9 TV Weather Academy at the schools, Loved Ones Luncheon Event, Bobcat Book Club, blood drive, WDHS Booster Club annual fundraiser, school video at WDHS, success of special education instructors working on student individual educational plans and Building Leadership Teams.

#### Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Corkery reported on the status of the annual state Fire Marshal inspection of the schools and the site visit from the Board of Educational Examiners.

#### Cascade HS – Family Career and Community Leaders of America:

Instructor Tim Marx provided the Board with the following information on the new service organization at the Cascade High School.

- a. Student participation
- b. Listing of activities
- c. Local cluster meetings
- d. District competition activities and results
- e. State leadership meeting

#### Farley Elementary Highlights:

Principal Dan Butler along with instructors Diane Aldrich, Diane Brimeyer, Melissa Feldmann, Robin Harris, Rose Meisch, Lesley Voorhees and paraprofessional Melissa Wulfekuhle provided the Board with an in-depth review of the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports) program at the school. The following items were presented and discussed.

- a. Expectations

- b. Matrix development
- c. Incident flowchart and report parameters
- d. Menu of consequences
- e. Lesson plans for behavior
- f. Posters
- g. Student interaction and rewards
- h. All Aboard Train Theme
- i. Video of positive behavior traits
- j. Staff development of the program

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

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel
  - 1. Resignations
    - a) Jessica Bogosian – Media Specialist – WDHS
    - b) T.J. Foust – Special Education – WDHS
    - c) Katie Koopmann – Girls Sophomore Basketball – WDHS
    - d) Brian Kuhle – Half-time Asst. Boys Track – WDHS
  - 2. Employment
    - a) Christopher Gustas – Asst. Varsity Boys Tennis – WDHS  
\$2,218.40
    - b) Brian Kuhle – Asst. Boys Track – WDHS \$2,773.00
    - c) Cody Snitker – Half-time Asst. Boys Track – WDHS  
\$1,386.50
  - 3. Service Contract
    - a) Sue Liddle (Software Technical Assistance)
    - b) Cordell Hull Foundation - J-1 Visa Exchange Teacher Visitor Program
- c. Out of State Travel
  - 1. Cascade 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Chicago
- d. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
  - 1. Second Reading Board Policies 800 & 900 Series
  - 2. Second Reading Board Policy #406 IPERS
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Request
- f. Resolutions: Resolution recognizing National Administrative Professionals Day

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. Public Hearing on Amendment to 2012-13 Budget. Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to open the public hearing on the following amendment to the 2012-13 budget. Motion passed 5-0. No comments were received for or against the proposed amendment. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to approve and adopt the Amendment to the 2012-13 budget. Motion passed 5-0.

<b>2012-13 Budget Amendment</b>			
<u>Area</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Reasons</u>
Instruction	\$21,544,789	\$23,006,776	Added Staff
Support Services	\$10,152,626	\$10,414,643	Added Staff/Software
Non-Instructional Programs	\$1,881,712	\$1,975,000	Increased Food Cost
Construction, Debt & AEA	\$3,866,142	\$5,440,092	Timing of Construction Projects
TOTAL	\$37,445,269	\$40,836,511	

- b. Public Hearing on 2013-14 Budget. Motion by Vaske, second McAndrew to open the public hearing on the following proposed 2013-14 Budget. Motion passed 5-0. No comments were received for or against the proposed budget. Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to approve and adopt the proposed 2013-14 budget. Motion passed 5-0.

**2013-14 Proposed Budget**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Instruction:	\$24,008,674
Total Support Services:	\$10,796,685
Non-Instructional Programs:	\$ 1,967,338
Total Other Expenditures:	<u>\$17,898,810</u>
Total All Expenses:	\$54,671,507

- c. Setting of bid opening dates and public hearing dates for:
  - 1. Cascade High School Construction Project: Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to set May 23, 2013 as the bid opening date and May 29, 2013 as the public hearing date for the Cascade High School construction project. Motion passed 5-0.
  - 2. Western Dubuque High School Project: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to set June 20, 2013 as the bid opening date and June 24, 2013 as the public hearing date for the Western Dubuque High School Construction project. Motion passed 5-0.
- d. Letter of Support to Iowa High School Boys Athletic Association: Motion by Knuth, second by McAndrew to approve the Letter of Support to the Iowa HS Boys Athletic Association. Motion passed 5-0. The letter requests the association to consider modifications in the current class size configurations to provide better stability for all schools. Currently many schools including Western Dubuque HS are forced to change competition sizes almost every year.
- e. Approve Cooperative Agreement - Dubuque Hempstead – Swimming. Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to approve the agreement. Motion passed 5-0.

- f. Closed Session: Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussion of collective bargaining issues: No closed session was held.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on April 8, 2013.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Robert McCabe  
President, Board of Education