

Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
March 28, 2022

Note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the board at the next regular meeting.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Utley present.

Members present: Mr. Kent, Mr. Cochrane, Ms. Pratt, Mr. Moritz, Ms. Shimkat, Mr. Altman, and Ms. Tracy.
Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Joel, Executive Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Elementary Education Anderson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Director of Human Resources Whitmore, Director of Communications Lane, Activities Director Porter, one mass media representative, and 16 other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Moritz, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Shimkat, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of minutes of the March 14, 2022, Regular Meeting and March 22, 2022, Special Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Shanda Fredericksen, for Degan Friesth, requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community School District to the Ft. Dodge Community School District for the 2021-2022 school year; from Shanda Fredericksen, for Jordan Konvalinka, requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community School District to the Ft. Dodge Community School District for the 2021-2022 school year; from Shanda Fredericksen, for Kailey Konvalinka, requests open enrollment from the Prairie Valley Community School District to the Ft. Dodge Community School District for the 2021-2022 school year; from Ahron Bockoven, for Amiya Perez, requests open enrollment from the Humboldt Community School District to the Ft. Dodge Community School District for the 2022-2023 school year; from Jennifer Dutcher, for Hudson Dutcher, requests open enrollment from the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District to the Ft. Dodge Community School District for the 2022-2023 school year; from Ahron Bockoven, for Avaiah Trevino, requests open enrollment from the Humboldt Community School District to the Ft. Dodge Community School District for the 2022-2023 school year; from Andrea Allbee, for Brayten Allbee, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community School District to the Southeast Webster Community School District for the 2022-2023 school year; from Andrea Allbee, for Lenix Allbee, requests open enrollment from the Ft. Dodge Community School District to the Southeast Webster Community School District for the 2022-2023 school year; 3.4) approval of contracts with Fort Dodge Parks & Recreation and J.A.M.M. to the Music; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from Fort Dodge Athletic Department and Cooper Booster Club; 3.6) approval of gifts received from FDCSD Foundation and an anonymous donor; 3.7) approval of facility fee waivers – none submitted; 3.8) approval of out of state travel for K. Doebel, S. Anderson, K. Simpson, S. Harms, J. Kruckenberg, K. Keltner, S. Fitzgerald, S. Miller, S. Laird, E. Klocke, M. Elsbecker, A. Kent, T. Daniel, A. Davidson, N. Ahrens, and J. Lampe to attend the Overcoming the Achievement Gap Trap through Solution Tree in Middleton (Madison), WI, May 8-10, 2022; for A. Davidson and R. Flaherty to attend the Minnesota Education Job Fair in Minneapolis, MN, on April 12, 2022; and 3.9) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant, equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Recognitions/Awards

None.

Communication/Announcements

Branwyn Greathouse, chief negotiator for the FDEA shared her concerns with the exclusion of 29 teachers that include instructional coaches and counselors, and 7 nurses from receiving the \$1,000 retention bonus. President Cochrane thanked Ms. Greathouse for her time and explained that the board would discuss this later during the meeting.

Public Hearing

6:05 p.m. – President Cochrane called for a public hearing on the 2022-2023 Certified Budget. There were no written or oral comments from the public. President Cochrane closed the hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Moritz, to adopt the 2022-2023 certified budget. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Moritz, seconded by Tracy, to approve Resolution for Budget Adjustment. On a roll call vote the following voting aye: Kent, Shimkat, Altman, Tracy, Moritz, Pratt, and Cochrane. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Shimkat, to approve Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, Dated May 11, 2016, Approving a Fifth Amendment to Escrow Agent Agreement, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2023 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, Dated May 11, 2016. On a roll call vote the following voting aye: Shimkat, Altman, Tracy, Moritz, Pratt, Cochrane, and Kent. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the Taher Food Service Agreement Renewal for 2022-2023. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Moritz, to approve the Food Service Contract with St. Paul Lutheran School for 2022-2023. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Moritz, to accept the monthly financial reports for February 1, 2022, through February 28, 2022. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the district fee schedule for the 2022-2023 school year. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Kent, to approve the purchase of two Fuel Pumps and Fuelmaster Control System for the Bus Garage from Mid Iowa Petroleum of Marshalltown, Iowa, in the amount of \$34,487.91. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Activities Director Porter presented a proposal for a new scoreboard and audio enhancements at Dodger Stadium. The scoreboard would be part of a pilot program and first of its kind as an LED display with an integrated audio system. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion. There was no action taken, but the board supported moving forward with next steps.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to ratify an agreement between the Secretarial/Clerical Education Association (SCEA) and the Fort Dodge Community School District Board of Education beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Superintendent Joel gave a brief update of the \$1,000 retention bonus and his recommendation to issue a one-time \$1,000 retention bonus to each employee, excluding those who already received the bonus under the governor's plan. The district would use general funds and the amount would be based on the employee's full-time equivalency. Dr. Joel added that since this will be used as a retention tool the payment should be paid out in the fall of the 2022-2023 school year. Vice President Shimkat agreed that it should also be used as a retention bonus paid in the fall, while member Tracy and Moritz said that the bonus should be paid out now as a "thank you". Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Shimkat, to issue a one-time \$1,000 retention bonus to each employee based on their full-time equivalency, to be disbursed in the fall of the 2022-2023 school year. Pratt, Altman, Kent, Shimkat, and Cochrane voting aye, Moritz and Tracy voting nay, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) thanked Chef Nick and Taher for serving wings to the middle school and high school students last week; 2) thanked author Mike Artell for visiting the elementary buildings and reading to our students; 3) congratulations to 40 new National Honor Society members; 4) beginning April 4, 2022, there will be construction work happening on the west side of the high school. Roads will be marked appropriately to help with traffic.

Board Updates: None.

Members present: Mr. Altman, Mr. Moritz, Ms. Shimkat, Ms. Pratt, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Cochrane.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Joel, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Principal Laird, and five other interested parties.

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Shimkat, to go into closed session under Section 21.5(1)e of the Code of Iowa "to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor." On a roll call vote, the following voting aye: Altman, Tracy, Moritz, Pratt, Cochrane, Kent, and Shimkat. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Time in: 6:52 p.m.

Time out: 7:15 p.m.

Subject: Long Term Suspensions

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 7:15 p.m.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Shimkat, to suspend the student from the Fort Dodge Senior High for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year with access to services. Six voting aye, Altman abstained, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Shimkat, to suspend the student from the Fort Dodge Senior High for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year with access to services. Six voting aye, Altman abstained, motion carried.

Members present: Mr. Altman, Mr. Moritz, Ms. Shimkat, Ms. Pratt, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Cochrane.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Joel, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Principal Laird, and four other interested parties.

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Tracy, to go into closed session under Section 21.5(1)e of the Code of Iowa "to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor." On a roll call vote, the following voting aye: Tracy, Moritz, Pratt, Cochrane, Kent, Shimkat, and Altman. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Time in: 7:23 p.m.

Time out: 7:37 p.m.

Subject: Long Term Suspension

President Cochrane returned the meeting to open session at 7:37 p.m.

Moved by Shimkat, seconded by Tracy, to suspend the student from the Fort Dodge Senior High for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year with access to services at the North Central Consortium School. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Adriana Utley
Board Secretary

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